

## Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes

October 18th, 2021

- I. Call to Order
  - A. President Zavinski called the meeting of the Fall 2021 semester of the Clarion University Student Senate to order at 7:32pm.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. No absences
- III. Additions to the Agenda
  - A. 1 under new business
- IV. Approval of the October 4th, 2021 Minutes
  - A. The minutes were approved as presented.
- V. Student Concerns
  - A. People in the rec center, specifically the weight room, are not wearing masks at all or underneath their chins. The staff in the rec center do not enforce the rule to those that are not wearing the mask as well. It's understood that the masks requirements are that it stays on at all time with an exception to the cardio machines and basketball courts
    - 1. This issue will be addressed to Jim McGee
  - B. People driving on the road behind/below the Rec Center into the area with the "Do Not Enter" sign to head into the commuter lot
  - C. Some courses are only offered during the Winter or Summer sessions that are required for major/minor requirements and federal aid is specifically applied for Fall and Spring classes, so it hinders students from taking the classes they need due to federal aid not being applied and having them pay out of pocket
    - 1. Specific courses being CIS 317 (winter) DA 460 (summer)
  - D. Diplomas to be said "Clarion University" when those classes entered before the integration process started
  - E. What is the status of having a vaccine mandate on campus?
    - 1. Clarion is under PASSHE, so a mandate does not apply to us, it is another legal realm. A state cannot mandate the vaccine, whereas a private institution (PennState and Delaware) can apply a federal mandate to their campus.
  - F. A lot of students despise the new name and want it back
- VI. Officers' Reports
  - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
    - 1. No Report.
  - B. Advisor's Report - Mr. Shaffer
    - 1. Email went out about mental health and self care; take the time to look over that and use the resources if needed
    - 2. Be sure to wear your masks over the nose and mouth appropriately
    - 3. Vote for the PennWest design from the email sent out last week

4. If you go to the covid page and click the incentive pad, if you are vaxxed you can enter to win an exclusive VIP ticket through NCAA and get upgraded seats to the football game and get snacks from Aramark
- C. Director's/Board of Director's Report - Mrs. Machokas
1. We are still getting and purchasing Clarion gear for the university store
    - a) We still will have lots of items before the new name is decided
- D. President's Report - President Zavinski
1. Student Government Association met last week and are creating a proposal for the associations for what it will look like for all three student organizations
  2. Senate got to table at UAB Bingo last Thursday
  3. Attended the annual retreat last weekend and it was awesome
  4. Megan Boozer will be coming Oct. 25th
  5. Dr. Dale will be coming in Nov. 1st along with David Dollins
  6. Senators, led by Treasurer Shannon, provided President Zavinski a thank you card for a wonderful retreat this past weekend.
  7. Commencement Dec. 11th 10am Marwick Boyd
    - a) Send excuses to Secretary Barrett if you are unable to go
  8. Big Pink event to register to Student Senate Relay for Life
    - a) Wed. Oct. 20th 6-8pm at Gemmell 250-252
    - b) Registration is \$5
      - (1) You can use venmo
- E. Vice President's Report - Vice President Spang
1. No report
- F. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Shannon
1. No report
- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulations - VP Wilcox
1. No Report.
- H. Secretary's Report - Secretary Barrett
1. No report
- I. Faculty Senate - Senator Joseph
1. \*Covid-19 report in the "Covid-19 Updates" report
  2. \*Integration report in the "Integration Updates" report
  3. The Faculty Tenure event is scheduled some time in November
    - a) It honors the professors that have been tenured and allows the professors to choose a book to have in their name and will be displayed in the library
  4. The Saturday Open House had 75 guests, both students and families were from across the state
    - a) Admissions outreach team is working to get students from various areas and high schools to attend Clarion open houses
  5. Mark Lepore says that professors should continue making BART referrals as there have been increases in them

- a) If you have any questions regarding referrals, email Matt Shaffer  
[mshaffer@clarion.edu](mailto:mshaffer@clarion.edu)

