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The Quick Guide to Understanding How The CUSC Meeting Works

- CUSC operates using Robert's rules, to the extent decided upon by the chair of the meeting (President or Vice President in their absence) in conjunction with judiciary as they guide representatives in how to do this
 - This means to:
 - Talk about a topic that needs addressed by the whole council
 - A rep must motion for one of the following:
 - Move/call to open a [speakers list](#) (amount of speakers and how long each speaker gets is up to the representative who motions)
 - Move/call for a Round Robin (time limit can be placed for each speaker)
 - Move/call for an unmoderated caucus (time limit is set by the rep who motions, allows for conversations to happen, with groups reporting back after the time ends)
- Most motions have to pass by a simple majority however some require $\frac{2}{3}$ approval to pass, otherwise the motion fails. A failed motion means a new motion can occur to amend the previous one, point of inquiries may be necessary to clear up information and then another motion may take place, or the council moves to the next subject
- All motions are voted on in order of most disruptive to least disruptive, which is why some motions will not be voted on, assuming they are on the same topic.
- Before voting the following steps must occur:
 - Move/call to host some type of communication (usually a speakers list)
 - Move/call to close that type of communication ($\frac{2}{3}$ vote)
 - Move/call to move into voting
 - Move/call to approve/amend/etc _____
- For more information and details on motions and Roberts rules please visit this [site](#)
- **The only time in which the public may speak, is during public comments**



**21st General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, April 18th

CUSC Meeting (7:00-9:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:04

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

- ❖ Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting: Ashley; second: Roxie
 - Favor: 21
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0

→ Committee Updates

❖ **Communications**

- We made an end of year wrap up post
 - A second one with a bunch of stats
- The council posted 74 so far posts this year
 - Most we've seen
- Thank you so much for a great year of Council.

❖ **Elections**

- Referendum ratification
 - Motion to ratify the 4 referendum questions results: Max; Second: Elena
 - Favor: 22
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0

❖ **Finance**

❖ **Judiciary**

❖ **Student Life**

- PCF: Menstrual Equity Alliance (approved)
 - Asking for \$150 for food for general meeting
- PCF: SPOC (approved)
 - Asking for \$500 dollars for equipment for game night
 - Club appreciation debrief

- Thank you to my committee for dealing with my chaos, and doing some awesome work

❖ Grants

➤ Official grants slate (4/16)

- 8 on the slate
- Menasa
 - food, decorations, entertainment
 - Reps can recommend to campus wide
- Best buddies
 - Rejected due to lack of charter approval
 - Have in the past, but recently found this out
- DIG
 - Catering from new clubs fund
- Choir
 - \$1000
 - First asked for 6,000 earlier this year
- Mock trial
 - Other half of their merch
 - 825
 - Special allocations
- Caic/SAAC
 - For one of their students
 - 450 is the highest we have been giving for conferences
- CUSC
 - Office supplies
 - Next academic year
 - Office stuff
 - Lots of boxes - moving to bins
 - Folders for transition docs
 - Binder things
 - Trash bin
 - Requested \$260
 - Vice chair, chaired
 - Full amount suggested
 - Najia and Kel abstained
- Photo society did not show up
- Point of Inquiry: If we said yes, we would still be positive?
 - Yes
- Motion to open a speakers list, 5 people 1 minute each: Caleb, Second: Gianfranco
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Caleb

- Slate looks fantastic
- Money to spend
- We can all agree to it
 - Know that for a fact
- Gianfranco
 - Retweet Caleb
 - Don't see any issues
 - No reason to say no
 - Otherwise it all goes to cumulative
- Makayla
 - Think we should do the campus wide for the MENASA event
 - Lets use all our money
 - Try and make ourself go broke
 - Appreciate the grants committee
 - Kel you've been doing amazing as chair and treasurer
- Abraham
 - Going to use the full time (did not)
 - Like caleb, it looks nice
 - Office supplies
 - Do we have a list?
 - Doesn't like the green in the office
- Indigo
 - All the grants look good
 - Glad mock and choir came back
 - Trying to drain the funds
 - Campus wide
 - Feel good accepting all of these
 - Doesn't go anywhere if we don't
- Motion to close the speakers list: Ashley G, Second: Abby
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to amend the MENASA grant to come from campus wide as opposed to special allocations: Makayla; Second: Duncan
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Sam; Second: Kaylene
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to approve the grants slate as is: Roxie; Second: Jessica
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 1
 - Opposed: 0

➤ LAST GRANTS SLATE OF THE YEAR!

→ Old Business

→ New Business

❖ Cumulative Surplus

➤ [Dining Hall](#)

- Goes towards the dining hall to replace the current one with a higher resolution one
- \$60,000
- Has been broken for some time, severely impacting the multimedia abilities
- Creates advertisement opportunities
- Events and presentations
- Not only benefit the students who use higgins
- Also allows for more opportunities and events
- \$60,000 covers the screen, projector, sound system, placement for the laptop
 - All safe for grease and cooking
 - Also labor costs
- POI: if things cost more than we think, how do we approve?
 - This is the invoice
- Motion to open a speakers list, 5 people, 1 minute each: Zach, Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Zach:
 - Nothing else to say
 - Seems interesting
 - Curious to see how it plays out
- Makayla:
 - Think this is really good
 - Amazing idea
 - Benefit everyone
 - Allow us to have events
 - Never knew it was a thing
 - Cool to see
 - We should pass
 - Not like cumulative surplus is doing anything, we might as well use, there to be used
- Elena
 - Echo makayla
 - Thanks kel
 - ◆ Doing the things we think about but never do
 - Cool if it could be a space after 9 to study and such

- How long will it take?
 - ◆ Hopefully over the summer
- Caleb
 - This idea is sick
- Ashley
 - This is wonderful
 - Had no idea this existed
 - It'll be nice for the new dining company to have this
 - Have the full set of everything higgins has
- Motion to close the speakers list: Ashley, Second: Balram
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 1
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to move into voting on the dining hall proposal: Makayla; Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to approve the dining hall proposal: Duncan; Second: Gianfranco
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0

➤ Transportation

- Cumulative surplus
- Asking for approval for 15,000 for lyft transportation this spring/summer
- We drained transportation this fall
- 20 days this semester as opposed to 10 last semester
- Same locations
- May 1st - May 20th
 - Commencement, 12 days after reading days, etc
- Lowered the passes to \$45 account for more people using
 - Average was \$39
- GSC is giving \$300
- If passed we will have \$15,300
 - Did the GSC offer explanation as to why they're giving so little compared to how many use it
 - Only one school (SSJ)
 - Smallest school
 - About on par
- Motion to open a speakers list: 3 people, 1 minute each: Elena; Second: Max
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Elena

- Amazing idea
- Students who use it the most are international
- Identify as international
- So stressful moving all of your stuff
- Should continue forever
- Max
 - Speaking in favor of this
 - 6 locations are critical for the end of semester and move out
 - Lowering cost
 - Hope this continues
 - Hope to see the other grad groups contribute
- Balaram
 - Really like the idea
 - Always a fan of making the life of students easier
 - Always uses this lyft pass
 - Think all the international students appreciate it
- Motion to close the speakers list: Jessica; Second: Grace
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Sam; Second: Abigail
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to approve the transportation proposal: Makayla; Second: Miles
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 0

➤ [Citron](#)

- We have looked at constitution/bylaws with judiciary to see if we can use the funds from grants and other accounts, approved these proposals to use our other funding accounts
- Promote sustainable practices and continue to refill the dispensers
- \$300 from equipment fund
- MEA first submitted a grant for \$3,000, now down to 300
- Way to drain the fund and not have the money go towards surplus
- Buildings on campus having a functional menstrual hygiene
- This is like you all being the acting grants committee
- Treasurer and VP have powers to do things like this
- We checked every section of the bylaw and constitution
- As grants chair, there's usually a lot of funds remaining
- Even though the grants process is technically done, this allows us to continue to help clubs
- \$11,000 or more according to tracker
- POInq: refill schedule?

