

Clarion University Student Senate Meeting Minutes

November 1st, 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 7:30pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. No absences
- III. Additions to the Agenda
 - A. None.
- IV. Approval of the October 25th, 2021 Minutes
 - A. The minutes were approved as presented.
- V. Student Concerns
 - A. Amy Salsgiver sends out a lot of emails, would be impactful if they all sent out as one thing like how tina horner sends out the “Things to Know” for the week
 - B. Campus tends to overbook events
 1. Presentation for CGT Nov. 19 - another campus affiliated activity is also running something as well
 - a) 25live shows you where clubs are renting spaces; reaching out to clubs to see their schedule
 - b) Catherine Wenner- Academic Affairs (can help)
(1) cwenner@clarion.edu
 - c) Can campus activities be put into 25ilve so other club organizations can see what is actually available for optimal student attendance?
 - C. Bring back mac and cheese to gemmell
 1. Is being discussed for Spring 2022
- VI. Officers’ Reports
 - A. Vice President of Student Affairs - Dr. Fenske
 1. Holding steady with covid cases
 - B. Advisor’s Report - Mr. Shaffer
 1. Health Center changes start Nov. 2nd
 - a) Comments about it are helpful for next meeting about their service
 2. Halloween weekend went great from Student Conduct
 - C. Director’s/Board of Director’s Report - Mrs. Machokas
 1. Held Grad Fair last Friday Oct. 29th
 - a) Not a huge turnout but learned a lot of info of what to prepare
 - b) Caps gowns and cords are online orderings, but you can select where to ship to (home address or local address)
 2. Pop-up sale on Venango Campus
 3. Encourage everyone to go to the moves
 - a) Did a promo with CU Blankets
 - b) UAB t-shirts this weekend

4. Store website has launched today Nov. 1
 - a) Website link will be posted to clarion.edu
- D. President's Report - President Zavinski
 1. **Dr. Dale**
 - a) Student comment: PennWest was a bad name choice
 - b) PennWest Clarion should not be on diplomas for students who enrolled prior to integration being discussed
 - (1) Work with Carnegie Dartlet and got surveys from region students and alum to discuss names
 - (a) Pitt has WestPenn and IUP tried to take it fun fact
 - (b) PennWest is a clean and simple name; not a town name
 - (2) Diplomas
 - (a) Will do something fun for the diplomas
 - (b) Clarion may be bigger and PennWest will be small print
 - (i) Overtime, it will be PennWest in big print, but will also mention Clarion Campus
 - (c) Contact Jim Geiger as he is receiving feedback about diplomas
 - c) Fact sheet to be sent out to alumni about changes and how it would affect them i.e their degree
 - (1) Multiple items have been sent out informing them
 - (2) Student leaders receive information so it is suggested to send that out to friends and others
 - (3) Middle states receives the accreditations and makes the final approval
 - (4) NCAA will have 3 separate programs, one on each campus; they will make the decision once accredited
 - d) Expand the rosters for athletic programs
 - (1) Len Cullo- VP of Finance and Administration
 - (a) Students overall receive less debt from joining the programs that are expanded and could increase retention
 - e) Graduate school- name
 - (1) Clarion has grad programs, but it's not a school itself
 - (2) All 3 school programs will be coming together
 - (3) Some will stay in local areas, but others will shift and be shared among the other institutions
 - (4) Counseling exp edinboro and cal has accredited program, thus with joining the institutions it will be an improved program
 - f) When will construction projects resume on campus
 - (1) Moore Hall phase 1 completed

- (a) ADA compliant, redid flooring, phase 2 is in process
- (b) Egbert is down the line of being renovated
- (c) Carrier Hall is being knockdown
- (d) Thorn 1 & 2 are being discussed
- (e) Givan and Ballentine- old residents halls
 - (i) Low cost housing options
 - (ii) Still in discussion of possibly being renovated, but pause from covid, will be revisited in Fall 2022
 - (iii) Targeted for upperclassmen; modified meal plan to go with the students
- (f) Gemmell bookstore
 - (i) Still waiting for Labor and Industry to see how it will have another entrance for it
- (g) Work in education buildings is done
- g) Reinhard internet should be top on list if plans go to halt
 - (1) Expensive project that will be looked at to hopefully be finished by Fall 2022
 - (a) Along with heating/AC units
- h) What will foundations look like?
 - (1) Three foundations right now; PennWest foundation may be put into action to save money
 - (a) Invest for larger money
 - (b) Plan is to keep them separate; make sure each campus individually have their own "bank account" but also a joint foundation
- i) Covid mask requirements
 - (1) Will there be a certain point when masks will not be required on campus
 - (a) Looking at what CDC and state is recommending
 - (b) PennState undergrad students- 99% are vaccinated
 - (c) If we keep infections down and vaccinated students up, there may be some changes; hopeful to see an immunity status with campus to possible remove the mask
 - (d) Work in progress; survey students to ask about vaccination rate again like summer report when coming onto campus for start of Fall 2021
 - (e) Preparing for January move in; stumped on what to do for after thanksgiving break
 - (i) Low on cases to discuss possible shut downs anyway