- J. Student Trustee's Report - Trustee Robinson
  - 1. PACT Conference was held last Friday
    - a) BOG Western Integration update/naming approval
    - b) DEI updates for PASSHE + upcoming DEI Summit
  - 2. Student Trustees are meeting Wed. Oct. 27th at 7pm
    - a) Hoping it can become a monthly or semesterly event
  - 3. COT Integration Subgroup Meeting
    - a) Do not wish to open Act 188, so evaluating limitations and opportunities with restructuring PennWest's COT
  - 4. Middle States Ethics & Integrity Group
    - a) Steering committee met and gave draft reports
    - b) Receiving respective areas for feedback to Jim + Josh
    - c) Major change ended with 12pgs from 15-45pgs
  - 5. President Zavinski, Treasurer Shannon and Trustee are presenting to JD's Rule XVIII Scholars Thursday Nov. 4th at 4:15pm
- VII. Representative Committee Reports
  - A. Clarion Call
    - 1. No report
  - B. Panhellenic Committee
    - 1. Pink Week for ZTA upstairs in Gemmell is taking place this week
    - 2. Big Man on campus is Friday at 7pm in Hart Chapel
      - a) All monetary proceeds goes to Breast Cancer awareness
  - C. Interhall Council
    - 1. CA Applications are live on JobX
    - 2. Clarion's Got Talent auditions are in Gemmell 248
      - a) Selected 5 judges for CGT
    - 3. 3 people showed up for trivia night the friday of ALF week
    - 4. The Health Center will move back to Becht from Ralston start of Spring 2022
    - 5. In conversation with Clarion Paws to bring dogs onto campus on a random weekend before the annual finals week event
    - 6. 12 active buildings and 5 inactive buildings for gender neutral restrooms around campus; Founders has 4 gender neutral assigned bathrooms
  - D. UAB
    - 1. Open Mic Night 8pm Thursday 10/21
    - 2. Escape Rooms 8pm Friday 10/22
    - 3. Saturday 10/23 Ghost Hunt at Hart Chapel at 8pm
      - a) RSVP on CORQ app; 50 attendance limit
  - E. LEAD
    - 1. No report
  - F. BSU
    - 1. No report

G. Allies

1. No report

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Shannon

1. Approved supplemental request of \$30 made by CSEYC Oct. 4th
  - a) Unanimously approved by Senate Oct. 18th

B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Stalsitz

1. Social Equity Nov. 9th
  - a) Had a committee meeting discussing what needs to get done for the Social Equity Dinner
  - b) Met with Aramark to discuss the dinner menu for the event
2. Wingo is Dec. 3rd

C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Joseph

1. Met with Dr. Gent
  - a) Discussed the library hours being adjusted in general and/or during finals week
    - (1) There's little to no student traffic on Saturdays hence why they open at 2pm
    - (2) For finals week, they will open at 7am-2am but will talk to discuss it being opened at 6am for the earlier morning exams that students may have
    - (3) Starting the first Saturday of November, the library will be open until 9pm on Saturdays through December since usage will increase leading up to finals week
  - b) **Zoom Contract**
    - (1) Class must be approved for the Zoom Delivery
    - (2) The professor must be approved for that delivery
    - (3) Professors must undergo a 4-week course to offer a class in a format other than face to face
    - (4) If approved, it is possible for the contract to not be fit for the hybrid format. If this is the case, the course may no longer be offered in that modality
    - (5) Classes must be offered in person for 80% of the scheduled times, with only 20% offered through zoom if approved
2. Awaiting a response from the president of APSCUF, Dr. Overly, to get a more in-depth explanation of the zoom contract for the poster that will be posted on social media
3. SINS applications are expected to open Oct. 25th and close November 8th.
  - a) Nov. 22nd will be when the awardees receive their aid to be used towards the Spring 2022 semester's books.