- Just the remainder of May
 - Further discussions for next year
 - Same cycle as originally we believe
- POInfo: 13,428 total left, 2655 left in equipment
- Motion to open a speakers list 3 people 1 minute each: Caleb; Second: Gianfranco
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 1
 - Opposed: 0
- Caleb
 - We have plenty of money
 - Spent more money on less
 - Being acting member of grants as a member of finance makes me feel powerful
- Gianfranco
 - Committee always ends with a lot of money
 - All of these, go to cumulative otherwise
 - Please vote
- Grace
 - We have the money we might as well use it
 - Good cause, encourage everyone else to use it
- Motion to close the speakers list: Abraham: Second: Ana
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 2
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Ana; Second: Jessica
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 2
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to approve the citron proposal: Grace; Second: Sam
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 1
 - Opposed: 0
- [SLP Tech part 1](#) - **LINKS HAVE CHANGED, PLEASE RE-CHECK**
 - When the agenda was sent out, there was a different pdf, i've updated it, this is the new one
 - Aims to maintain equipment
 - Protect technology while being spent
 - SLP has come to CUSC grants usually
 - High demand for grants this year makes grants not possible
 - They do a lot of thing
 - Worked with current (Jack) and future (Alyssa) technical director
 - Point of Inquiry: Can we open the speakers list after both parts?
 - This one is from surplus, the other is from grants
 - Motion to open a speakers list 3 speakers, 1 minute each: Duncan; Second:

Indigo

- Favor: 24
- Abstain: 0
- Opposed: 1

- Point of information: You can motion for any time, does not have to be one minute

- Duncan

- I like this proposal
- We've previously given them money
- Since we don't have that, it should absolutely come from surplus

- Indigo

- I always like when proposals come out of the cumulative surplus
- It's my roman empire
- Took a lot of work out of everyone, so glad we got it
- Thank you for everyone who worked on it
- SLP tech serves a lot of students
- Good to replace with wear and tear
- This will allow us to not have to replace so often with keeping things drive

- Ashley G

- People already have enough issues when tech is working
- Literally everyone uses SLP tech
- Every club
- Our job to make sure these things occur

- Motion to close the speakers list: Elena; Second: Balaram

- Favor: 25
- Abstain: 0
- Opposed: 0

- Motion to move into voting: Grace; Second: Kaylene

- Favor: 25
- Abstain: 0
- Opposed: 0

- Motion to approve the proposal: Grace; Second: Luca

- Favor: 25
- Abstain: 0
- Opposed: 0

➤ [SLP Tech part 2](#)

- Last one!!
- SLP tech part 2
- Click the link!
- To enhance the multimedia experience and facilitate effective performance during events held in various spaces on campus
- Was going to be a surplus proposal, after further discussion, realized draining grants made more sense
- \$3,507.00 from the Discretionary Fund (Campus Programming),

\$2,355.00 from equipment, \$5,511.00 from the Discretionary Fund (New Club), and \$133.00 from Special allocations.

- Same as previous
- SLP has been coming to us
- We thought it would be good to do a proposal, then said, actually i take that back
- Slate does not include everything they asked for, but is everything we can cover
- At the end of the day SLP tech benefits everyone
- Good use of the SAF
- [Link to SLP Tech Requested items](#)
- Point of information: You have to vote on each fund separately (motion for equipment, etc)
- Equipment would be drained
- Campus wide would be at 1,533
- Campus wide, new club discretionary would be drained
- Point of inquiry: Can we say we pass the grant slate?
 - It's a proposal slate.
 - Could we say we pass the proposal slate?
- ◆ Using different funds
- Point of personal privilege: Someone could motion to use this slate, and then someone could motion to approve
- Motion to open a speakers list, 3 speakers, 30 seconds each: Indigo; Second: Ana
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 2
 - Opposed: 0
- Indigo
 - Like this
 - Glad we found a way to give slp tech some equipment
 - All things they need
 - Will help our campus run better
- Ana
 - Second what indigo said
 - Really good grant
 - We should support SLP tech
- Sam
 - I'm happy that we're helping SLP
 - Not being wasteful
 - SLP pt 2, as Dune pt 2, is great
- Motion to close the speakers list: Luca: Second: Josh
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 2
 - Opposed: 0
- Motion to drain the equipment fund, discretionary new club, special

allocations, and part of campus wide to 1500 according to the grants slate:
Indigo; Second: Roxie

- Favor: 23
- Abstain: 2
- Opposed: 0

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Elena
 - All seniors in the room, you just got an email to sign up for things
- ❖ Abigail
 - Recently been encountering personal things, apologize for any absences, thank you for graciousness, still committed
- ❖ Sam
 - Shoutout Ollie for creating the spree day logo
 - Reflecting on council
 - Hope we can treat ourselves and others next year
- ❖ Makayla
 - We all did a lot of work
 - Referendum was a lot for a lot of people
 - Going to miss the people who are leaving
- ❖ Gianfranco
 - Congratulations
 - Been on CUSC for 3 years, never seen such an active session
 - Very proud and excited for next year
 - Retiring officially
 - Very proud of bloom for all the proposals
 - Want to live my life
 - Lot of people have been asking about next year
 - Very proud
 - Time to open positions for new leaders, with more energy, commitment abilities, and ideas
 - Thank you, you all did a great job

→ E-Board Update

- ❖ Ashley
 - Thank you all for the work you have done
 - So proud of all the growth as reps and people in general
 - Any initiatives or projects, please write notes about correspondences and/or progress and send that to me so I can pass it along next year
 - Any notes for sustainability purposes
 - These initiatives don't die out as the year closes
 - Make sure they can reach out
 - Email preferred
 - We'd love to have you back next year
 - Fall elections
 - Rep, public comments, etc

- Please advertise judiciary, chief of staff, and grants applications
 - Really important
 - Send to constituents
 - Tell your friends
- See you next week at our end of year banquet!
 - Dress up
 - [Nominate members by 5pm Sunday](#)
- It's been an honor to be your president for 2 weeks

❖ **Najia**

- Club appreciation
 - Thanks to all who helped
 - Student life committee and student life chair
 - Really good event
- WRTA
 - Worcester city govt, free bus fare until 2025
 - Really bare minimum in the state of our economy
 - Also can promote this in your final emails
- I'm so proud of all of you!
 - VP for 2 weeks, treasurer 6 months, I'm so proud
 - All of you who are clark students to come aback

❖ **Devlin**

- After office hours Friday, you all are done for the academic year! E-board will continue to hold them next week.
- 04/24 Office Hours Moved to 04/22 from 12-2
- Meeting with Ava (Editor in Chief Elect for the Scarlet)
 - They are going to have anywhere between 1 and 3 people specifically dedicated to attending our meetings
 - We discussed also creating a role within the communications committee to be their point of contact with CUSC (in addition to me)
 - I will meet with Ava monthly to check in around how our collaboration is working
 - They are interested in reinstating their assistance in moderating the E-board debate
 - They will also work with us for fall general elections!
- [End of year banquet!](#)
 - Open to reps, judiciary, grants members
 - Closed to the public
- Historical purposes, send things to CUSC email

❖ **Kelechi**

- Was a rep for most of the year
- Great being chair, working alongside all of you
- Did a lot this year, weird to be on this side
- Shoutout finance, me as grants chair, Najia for being treasurer because we needed the numbers
- Very excited

→ Advisor Updates

❖ Danielle

- Sending you all what the club leaders got, can only spend up to monday
- Juniors: if you want to do pots and pans on spree day, do not walk through dorms
- Class of 2024 broke my heart and let me down
 - 2023 fixed it, I don't know what we're doing
- Housing
 - Looks like there is no housing available
 - When there looks like nothing is available, go back later
 - Thank you to those who tabled at destination clark
 - LAST DAY OF LISTSERV APRIL 30TH
 - Most committee emails have been cleaned up
 - Feel good finals (and late night breakfast which you paid for) then too
 - Past weeks have been ROUGH
 - People got engaged
 - Left things better than you came to them

❖ Mike

→ Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn: Max: Second: Elena: Third: Balaram
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Opposed: 1
- ❖ 8:24pm

[Funds Tracker](#)

[Robert's Rules Cheatsheet](#)

Attendance Record:

Ashley Valois
Najia Lloyd
Devlin Geisler
Kelechi Akabuogu

Representative Council:

Kaylene Criollo
Jessica Lam
Abigail Kouevi
Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu
Gianfranco Cornejo Gizzi
Caleb Howard
Balaram Desai
Elena Pérez

Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Abraham Rahman
Abby Coe
Grace Buckland
Roxie Frantz
Indigo Cadorette
Zach Powell
JD Cogliano
Makayla Towne
Sam Bazer
Max Rosenfeld
Joshua Jankowitz
Luca Kramer
Ana Simonini



**20th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, April 11th

CUSC Meeting (7:00-9:00pm)

→ **Call to Order: 7:06**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

❖ **In person**

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❖ **Online**

➤ Kai Ferrick

- I STRONGLY urge the Clark University student council to advocate for the university to divest from companies that profit from genocide against Palestinians. This aligns with the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, which promotes nonviolent economic pressure against Israel. The United States has and many companies within the US have outwardly supported its stance and support for the genocide towards countless innocent civilians of Gaza and the West Bank.
- Universities have a social responsibility to invest ethically. Divestment from companies that violate Palestinian rights would reflect Clark's commitment to social justice and human rights.
- WE STAND WITH PALESTINE. FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA
PALESTINE WILL BE FREE! 🍉🇵🇸

➤ Nate Angle

- They definitely already know it but how our administration is fucked and does not care about Palestine nor Worcester except their pockets. They can't pay their grad students TA's enough and they are a cash grab at the expense of a real education.