2. Relay for Life

- a) November 18th Turkey “Bowl”ing
 - (1) Smoker awareness month “Quit Cold Turkey”
 - b) Buying the Relay for Life shirt link will be attached and proceeds will be sent to cancer research
 - (1) <https://bit.ly/3ESWY9o>
 - 3. Town Hall last Thursday Oct. 28th
 - a) 11 in attendance
 - 4. November 8th Meeting attendees
 - a) CalU’s student advisor (Missy Dunn) and president (Caitlyn Urban)
 - (1) Will be seeing how we run our meetings
 - b) David Dollins- Enrollment Management
 - c) Jim Geiger- University Advancement and Campus Administrator
- E. Vice President’s Report - Vice President Spang
 - 1. Faculty senate meeting about Jim McGee wellness center
- F. Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Shannon
 - 1. No report.
- G. Vice President of Rules and Regulations - Vice President Wilcox
 - 1. Turning Point USA will be coming in to next week’s meeting to be voted on
 - a) Senators check out constitution and prepare for questions next Monday
 - 2. Majorette dance team sent out bylaws, so committee will be discussing it at next meeting
- H. Secretary’s Report - Secretary Barrett
 - 1. No report.
- I. Faculty Senate - Senator Joseph/ Secretary Barrett
 - 1. *Integration will be in Integration report
 - 2. *COVID will be in COVID report
 - 3. Revealment of PennWest logo will be revealed at the end of the semester
 - a) 5k students voted across the three institutions; Clarion was 2nd highest in voting surveys
 - 4. Provost Select Scott Miller was invited to the meeting to answer any questions that faculty had
 - a) He explained how he has traveled to the different universities to see how they all operate and just take a look at each campus
 - 5. Course evaluations have started this week and will be open until the 12th of this month
- J. Student Trustee’s Report - Trustee Robinson
 - 1. Student Trustees met last week
 - a) Nine were in attendance
 - b) All discussed the structure of the student trustee position at each university
 - (1) Not many trustees work directly with their SGA

- c) Discussed the main concerns of each campus
 - (1) covid, integration & enrollment
- d) Planning for future communications
 - (1) Similar to BSGP, monthly meetings
- 2. Pres. Zavinski and Treasurer Shannon are joining with Trustee to present for JD's PennState class Thursday Nov. 4th about leadership in school government
- 3. EBoard met with APSCUF Student Liaison, Dr. Sanko, to address student concerns, primarily with faculty
 - a) More training for advising
 - b) Surveying professors and classes

VII. Representative Committee Reports

A. Clarion Call

- 1. No report.

B. Panhellenic Committee

- 1. 5k Food Drive Nov. 14th 8:30am
 - a) At stadium
 - b) Donate 15 cans for their food drive to enter
- 2. Delta Zeta
 - a) Subway fundraiser by Walmart Nov. 2nd
 - (1) 50 cents for every 6in, 1\$ every footlong
 - b) Phi Sigma Sigma
 - (1) Costume contest Nov 2nd. 7-9pm
 - (a) To enter, bring school supplies; they will be donated to kids in need

C. Interhall Council

- 1. Flyers posted for CGT
 - a) Shirts will be handed out
 - b) Decorations for MPR
- 2. Meetings in 248

D. UAB

- 1. Thursday fleece tie pillows mpr 8pm
- 2. Saturday minute to win it 8pm mpr
- 3. Meetings wednesday 8pm- we need members

E. LEAD

- 1. Last Saturday Halloween Kids Party
 - a) Very successful event
- 2. Hosting social media giveaway on Instagram
- 3. Hosting a drive for food and hygiene products
 - a) For students that use resource room during break
 - b) If you bring something for allies bingo event, extra ticket for

F. BSU

- 1. No report.