D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Wilcox

1. Held a committee meeting last week to go over all the annotations about the Edinboro RSO policy document
  2. Working towards completing our new RSO Policy document
    - a) Will be discussing the annotation with Matt Shaffer next Monday on how to move forward with crafting the new document
  3. If any senator would like a copy of the annotated document to look over and/or add comments before next Monday, email [j.wilcox@eagle.clarion.edu](mailto:j.wilcox@eagle.clarion.edu) or message at GroupMe
- E. Student Facilities Committee - Senator Miller
1. No Report.
- F. Campus, Safety, Health & Environmental Concerns - Senator Dean
1. Safety Committee meeting Oct. 19th at 1pm via zoom
  2. Chief Hendershot will be sending out a doodle poll to organize the date and time for the Clarion campus safety walk
    - a) Mandatory for committee members to attend, voluntary for senators to attend
  3. Have hanged Breast Cancer and LiveSafe app posters in Gemmell
    - a) There is a QR code to scan to learn more information about the app
  4. If there are any safety concerns that you would like to be brought up at the meeting Tuesday Oct. 19th, email Senator Dean at [s.e.dean1@eagle.clarion.edu](mailto:s.e.dean1@eagle.clarion.edu)
- G. Community Relations - Senator Tovar
1. Will have a meeting with committee to discuss the Halloween walk-through and update the GNP brochures
  2. Met with Jim McGee 10/11
    - a) Halloween walk-through will be Thursday Oct. 28th 4-6pm
    - b) Will hang up the updated GNP flyers in resident halls and in businesses on Main st.
    - c) Using the updated GNP brochures for tabling events
  3. Getting the kids Halloween party activity finalized
- H. Public Relations - Senator Kilgore
1. No committee meeting, but will be uploading posts for another committee
  2. Mid-semester social media giveaway winner was chosen
  3. Instagram Followers: 727
  4. Twitter Followers: 316
- IX. COVID-19 Updates
- A. Covid cases went up within the past weeks; 23 new cases both off and on campus combined. 25 cases total including Venango campus
  - B. Covid Task Force committee/groups have been set up
    1. Will send out posters to upload about vaccine incentives
  - C. \*Report from Faculty Senate
    1. The infection rate of covid amongst students is below 1%

2. Football game last Saturday was cancelled due to covid cases and injuries
    - a) Awaiting to see if this week's game will be canceled or not due to high numbers of players out
  3. Thanksgiving break is still scheduled to run as posted (will return to in person classes), but the faculty and staff will be looking over the decision trees and "what if" scenarios if cases were to increase dramatically prior to or after Thanksgiving
- X. Integration Updates
- A. Name reveal: Penn West University
  - B. Scholarships will still remain to Clarion University
    1. Teams are looking into general scholarships that are offered by the three schools and are hoping to merge the poll/applications so that the funds can be maximized and used across all campuses
  - C. \*Report from Faculty Senate
    1. APSCUF faculty can defer their evaluation if they choose, but should notify their chair of what parts of the evaluation process they wish to defer
    2. Half of the departments have elected their chair nominees for the new university
    3. The curriculum after integration was approved by APSCUF
      - a) CalU must now accept the Clarion's and Edinboro's curricula. All curriculums will migrate with one another into a banner system and from there, the curriculum will be approved for the incoming freshman
    4. The state of PA and APSCUF made an agreement regarding the CCPS via distance learning or ITV
      - a) The agreement didn't cover the summer courses, so professors that wish to offer their courses online this summer are still welcome to do so if approved
- XI. Unfinished Business
- A. No report.
- XII. New Business
- A. Move to Appeal Senator Joseph's excuse from the Senate Retreat
    1. Motion to appeal not passed with 6 voting to remove the point and 10 to keep the point as is
- XIII. Open Forum or Announcements
- A. Big Man on campus Friday the 22nd at Hart Chapel
    1. 6:30pm doors open, 7pm event starts
    2. Come see Treasurer Shannon perform
  - B. Sam and Sherman dine to donate at Applebees. Type "doing good" for online orders
  - C. Sugar Wives play Nov. 17-21st at the Little Theatre
    1. \*in southern accent\* "see y'all there"
- XIV. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Treasurer Shannon. Seconded by Trustee Robinson. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.