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting**

❖ Motion to approve the minutes: Caleb, Second; Elena

➤ Favor: 23

➤ Opposed: 0

- Abstain: 0

→ Committee Updates

❖ Communications

- Made/making
 - Time line post that did not end up going up
 - A wrap up post for what we've done this spring
 - A post reminding people to vote
 - A post about club appreciation

❖ Elections

- The Elections Chair was approached by student organizations and other Representatives requesting insight on the Referendum campaigning procedures.
 - Yes they can.
 - The Constitution does not hold any guidelines for campaigning in a Referendum.
 - Recognize the opportunity, as an Elections Bylaw sits before the Representatives today
 - The Election Chair, with committee approval, is allowed to set additional rules regarding elections.
 - Clearing the way for RSOs to campaign for the Referendum, including urging students to vote yes or no on a particular question.
 - Approved by 6 of the 7 Committee members, with 1 abstaining due to absence.
- **Voting is currently live and will remain available until Noon tomorrow**

❖ Finance

❖ Judiciary

- Accepting applications!
 - Filling tentatively 4 spots

❖ Student Life

- PCFs
 - 2 PCFs approved for Asian Student Union
 - one for \$100 for food for a movie night
 - one for \$50 for candy for SARC
 - 2 PCFs approved for Clark environmental Action
 - one for \$500 for Green on the Green
 - one for \$150 for Green on the Green
- ◆ Reduced from \$300
- Club Appreciation
 - Please arrive at Tilton at 11 or when you can
 - Runs until 3:30
 - Help AS much as possible

❖ Grants

-  **Official grants slate (4/8)**
 - **Mock trial**
 - Merch

- \$823 for juniors and seniors
- Submit grant next year for sophomores and freshman
- CUSC
 - Photos for inauguration and end of year banquet
 - \$298
- Motion to open a speakers list 3 speakers 1 minute each: Caleb, Second, Makayla
 - Favor: 23
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain 0
- Caleb:
 - CUSC pretty reasonable people
- Makayla:
 - Deserve to have pictures
- Roxie:
 - Checked the slate beforehand and thought it looked good
 - Glad the link was fixed
 - We are pretty people and deserve to have our photos
- Motion to close the speakers list: Ashley; Second: Zach
 - Favor: 23
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Stephen; Second: Ashley
 - Favor: 23
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to approve the grants slate: Makayla; Second: Hannah
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 1
 - Opposed: 0

→ Old Business

- ❖  AI Resolution - Makayla
 - All have had a week to review
 - Picked up and finished project from Sammi
 - AI in Marketing and Communications specifically in the library
 - Prioritize using our students art
 - Label any AI art
 - No policies with rules explicitly stated
- Motion to open a speakers list 5 speakers 1 minute each: Zach; Second: Max
 - Favor: 22
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 1

- Zach:
 - Love this idea
 - The use of AI is very dumb and lazy and don't see the point
 - Get burnout but AIR doesn't help
 - Good resolution
 - Use Clark artists with canva or adobe is better
- Max:
 - Support of the resolution
 - More AI usage in our lives
 - Curious how this will be implemented
 - How we will make the notes/watermarks
 - Great way to prioritize student art on campus
- Stephen:
 - Also support the resolution
 - In some capacity AI can be a tool, is not a replacement
 - Conversations we need especially in a school filled with design and art
 - Dealt with responsibly, in these formative years especially
- Caleb:
 - Don't like robots
 - Replacing the art we should be doing
 - Hypocrisy saying we can't use it
- Ashley:
 - Thank you Makayla, it looks very good
 - Second the hypocrisy as students get punished for using, but clark makes money off using it
 - Good first step for balance
- Motion to close the speakers list: Frankie: Second: Jessica
 - Favor: 24
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Roxie, Second, Alexia
 - Favor : 24
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Move we approve the AI art resolution: Stephen, Second: Miles
 - Favor : 24
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0

❖ Elections Bylaw - Landon

-  Elections Bylaw
- Now have an opportunity and it's not super late
- Is an amendment i'd like to propose
- Fixed the document to see the outline

- Structure
 - More specific subpositions
 - Everyone has a role
 - ◆ Chair
 - ◆ Note taker
 - ◆ Communication liaison
 - Contact with comms
 - ◆ Other members
 - Norms become written
 - Structure of the Debate
 - ◆ Essentially putting a framework down
 - ◆ How to facilitate so no need to come up with things on the fly
 - ◆ Still can be adjusted
 - ◆ Also sets aside budgeting for the debate itself
 - ◆ Less of a bummer to be there at 6
 - Budgeting from the CUSC club budget
 - ◆ Debate funds
 - ◆ Money to reimburse for elections costs for candidates
 - Timeline
- Elections committee regulations
 - Campaigning in the classroom
 - Endorsements from faculty and staff
 - Social media
 - ◆ Rather than ceasing a campaign
 - ◆ Varied degree
 - Acknowledgement posts
- Elections committee growth
 - Tabling
 - Online forum for communications
 - Footwork for the online forum
 - Information accessibility
 - ◆ Make the historian's life easier
 - ◆ Notetaker and communications liaison
- Elections Committee Ethical Considerations
 - Signing a form accepting handing over a position
 - Post for any e-boards to opposing candidates
- Point of Inquiry: Indigo
 - 10.2 Could we add an e-board edit
 - RA role, can I tell my RA/can my RA tell them?
 - Can't happen, so can we formalize that?
 - ◆ Point of information Landon:
 - Completely support
- Motion to amend (friendly amendment) the bylaw under 6.1: Landon, Second: Caleb

- Talked about in teams and the elections committee
 - Putting it on the books
 - Campaigning and a referendum
 - Whether clubs can advocate for a specific position
 - ◆ They already are
 - ◆ Weird position to go to them and say, hey you can't do that especially as the current one was brought forth by a club
 - No smear campaigning or direct targeting as usual elections do
- 6:1 - Clubs recognized by the Clark Undergraduate Student Council (CUSC) are granted the right to engage in referenda campaigns by declaring and promoting their allegiance for a certain vote; however, they may not utilize club's funds (either through grants or the club's budget) to promote their allegiance or other forms of advocacy that require financial backing. All campaign activities must strictly adhere to principles of respect, aligning precisely with both the club's declared mission and the values upheld by the CUSC. Clubs must abstain from any form of smear campaigning or activities that could be perceived as targeting or isolating individuals or groups within the student body. Clubs will not be subjected to penalties based on their referendum positions. The enforcement of these standards falls under the purview of the Elections Committee and Judiciary, which will work to ensure the integrity and constitutionality of the Referendum process through any requested oversight.
- Point of Information: 3.1 Cap for reimbursement?
 - Currently \$25 as the cap as outlined elsewhere
 - Currently don't have funds set aside
 - ◆ Grant after the fact?
- Move for a 5 minute recess: Stephen, Second: Josh
 - Favor: 23
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- Motion to move into voting: Hannah: Sam
 - Favor: 22
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain 1
- Motion to approve the amendment: Hannah, Second: Duncan
- Motion to amend the bylaw 11.2 letter of engagement, 1st paragraph, 1st line, between unsuccessful and candidates add "e-board": Stephen, Second: Ashley
 - Favor: 22
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- Motion to pass the bylaw: Sam, Second: Abigail
 - Favor: 21
 - Abstain: 2
 - Opposed: 0

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- ❖ Forms you need to complete
 - [Committee Feedback](#)
 - [Nomination Form](#)

→ New Business

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Max
 - Off-campus rep
 - Update, Feyzal Ebrahim, Off campus coordinator
 - As much information possible
 - All resources are there once they want to, just getting them connected
 - Forum
 - Powerpoint on resources specifically for undergrads
- ❖ Makayla
 - Jess with RLH
 - Accessibility buttons for the dorms
 - They are concerned with the buttons often breaking
 - Takes a couple days to break them
 - Work with SAS, if you swipe your card they'll automatically open
 - Suggested adding accessibility to the website
 - Doesn't address what buildings are accessible
 - Working with SAS about accessibility
 - Tapping to open an option for buildings with automatic doors
 - A lot of people don't know
 - Needs to be better publicized

→ E-Board Updates

- ❖ Ashley
 - Information Session Report Out
 - One on Monday and one on Wednesday
 - Questions about the referendum
 - ◆ About 11 people showed up Wednesday
 - Make sure you're letting constituents know the elections are live
 - Only danielle has access to the results
 - She will tell us how many students voted, percentages, etc
 - Will be contacting Gretchen Carey, Sustainability Manager for Clark's Waste Partner & Tony Hernandez to request a meeting about their plans for recycling, etc.
 - if you would like to join, please let me know
 - A lot of reps have expressed interest in the past!
 - Please make sure any files related to your committees or CUSC in general are in the google drive for archiving purposes and resources for next year's representatives.
 - Very rough few weeks, this is not an easy thing to be doing, i appreciate the work you are doing, thank you, please continue to talk to your constituents with

kindness and grace

- When in this room or conversing reps, please be kind. You are all human, lead by example

➤ We would love to have you all back next year, but if not, we want you to know that your advocacy means so much more than you being in this position. You still have the power and agency to push for change regardless of if you're a rep or not. If you would like any support on your initiative, please reach out to us. Our doors are always open.