G. Allies

1. Drag Bingo at 8pm in Gemmell MPR
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
- A. Appropriations Committee - Treasurer Shannon
 1. Allies basket raffle for Drag Bingo
 - a) Move to donate \$30, seconded by VP Spang
 - (1) Unanimous vote
 2. Panhel 5k basket raffle
 - a) Move to donate \$30, seconded by Senator Kister
 - (1) Unanimous vote
 - B. Student Relations Committee - Senator Stalsitz
 1. Met with committee and Amy Salsgiver via zoom to pick the winners for the Social Equity Awards
 - C. Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Joseph
 1. SINS has been sent out to students via email and posted on main page of CUConnect
 - a) Ends November 8th
 - b) Rogers Lagaund sent out an email to his minority list and Dr. Gent will be sending out an email to faculty and students
 - c) Dr. Dale agreed to post a video explaining the scholarship to her Instagram page
 2. Academic Council meeting
 - a) Integration updates:
 - (1) There will be an open forum for all three campuses
 - (2) Success coaches will be in enrollment management
 - (3) Next Fall 2022, diplomas will say "PennWest" but there is discussion of there being choices
 - (4) PennWest will get its own D2L
 - (5) Fall 2022, Venango and Clarion campuses will have joint voting for senate with the integration combination
 - (6) PennWest.edu emails are set but will take time to be fully processed
 - (a) July 1st is the estimated date it transfers completely
 - (7) November 24th meeting has been rescheduled
 - b) eCampus Information
 - (1) Gives several options that allow the books to be more affordable
 - (2) Students no longer have to pay out of pocket, they can use financial aid to buy
 - (a) The website does the searching for them and makes it convenient for the students
 - (3) Book store downstairs is a pickup location; customer service is very quick and helpful
 - D. Rules and Regulations Committee - Vice President Wilcox

1. Will be holding a meeting soon with committee to look over proposed student organization form and majorette dance team bylaws
 2. In the future, will start evaluating an additional form before moving forward with crafting our new RSO document
 3. Still working on RSO Policy
 4. RSO Survival Guide is posted on the CSA clarion.edu webpage
 - a) Completed a few weeks ago
 - b) https://www.clarion.edu/student-life/clarion-students-association/R_SO_RUO_Survival_Guide.pdf#search=RSO%20survival%20guide
- E. Student Facilities Committee - Senator Miller
1. Met with Jess Zacherl and discussed the following facility and dining concerns:
 - a) Gemmell being opened longer
 - (1) Staff issue along with student attendance
 - (2) May change for Spring 2022
 - b) 2 meal swipes get to go dinner
 - (1) \$5 deposit for take-out container, will give a new container if old one is returned
 - c) Flex deals similar to meal deals
 - (1) part of what you get with meal plan, most likely cannot do flex deal
 - d) Library hours
 - (1) is going to check to see if the hours can be extended
 - e) Work orders
 - (1) Staffing issue; working as fast as they can
 - f) No masks in weight room
 - (1) thinks that you don't have to wear a mask while in the room, but is going to double check
 - g) No utensils for buns in sub station in Commons
 - (1) will check up on this
 - h) Hilltop and suites walk through
 - (1) will coordinate a time for committee to do a walk through
 - i) Pasta station with pizza in Gemmell
 - (1) currently in the works for Spring 2022
- F. Campus, Safety, Health & Environmental Concerns - Senator Dean
1. Campus Safety walk will take place this Tuesday Nov. 2nd at 5:30pm outside the Public Safety office
 - a) All are welcome to join
- G. Community Relations - Senator Tovar
1. Had GNP Halloween walkthrough last Thursday Oct. 28th and it was successful
 2. Had a committee meeting to discuss hanging GNP posters around campus and in business on Main St.
 - a) Will be done this Friday Nov. 5th 12-1pm

(1) All are welcome to help out

- H. Public Relations - Senator Kilgore
 - 1. Will be holding a meeting in the future to discuss the senator spotlight posts
- IX. COVID-19 Updates
 - A. Covid numbers are at a 50% decrease since the high from ALF
 - 1. Waiting on numbers from halloween to see if there is another rise or not
 - B. 22 students are in quarantine, but the numbers change due to students coming out of it or going in
- X. Integration Updates
 - A. Workflow on integration is pushing forward
 - 1. Tier 2 is beginning and tier 1 is done
 - B. Revealment of Pennwest's logo will be at the end of the semester
 - C. D2L and classes from five years to now will be transferred over to the new system
 - D. The new banner system for class registration will be open for summer classes and hopefully next fall
 - E. Emails will be changed to "name@pennwest.edu" and will take about 3-6 months for the emails to transfer over and for new emails to come in to the new account
 - 1. Microsoft changing and transferring is expected to be ready by July 1st, but not destined
- XI. Unfinished Business
 - A. ENGL 276
 - 1. Uploaded their first drafts and will be looking over senate reviews
 - 2. Next section of drafts will be sent out for reviews this week
- XII. New Business
 - A. N/A
- XIII. Open Forum or Announcements
 - A. Blondekj.com to support last year's BizPitch winner
 - 1. Great chapsticks for all
 - B. Look over constitution for questions and comments for Turning Point USA
 - C. Nov. 19 open discussion after the airing of Sugar Wife play
 - 1. held by BLM club, BSU, Sociology club and other faculty representatives
 - 2. Discusses the topic and race and other themes shown throughout the play
 - D. Nov. 19th Clarion's Got Talent
 - E. Nov. 5th 8pm Allies Drag Bingo
- XIV. Adjournment
 - A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Treasurer Shannon. Seconded by Senator Joseph. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.