- We'd love to have you back
- Please always reach out!

❖ **Najia**

- Club appreciation next Wednesday!
 - Sign up to help
 - Have to help unless you reach out!
 - Reach out if you can't attend
- Energy you brought to the swearing in was very appreciated

❖ **Devlin**

- Chief of Staff Application Deadline Extended to 04/22!
- Weekly Secretary Reports
- In contact with the incoming Editor in Chief of the Scarlet for more frequent communications
- The Quick Guide to Understanding How The CUSC Meeting Works
- Email/CC Bloom cuscbloom@clarku.edu.onmicrosoft.com with any concerns or on on your constituent emails
- Email me dgeisler@clarku.edu for any attendance updates
 - You should have received an email yesterday about numbers of absences, if you need to meet with me please respond, if you didn't receive one, come talk to me!

❖ **Kelechi**

- Next week is our last voting meeting, be sure to remind any of your clubs in need of funds!
 - Last chance for grants/PCFs
 - You have access to the funding tracker
 - Public information
- Great to be and still be grants chair
 - Last week!

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

- Hope you all enjoyed spree day!
 - Fill out the survey
- Tell people to vote

❖ **Mike**

→ **Adjournment**

- ❖ Motion to adjourn: Ashley, Second: Sam

- Favor: 23
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- ❖ Adjourned at 8:07 PM

[Funds Tracker](#)

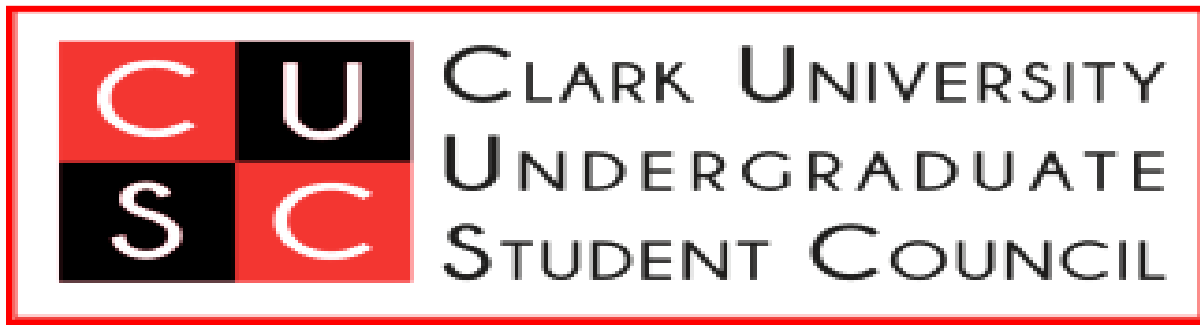
[Robert's Rules Cheatsheet](#)

Attendance Record:

Ashley Valois
Najia Lloyd
Devlin Geisler
Kelechi Akabuogu

Representative Council:

Landon Parr
Stephen Gibbons
Jessica Lam
Abigail Kouevi
Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu
Caleb Howard
Elena Pérez
Duncan Green
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Grace Buckland
Frankie Roberts
Roxie Frantz
Hannah Oh
Indigo Cadorette
Zach Powell
JD Cogliano
Makayla Towne
Sam Bazer
Max Rosenfeld
Joshua Jankowitz
Luca Kramer
Ana Simonini
Ellie Zarrow
Borodine Chery
Vesper Holmes
Pulkit Arora



**19th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: Sackler 120

7pm Thursday, April 4, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-9:00pm)

Committee on the Question of Institutional Neutrality Members: Professor Doug Little, Professor Cyril Ghosh, and Peyton Wu - [Committee Charge and Direction](#)

- ❖ Where the committee is at
 - Doug Little
 - Retired from History department
 - Sammi Bosque
 - Peyton Wu
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - Political science department
 - Deb Robertson, Allison Wong, two trustees, an alum, president of GSC and more also part of the committee but not present today
 - Clamorous time on campus over the past 3-5 years
 - President Fithian put together committee
 - Met five times and gradually moved towards consensus
 - What other universities have done now and in the past
 - One example of university that does not make any statement
 - Another example from Princeton in the early 1980's with institutional restraint in which they chose not to make statements without actions on campus
 - Key to institutional restraint is the lack of “neutrality” as a word
 - ◆ Removes the implications
 - ◆ Restraint proposed by committee
 - Why we recommend?
 - Clark has a set of values related to freedom of speech
 - Neutrality is a problematic word
 - Consensus (essentially) that restraint does not mean not having a say, it means wanting to allow for the voices of the minorities

- Reluctance to conclude that the university has the “right decision”
 - No right answer
- Been at Clark 46 years
 - An exception to every rule
 - While we recommend restraint, wanted to create guidelines for when and how if needed, we make a restraint
 - ◆ Rare circumstances to notion that we won’t make a statement
 - Obligation of the university to make a statement - at a certain point
- Restraint keeps with our values and traditions at Clark
- What about sub units?
 - Departments, centers, etc
 - Nuanced approach
 - Approached Kendall Isaac - general counsel
 - Most academic departments have policies and missions in line with the university, they should look to side with restraint
 - Some missions are meant for statements
- Personal statements by the President, Provost, etc?
 - Yes, the president is a sociologist, provost political science, and more
 - Academic freedom and expertise have the ability to make a statement as long as they speak on themselves not the university
 - Have that disclaimed
- Concluding points
 - Restraint not neutrality
 - Exceptions allowed
 - Recognition of academic departments and their ability to have wiggle room
 - University leaders may make public or private statements
 - Did not talk about divestment as relates to board of trustees

❖ Questions

- MK - second year grad student at Strassler
 - Suggestion
 - Another meeting for graduate students
 - People have kids, jobs but wanted to be here
 - Question
 - Expertise: scholarship, department, etc.
 - ◆ What quantifies that
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - ◆ Academic freedom - who has it
 - ◆ Hard to say someone has expertise
 - ◆ Political scientist - US constitutional law
 - Would yield to other professors
 - ◆ French teacher may be able to talk about Haiti
 - ◆ Native knowledge

- ◆ MIGHT have something to say
 - ◆ Contextual and very tricky
 - ◆ No general rule/principle
- Aaron - fifth year student
 - Appreciates that there will be another time
 - Email in reference to antisemitism and islamophobia
 - Same breath used to censor the phrase “the river to the sea” which has been labeled hate speech
 - How would restraint approach phrases like that?
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - ◆ Questions around the phrase?
 - Singling out students based on use of phrase according to student feedback
 - ◆ Conversation we need to revisit
 - At what grounds do we prescribe speech
 - Why we picked restraint
 - No one is neutral
 - State assumes neutrality but everyone has a side
 - Endorsement is really bad
 - Sends a message that the adherent are insiders, everyone else is outsiders
 - What does adherence to one side mean?
 - What consequences follow?
 - Neutrality not possible, restraint is. We have an opinion but we don’t want to restrain the 1% who disagrees even if we hate them and their opinion
 - Wouldn't have run across these problems if actually restrained
 - Will discuss this with the president
 - What grounds establish the legitimacy
- Ketshaly - sophomore in professor Ghosh’s class
 - What role does censorship play in terms of safety? Speech and it’s offensiveness but also how safe do students feel when certain ideals are amplified
 - Censorship, people having things taken down, not feeling safe in spaces like these
 - How does restraint impact the safety? What does neutrality offer for wiggle room? They both sound the same and could be labeled the easy way out.
 - Doug Little
 - ◆ Create space for robust and difficult dialogue
 - ◆ Address part of this issue with restraint
 - Peyton Wu
 - ◆ Document does not exist in isolation

- What were the existing policies?
 - Reference other policies in the appendix - likely
 - Those are reviewed consistently
 - Separate document
 - This looks at the large scale statements as it pertains to any topic (political/controversial but that could be anything)
- Cyril Ghosh
 - ◆ Safety
 - the document will explicitly say that just because we are recommending restraint on institutional statements should not be taken to mean that the president should be restrained about issuing statements about the creation of spaces for dialogue (sometimes even difficult and facilitated dialogues) and democratic deliberation.
 - ◆ Censorship
 - Whether or not the campus has a speech policy is outside of THIS committee, admin and CUSC should have this discussion
 - This committee can't do that
 - Jurisdiction
 - Proper channels question for Peyton
 - ◆ Divestment
 - Saying as not part of the committee
 - Doing a good job as a council
 - Not the committee's discussion
 - ◆ Wiggle room
 - Aren't neutrality and restraint the same?
 - Restraint is less hypocritical
 - No one is neutral
 - Consequence recognition
 - MOST cases, restraint is better
 - taking/articulating a position
 - Can't make an exhaustive list of exceptions
 - Do we want to articulate the exact circumstances?
 - What is speech question?
 - Social media
- Doug Little
 - ◆ Reads statement specifically about when we can make exceptions
 - ◆ Considering all identities we recognize that there is

- ◊ circumstances we may want to make a public statement
- ◊ Not a straight jacket or easy way out
- Cyril Ghosh
 - ◊ Impossible task
 - ◊ Threading a needle
 - ◊ Generally restrained but HUGE amount of reasons we may want to make an exceptions
 - ◊ Want to hear what you want
- Ellie
 - What is your jurisdiction as a committee? Have a large amount of offices/departments represented.
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - ◊ Asked a specific question in which they were asked to answer, only can answer that within this committee
 - ◊ Policy on institutional statements
 - Peyton Wu
 - ◊ Very explicit charge, asked to review day 1
 - ◊ Will add quote in
- Daniel
 - Looked at other policies, calvin report included?
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - ◊ Don't agree with all of it, some parts are good
 - Clark's own thing, not just adopting?
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - ◊ No nobel prize, but we are taking aspects from various spaces
 - ◊ Problems with the calvin report
 - ◊ Taking the best ideas
- Vesper
 - Exceptions to restraint? Who makes that decision? What makes the difference in what can be and can't be a restrain? Does concern for significant social issues in the Clark mission statement not mean what is stated
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - ◊ This is the problem
 - Unable to stipulate what but wants to say that there CAN be exception
 - Princeton says when there's extreme contradictions with our core values
 - Could (but not going to) plagiarize
 - ◊ CAN NOT be in a situation where there is NO exceptions but precise speculation is problematic
 - ◊ Can't say there's NO exceptions
 - ◊ Social issues
 - One thing to have concern, another to express it

- We are concerned, we show that through making dialogue space, safe spaces, and more
 - ◆ Number 1 priority is to make sure the community does not become toxic
 - Nyu a few months ago
 - People not going to class
 - We don't want that, especially on the grounds that we are certain we have the right answer
 - Indigo
 - Does not think the president should be the one to make the decision of an exception
 - Poll
 - Committee with students
 - ◆ Cyril Ghosh
 - Typically president does make the unilateral position
 - Can recommend that the decision is made by MULTIPLE stakeholders
 - Ashley Gast
 - Social responsibility committee we used to have at Clark
 - Board of Trustees killed it according to Doug Little
 - ◆ Was a joint committee
 - University having/expressing a position
 - University take actions to protect restraint even if it disagrees with their opinions?
 - ◆ Cyril Ghosh
 - Aggressively take actions to enforce our values.
- ❖ Welcome to email
- **Call to Order: 7:11**
- **Public Comment(s)**
- ❖ **In-Person Comments - 2 minutes each**
- Skye Donaldson
 - We're funding a genocide
 - We do not agree with the actions of the school or where our tuition money is going
 - Hughes called the poor people dorm and POC are mostly put here so it feels segregated
 - Always over admitting
 - 7 forced triples on a floor is too much
 - Nathaniel Delgado
 - Past 2 weeks going on about how we're causing a genocide
 - Science experiment
 - ◆ Really nice shoes, walking by a puddle, child is drowning, do you have a moral obligation to save them?

- ◆ If we don't save the people in Palestine, this is what we are doing
- ◆ Referendum doing what Clark is all about

➤ Liz Cowart

- Went to last week's meeting
- Really hard to resay the same thing over and over and it still be powerful
- "We don't have the power here"
- "Raise your hands if you go to Clark"
 - Your constituents
 - Listen to what we're saying
 - You're voting for them to get to vote
 - Give them the right to vote

➤ Brenner Yellis

- Just yesterday was talking with someone on the phone about this, Clark's endowment, our scholarships and more
- Raised as a reason to oppose divestment
 - Even more a reason to be in favor
 - Opposed to scholarships, new buildings property with blood money we can make Clark stick to its values
- Amazon providing Israeli military to access to the web services which allows for Gaza to be the largest open air prison in the world
- CUSC should pass all 4 referendum questions

➤ Sydney Kanzer

- Proud Jewish student strongly in favor of all 4 questions
- Best way for us as students to end the funding of the genocide
- Writing of Palestinian reads
 - No room for fear or silence, not when we see stray cats eating people, Zionism
 - Massacre will be visible in broad daylight
 - Academics idle until the dust settles
- We do have the power and we must do everything in our power to divest

➤ Jesse Lowe

- Support including all 4 questions
- Feeling like there's reservations about the amount of work
- Acknowledges this will happen but can't choose easy over right
- Watching Smith occupy admin building
- Watching attacks happen at other campuses, hunger strikes
- This is reasonable.
- Commitment, courage and willingness to put in the work - needed by all on campus

➤ Marcus Palumbo

- Support of divestment as a concept
- Couple phrasing notes
- Language tying it to the BDS movement
 - Cultural and academic

- Clear that calling for endowment and dining hall divestment
- Question 3
 - Ambiguous idea of certain things not being able to be purchased elsewhere
 - Bigger picture
 - ◆ Dining services
 - ◆ Endowment
 - Longer look, Israel is important, but US also allied with Saudi Arabia
 - Need to look into institutional options to not support anywhere
- Él Martinez
 - Last week was the first time attending
 - Multiple members describe the body as powerless, frustrating
 - Managing expectations - feels like some people have given up, if you're not happy with what power you have, demand more
 - You have the students behind you
 - If you're not here to demand for us why are you here
 - Let us vote
- Ellanora Lerner
 - Jewish student in support of divestment
 - Sacrifice and inconvenience
 - Comes up frequently
 - ◆ Masking to protect for COVID
 - ◆ Can feel scary
 - That's normal
 - Society is built on capitalism, we need to think of our money and time even if it's causing discomfort
 - Amazon would be an inconvenient thing
 - Well known for 2 day shipping, harming environment and poorly treating workers
- Louis Rosenberg
 - Student at Clark in support of divestment
 - No problem in holding a vote
 - Concerned that people don't want to vote
 - As a jewish student, we need to vote

❖ Online Comments

- Honey Lawless
 - As a human, I don't like it when thousands of my species are killed by bombs and hundreds of thousands more purposely starved to the same fate. It is the duty of the student council, as well as the university itself to divest from corporate interests that operate and fund such grand-scale murder. If your divestment could save even one life in the long run (And I guarantee you it will) It is mandatory.
 - Boycotting and divestment has worked in the past, and it will work in the future. Apparently, fascism doesn't like taking hits in the wallet. It is with

every fiber of my being that I urge the student council to divest. Love will always triumph over evil.

➤ Adin Petricoff

- Holding a referendum on divestment is irresponsible without administration first conducting an audit to assess the cost of such actions. Perhaps for some divestment is purely an ideological issue; they support divestment regardless of the associated increase in tuition/dining. But I suspect that overwhelmingly, especially in light of 3,000 dollar hikes in cost of attendance, many students need to know the fiscal facts of divestment before making an informed decision. For example, if students vote for divestment but only later learn that it will increase tuition by \$5,000 I doubt all will stand by their original decision.
- Perhaps different tiers of divestment could be offered. If cost is a barrier but there is robust support for action an endowment boycott against a smaller group of companies could be conducted.
- Overall, I think that the Student Council needs to press administration for concrete details about the potential costs of divestment before putting the decision to a vote for students.

➤ Henry Broadstone

- Anything less than full divestment from Israel is not enough. No half measures. This is genocide and divesting from genocide is the bare minimum and common sense.

➤ Riley Forrestal

- The family of my family is in Palestine. The family of my friends are in Palestine. I try to help in what ways I can through protesting and donation, but what the Palestinian people need is major corporations and institutions to be on their side and stop funding Israel. I can't in good conscience stay silent while the school I give thousands of dollars to every year supports corporations that fund the genocide of innocent civilians. I genuinely do love going to school here and I hope Clark finds the courage to be on the right side of history.

➤ Alex Kawa

- I strongly support the divestment campaign, and I hope the student council puts Questions 1 and 2 in particular to the student body for a vote.

➤ Derek Fino

- I feel like the referendum needs more information to go alongside the questions, such as potential practical outcomes to a YES or NO vote for each question. For example, what would complying with BDS principles mean for dining hall operations? What would change and how might that affect students? Personally, I am wary of answering one way or another on most of the draft questions because I don't know the answers to these sorts of questions. Additionally, a definition of BDS and what its principles are should be explicitly given. Some people might not have a concrete idea of what it is.
- I recognize that both these ideas might introduce some bias into the

referendum. Perhaps CUSC could take a page out of Massachusetts' book and include arguments for and against each proposal in the words of the supporters and opponents of the proposal.

➤ Jaqui Newman

- As for the recent call-in divestment, I call forth the following products be banned as they have offices, are based in, and or indirectly support Israel. If this is not met, then there is no TRUE divestment. In the end if these products are still purchased/renewed, then Israel would still be supported.
- No computers purchased nor repaired are to have a chip that was manufactured by Intel, as Intel supports Israel. Additionally, all Intel services are to be deleted from all computers.
- No computers purchased nor repaired are to have a GPU that was manufactured by NVIDIA, as NVIDIA supports Israel. Additionally, all NVIDIA services are to be deleted from all computers.
- No computers purchased nor repaired are to have a GPU or CPU that was manufactured by AMD, as AMD supports Israel. Additionally, all AMD services are to be deleted from all computers.
- No Windows computers can be purchased nor repaired and no Microsoft services including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Excel as well as Teams is to be purchased nor renewed as these are all Microsoft services and products, and Microsoft supports Israel.
- No Apple Products and services are to be purchased nor repaired as Apple supports Israel.
- No Adobe Software including Photoshop and Aftereffects are to be purchased nor renewed and need to be removed from school computers as Adobe supports Israel.
- No longer Amazon should be offered as a site for textbooks through the Clark Textbook system and should not be approved as a method for clubs to purchase products as Amazon supports Israel.
- No drinks manufactured by Coke and its subsidiary companies should be served in the dining halls and offered at club events as Coke supports Israel.
- No products manufactured by GE should be purchased nor repaired including microwaves, fridges, and stove tops, as GE supports Israel.
- No Meta services including Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp are to be used by Clark U, clubs, and the CUSC as Meta supports Israel.
- No Google Services such as Chrome are to be on school computers, and Google services such as Google Drive are to not be renewed nor purchased as Google supports Israel.
- No products and services manufactured by IBM are to be purchased nor repaired as IBM supports Israel.
- No LinkedIn Plus is to be renewed by the University as LinkedIn supports Israel and is owned by Microsoft who supports Israel.
- No products and services from Nintendo are to be purchased by the school or clubs, as Nintendo supports Israel.

- No product by Nestlé is to be provided by the dining halls nor club events as Nestle supports Israel.
- No product by Oreo is to be provided by the dining halls as Oreo supports Israel.
- No product by Philadelphia Cream Cheese is to be provided by the dining halls nor club events as Philadelphia Cream Cheese support Israel.
- No products and services from Samsug including their fridges, TVs, and washing machines and dryers are to be purchased by the school or clubs, as Samsung supports Israel.
- No products by Tates Bake Shop are to be provided by the dining halls nor club events as Tates Bake Shop supports Israel.
- No products by Tostitos are to be provided by the dining halls nor club events as Tostitos support Israel.
- No products by VitaminWater are to be provided by the dining halls nor club events as VitaminWater supports Israel.
- No YouTube videos are to be allowed to be played in class or be a part of class assignments by Professors nor during club events as YouTube is a company that is owned by Google and Google supports Israel.
- No future construction and repairs can be done on campus with the use of Caterpillar (CAT) construction equipment as Caterpillar supports Israel.
- No Oracle Software including Oracle Java should be renewed, purchased, and on any school computers, as Oracle is owned by Adobe which supports Israel.
- No food from the school nor club events are to be purchased from Walmart as Walmart supports Israel.
- No female hygiene products from Tampax are to be provided by clubs nor the school as Tampax support Israel.
- No female hygiene products from Always are to be provided by clubs nor the school as Always support Israel.
- No food and product manufactured by Unilever INCLUDING Ben and Jerry's are to be provided in the dining halls and at club events, as Unilever which owns Ben and Jerry's support Israel.
- No Hershey products are to not be provided by the dining halls and at clubs as Hershey supports Israel.
- No computers purchased nor repaired are to have been manufactured by HP, as HP supports Israel.
- No product manufactured by Siemens are to not be purchased nor repaired as Siemens supports Israel.
- No financing services such as Bank of America, Capital One, RBS, VISA, and Wells Fargo are to be used by the school nor clubs as these banking services support Israel.
- No computers purchased nor repaired are to have been manufactured by Dell, as Dell supports Israel.
- Thus, these are but a small handful of products and services that need to be included in the divestment and enforced. If all of these cannot be

divested from, then rather than calling for a sweeping divestment, these products should be individually decided by the Clark community. Simply put, it is not fair to divest from some companies while others remain at large. In Your referendum, please make sure to include all the companies including examples of products and services so that the Clark community is aware of what you are going to take away from them.

➤ Ben Bryson

- The plan to Divest from Israel is a horrible idea for many reasons. First, it will cause a major rift between students, larger than there already is. Second, the BDS movement, the one which would be followed, is antisemitic in nature. According to the German Parliament in 2019, "The argumentation patterns and methods used by the BDS movement are anti-Semitic." and that "some BDS slogans were reminiscent of Nazi propaganda." If South Africa is the leading expert on apartheid, then surely Germany is the leading expert of systemic antisemitism, no? Third, divesting from Israel will most likely increase the cost of the university even more. Without things such as Microsoft, Google, Pepsi, Coca-cola, and many other companies, the university would have to spend a lot more money on these items, thus us as students would have to pay more. The computer you type on, the phone you call on

➤ Hannah Ross

- My name is Hannah, and I am Jewish. Very rarely do I ever get involved in politics and social justice, but, because of the current situation, advocacy is vital. I vote no to all questions on the ballot concerning the divestment. As a Jew, I am not only speaking for myself, but also for those that share my perspective. If Clark were to divest from Israel, it would further the divide on campus and perpetuate unsafe conditions for Jews, Israelis, and others. It would only cause major negative consequences for Clark, and would not help the situation in Gaza. Supporting a country because of one's deep connections to it, even though they have made poor decisions, should not be an acceptable reason for harassment and other forms of targeted behavior. It is CUSC's responsibility to make sure that Clark's campus is safe and inclusive for ALL students. Everyone should be heard, no one should be ostracized, and no one should be targeted. Thank you.

➤ Kai Moore

- I'm writing to ask that Student Council votes in favor of all four questions related to the divestment issue, as it should be the student body's decision where their tuition and activity fees are going. In response to the criticism that this is not an issue relevant to Clark students, it clearly is, as countless clubs' statements and public comments showing support for divestment have shown. Those who argue that this issue isn't relevant to Clark students also ignore the members of the Clark community with personal connections to the conflict in Gaza. I also trust that Student Council can both call for divestment and work on issues such as tuition increases. Yes,

enacting divestment will be difficult, but some sort of committee of students, faculty, staff, and administration could be created to research alternatives that will not lead to vast price hikes.

- Fitz Fitzgerald
 - I am pro clarks' divestment from the genocidal companies' funding
- Kalani Turbak
 - I strongly support the call for divestment and the decision to hold a referendum; however I think there needs to be a bit more clarification for some of the questions, particularly Question 2, as I am unsure what the BDS' principles regarding dining hall operations are (and I assume others might be as well). That being said, I would definitely like to see Questions 1 & 3 on the referendum, as the student body should be able to vote on such issues.
- Nick Amlee
 - As a student worker in the University Advancement department, I have had several alum refuse to donate specifically because of Clark's public statement of neutrality and because of the investment of companies aiding Israeli weaponry and the IDF. I can't give an exact amount due to confidentiality but the cumulative amount of donations lost because of Clark's stance and funding of genocide is in the 4-figure range. This is only from the calls that I have done; I'm not sure about other student callers. Clark is literally losing free money by investing in Israeli occupation and the mass destruction of Palestinians.
- Tetrah Clark
 - I think divestment from Israel is imperative given their carry out of an ongoing genocide in Gaza against the Palestinians.
- Casey Campellone
 - Too far often do we as a generation learn of a tragedy and, while we post about it on our phones, sooner forget that its happening before we actually do anything about it. Today, we have momentum. Today, we can create change, however small that change may be. But to do that, we need divestment first and foremost, and I am asking CUSC to move forward with the referendum so that the Clark community can have their say in how our tuition dollars are spent. We cannot let this be another forgotten tragedy- it is far too important.
- Shoshana Hirschmann
 - Put forth all four questions about divestment for a referendum! Show us that Clark cares about student opinions and is as community-engaged as it claims to be. We have a moral and human responsibility to discuss this.
- Devin Moss
 - I call on student council to put forward all four referendum questions to survey the student body on the issue of divestment. It is a shame that it has taken so long for our university to listen and respect the demands of its students. I am wholly uncomfortable being complicit in genocide through the institution that I pay thousands of dollars to. We must make it clear to the administration through these referendums that we no longer will stand for "neutrality" and disengagement.
- Ezra Schwerner

- I am a Jewish student at Clark who wholeheartedly and unapologetically supports the call for divestment. I am devastated that my tuition money is going to fuel and fund the ongoing genocide in Gaza. As Jews, it is imperative that we understand that Israel doesn't represent what Judaism is, and it is our job as Jews to stand up for the true Jewish beliefs: helping humanity, being "your brother's keeper" and understanding and empathizing with all forms of persecution. In a school who nominally stands for social justice, we cannot be an institution that funds grotesque, blatant war crimes and genocide. If we as an institution truly can stomach calling ourself a school that is committed to "changing the world" and being that true home for social equality, we cannot continue our oxymoronic funding of a genocide.
- Adlai Nelson
 - I believe CUSC should authorize a referendum to the student body on the topic of Clark University divesting its financial resources from companies supporting Israel and its continued occupation of Palestine.
 - Additionally, I believe Clark University should divest from companies supporting, enabling, or profiting off of Israel's genocidal occupation of Palestine, and by putting this question to the student body, we can move forward in the process of divestment, and make it so we are no longer funding genocide.
- Gwyneth Owen
 - I REFUSE to be complicit in genocide. It is shameful and disgraceful that a school with an entire center dedicated to holocaust and genocide studies, a school that offers a phd in holocaust and genocide studies, is so silent and so passive when it comes to Israel's genocide against Palestinians. It is even more deplorable that our money enables this campaign of terror and death. SHAME. DIVEST.
- Weslee Tyler
 - CUSC has been far too complacent and slow on this issue. The Clark student body has a right to vote on divestment and for our voices to be heard and the referendum questions should have been released for a vote already. Clark has an ethical responsibility to divest. It goes against everything we stand for as a community to not take action against genocide. Free Palestine.
- Arielle Green
 - I support putting forth all four of the proposed questions in the referendum on divestment. Students at Clark should have the right to choose where our tuition money is going. Divestment is a critical issue to the student body, and whether we agree or disagree, our voices must be heard. The institution of Clark should be defined by its students.
 - As for my own place in this discussion, as a person from a half-Israeli household, and furthermore, as the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor, I refuse to have my tuition money fund another people's genocide. The same can be said of my family. Even my mothers, who feel the impact of

the Holocaust much more intensely than I will perhaps ever understand, do not support enabling the Israeli government's genocide monetarily or otherwise.

- This is not done to spite Israelis or the Jewish people, nor to try and delegitimize their fears about the new rise of antisemitism. This is also not done to disregard the safety of my Israeli family and Israel which is so dear to my heart. In all honesty, I am also scared for the future of my family and people. However, I will not allow my fears to overcome my values. The act of resisting hate, even in the face of existential fear, is nothing short of a celebration of Judaism.

➤ Lu Powdermaker

- Hi, my name is Lu Powdermaker and I urge the CUSC to vote in favor of questions 1,2,3, and 4 to go to referendum. So that the student body can vote on whether or not Clark decides to Divest from Israel. It is the democratic thing to do to let the student body decide where they want their money to go.
- VOTE YES ON QUESTIONS 1-4 TO SUPPORT DIVESTMENT!

➤ Eli Humphrey

- I am writing in to voice my agreement with the calls to divest from Israel. The referendum will be a good way to receive feedback from students. For Clark, divesting may be a slow process and not put much of a dent in Israel's economy as just one small college, but to prevent our money from being used to purchase of even one bomb is worth everything. Israel won't be harmed by this divestment, but countless Palestinians suffer if we continue to allow our money to go to the Israeli government's genocidal regime. There is no self-defense justification for bombing hospitals, refugee camps, and homes. Free Palestine. Now.

➤ Frida Jackson

- As a Jewish student at Clark I am writing in favor of divestment and the referendum regarding divestment. I believe it is critical that our money not go towards funding genocide and that students are able to uphold democracy within their community and voice their beliefs.

➤ Avery Hanna

- I want to express my absolute support for all four referendum questions. I support divestment of the undergraduate student government, dining services, and all endowment funds from the state of Israel. Divestment has a long history of being used as a tool for social change both at Clark, which divested from apartheid South Africa after pressure from students, and at other universities. We have a responsibility to use every tool at our disposal to end genocide. We have to try everything. We, as students, have the power to make change. Boycott, divest, sanction.

➤ Alistair Borg

- Clark University is currently affiliated with and profiting from mass death and genocide conducted by Israel. War crimes including targeting civilians, hospitals, and aid workers have been ceaseless. Children have

watched their parents die, parents have watched their children die, entire family lineages have been wiped out. The violence will only continue unless outcry is heard. If you care about human rights, divesting is the only moral choice to make.

- Thank you for your time.

➤ Maggie Davis

- It is of utmost importance for the university to divest from Israel. To continue funneling money into an active genocide is egregiously immoral for any institution, but it is very hypocritical to Clark's supposed mission of "challenging convention and changing our world" and hollow emphasis on diversity and equality. Financially, it is unethical to support Israel using more and more money from students every year while the majority of those students are in favor of divestment.

➤ Kate Smolens

- There is no denying Clark's complicity in the genocide of Palestinians through investments in companies such as Lockheed Martin, Elbit systems, Volvo, and more. Thousands have been killed in the time that the university has remained passive and pushed for neutrality. Funding this genocide does not align with the institution's values, nor with students demands. We demand divestment.

➤ North Henninger

- I support all four referendum questions. It is important to include the university endowment, dining services, and RSOs in divestment. We cannot in good conscience allow University funds to go towards the genocide of Palestinians. As members of the Student Council, you have real power to make positive change on campus. If I were in your shoes, and stood by while Clark funded Israel's crimes, sitting on my hands instead of urging for divestment, I would not be able to sleep at night.

➤ Aria Cranford

- Hello Clark University Student Council,
- I am writing today regarding the ongoing genocide of Palestinians that has been ongoing for 180 days and 75 years. In the last 5 months, 33,000 Palestinians have been murdered, including 13,000 children by the military and governmental terrorism of Israel. I'm sure you already know all of this though. My purpose in writing today is to urge the council to vote in favor of including all the referendum questions on the ballot. For months, students on this campus have been calling for the university's divestment from corporations and operations that support and directly fund the genocide of innocent people. Week after week students have come to this council meeting urging the council to do the same. The support for Clark's divestment has been made clear by members of the student body. If this council does represent the wills and wishes of its constituents, then it will vote to allow the student body to directly vote on these matters. I remind the council that (I'm sure) contrary to what the presentation you heard earlier in this meeting told you, there is no

neutrality in genocide. A non-vote or voice in support of neutrality shows us, your constituents that at best, you would rather do nothing than try, and at worst, you don't believe the genocide of innocent people is worthy of your concern. Even after weeks and months of testimonials, the idea that you would take all of that grief, pleading, to just not vote.

- I hope each member of this council takes a moment to reflect on their position and privilege as a student at a private institution and a member of the student government. It is the Clarkie way to talk a big talk, and then not put in any work. To post in support of movements, and not show up to protests. To put the brunt of restorative and justice work onto the most marginalized members of our campus while pretending that they don't hold immense class privilege. To physically distance oneself from the possibility of being confronted (or having to confront yourself) the privilege you hold. To say "I don't like this, but there is nothing I can do about it". BREAK THE MOLD.
 - You are the student council, I would hope that you can break through this stereotype, and try to use whatever power you hold to make a difference. As much as I wish every student at this institution got up out of class and gathered in the green, and refused to pay one more dollar of tuition until our demands are met, I know that without a lot of change that won't happen soon. The small amount of sway that you hold is the next best option, so do not take this decision lightly. As hard as it might be to confront your own biases, differences of opinion, or an educational institution, it will never be remotely as hard as trying to survive a genocide every day of your life for almost 6 months. I am not waiting around for change to happen, I am making it every day of my life. What will you do?
 - Sincerely, A White, Privileged Clarkie who gives a fuck.
- Jonah Clark
- As a student at Clark University and a club leader on campus, I would like to implore the Student Council to vote YES on referendum questions 1 through 4 on divestment. Ultimately, it should be left to clubs themselves to determine how and where they are spending their funds - in a time such as this, however, where innocent civilians are indiscriminately and relentlessly bombarded in Gaza, there is a moral imperative for organizations like CUSC and all the student organizations at Clark to do what they can to speak up and take action wherever possible. I believe the four referendum questions are in this spirit, and for this reason I encourage all voting members of CUSC to vote YES.
- Jacob Vestein
- Dear CUSC, passing a referendum in support of BDS makes a clear statement that dialog, inclusion, and understanding are no longer acceptable and that students who love and care about Israel are unwelcome in the Clark community. Aligning with BDS, an organization that rejects the existence of the State of Israel, praises the murders of Israelis, and opposes peaceful solutions to Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is

extremely dangerous. BDS also encourages the boycott of *any* company OR entity that is associated with Israel, including cultural orgs, sports teams, musicians, and food products, including products that our very own Kosher kitchen uses! Moreover, BDS resolutions on campus have a history of increasing antisemitism on campus, along with direct targeting and discrimination of Jewish/Israeli students and student clubs/organizations. By inadvertently isolating and ostracizing students based on their identity and nationality, this referendum sends an exclusionary and discriminatory message that goes against everything Clark stands for.

➤ Andrew Ferrari

- I am a Jewish student and I support divestment from Israel

➤ Ethan Quinn

- Hello CUSC,
- As I have brought to public comments before, I will continue to stress that any action on a referendum will and has already started to stir divisions among the campus population. You claim to state that this is only a "Opinion of the student body", but opinions are skewed with a loud minority and untimely cause for issues of both campus safety as well as division in a student body. CUSC is supposed to be uniting our student body and this measure of action does not help that. Calls for a divestment referendum is not the option to helping an issue 5500 miles away. If you really support students on campus, you should join in on the administrations calls for campus dialogue or even ensure that more spaces are on campus for those who are affected by global issues.
- Am Yisrael Chai

➤ Cecilia Bachana

- I would like to add to the voices speaking against the divestment referendum. It is taking up so much of our time that could be spent focusing on on-campus issues like health services, the water fountains, and tuition.
- While economic pressure is a noble and often effective strategy to make change, this referendum includes language that specifically aligns with BDS - Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions. This organization praises the murder of civilians and mocks attempts at diplomatic solutions (see their website for proof of this). Aligning with BDS - not just calling for divestment from a specific, set list of companies - is aligning with this organization. Additionally, BDS calls for boycott of *any and all* businesses that they *deem* to be associated with Israeli wrongdoing, which expands not only to big corporations but also to musicians, sports teams, small businesses, and more. Many Kosher products come from Israel, such as those used in Clark's Kosher Kitchen. What would this referendum mean for those resources? Think beyond the myopic view of the "us versus them" echochamber.
- Again, economic pressure is one thing; BDS is not that. I don't think that joining this resolution will have the effect that SJP and many reasonable,

well-intended students expect it to have, and instead it will feed into the hatred and division that already exists on this campus, the blame-placing and the active targeting of certain students. When BDS comes to campuses, there is a trend of more antisemitism and more hatred. Whatever your definition of antisemitism is, targeting fellow students cannot possibly be seen as okay.

- I personally do not care about Raytheon or any of those large corporations. I would not care if Clark stopped purchasing from or investing in them. I am more concerned about the implications of a referendum like this and the support for BDS on campus as it affects students, makes us unsafe, actively fights against any attempt at real dialogue and solutions, encourages the dehumanization of Israelis and those affiliated with Israel, and sabotages the foundation of the progressive movement in values such as justice, dignity, and equity.

➤ Madeline Wissler

- Hello all- I wish I could've come in person to present this, but unfortunately am not able to (which adds a just hint of irony to my public comment). I will be expanding upon my previous comment from last week- notably, further expansion for the need of dialogue in order for the study body to know more about divestment, the proposed referendum, and Israel/Palestine in general.
- While reflecting upon Israel/Palestine, previous discussion of divestment and referendum, and student sentiment surrounding the aforementioned topics- it is clear that yes- a referendum is necessary- but as is space for dialogue- not to be confused with debate.
- The more I learn about religion and the history and politics of the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts in order to form more cognizant opinions, the more evident intolerance towards critical thinking and the idea of nuance has become.
- Even when asked for my view on this conflict- once I denounce the overly-diluted yet popularized narrative of Israel/Palestine being a singular, "you must support this OR that" issue- many jump to conclusions and are angry at the presumed opinions that they asserted upon me. It's frustrating, but isn't unique to me in any way- prejudice and misjudgment of identity and opinion are definitive attributions to the unease on campus and directly mirrors why this conflict is now closing in on its 77th anniversary.
- I support a referendum in tandem with space for student dialogue. I urge for CUSC to hold an academic panel to clarify and discuss divestment, its implications, and how it fits into the current context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as a space to be held for respectful and sensible discussion- ideally mimicking Clark's previous "Difficult Dialogues" space- so that questions and concerns can be separated accordingly and addressed accurately.
- I firmly believe that depriving ourselves of these dialogues is arrogant,

ignorant, and a complete disservice to the student body- even if the dialogue is initially seen as “uncomfortable.”

- This referendum heavily relies on the student body to be educated on Israel/Palestine and divestment. Scholarly panels and student dialogue is thus critical as it would only ensure a more fair referendum with higher participation.
 - I’ve always loved and admired the deep pride that Clarkies take in their respective identities, which is why it would only be harmful to continue to avoid these “uncomfortable” conversations that accompany change. These conversations would not only engage more of the study body to vote in this referendum, but also create secure open-dialogue on campus, relieving anxiety among students.
 - We cannot seal ourselves off in echo chambers for the validation of empty yes-nods and still expect impactful change nor effective dialogue to occur.
 - We need dialogue. We need a referendum.
 - Thank you.
- Ethan ElHamahmy
- When Israel bombed the first hospital in Gaza the world refused to believe it, Israel has now bombed and destroyed all 36 hospital in Gaza, every-single-one. At the same time Israel was destroying and terrorizing the last and largest medical facility, they intentionally killed 7 international World Central Kitchen workers. These heroes came to help feed Palestinians as Israel blocks aid from entering in a man-made famine, a war crime and the very definition of collective punishment, and Israel thanked them by bombing the convoy that they had coordinated with the very people they killed. At its core a referendum from the student body is about sending a message to Administration, forcing them to hear our voice. Any attempts to prevent or hinder a referendum is a blatant attempt to suppress the voice of the students. Despite what Administration tells you there is no neutral stance when it comes to genocide or apartheid, especially when this University's money helps build the bombs that have wiped out entire families. This is something we cannot simply brush under the rug as there is not rug large enough to cover or hide the bloodied corpses of the 14,000 children killed by Israel nor the additional 18,000 innocent civilians nor the countless more who are missing. We need to take action, we need to do our part, we need a referendum.
- Claire Davies
- I am in full support of all four referendum questions. Student Council, you cannot claim to be committed to uplifting student voices if you do not allow students the chance to voice their opinions.
- Hadas Brownstein
- I am a Jewish student at Clark and I am calling for divestment and a referendum. I celebrate Jewish holidays, I speak Hebrew, and wear my magen David everyday. I lived in northern Israel for six months during my gap year, forming a strong connection to the land. As I said I am calling

for divestment and a referendum. The acts of the Israeli military and government against the Palestinian people are inexcusable and genocidal. In this case, divestment should be viewed as the neutral option. Supporting companies that fund the extermination of Gazans should be seen as the extreme here. I urge CUSC to pass the referendum and I urge students to vote for divestment.

➤ Nati Botero

- I am a Jewish student at Clark and I don't consent to my tuition money being used to support Israel in their ongoing genocide of Palestinians. Ask yourself, whether you're Jewish or not, did you consent to that? The answer is no, you didn't, because why would you? Why would you let a university, that can't run without you (and your money), put your money towards something so sinister and appalling? Why would you let your money fund a fucking genocide? Clark didn't ask for our consent to do this in the first place and that's no accident. It's clear they care more about having our money than hearing our opinions. With this divestment referendum, we can show Clark admin that they have no choice but to hear us when we say: DIVEST NOW!

➤ Amatista Keller-Angelo

- Please vote in favor of bringing question 1,2,3, and 4 to referendum.

➤ Emily Wells

- As an undergraduate student and active member of several clubs at Clark, I would like to express my unequivocal support for institutional AND student government divestment from Israeli apartheid. I support the divestment of student government, dining services operations, and all endowment funds from the state of Israel and companies complicit in Israeli apartheid. To this end, I am requesting that CUSC put all four referendum questions to divestment. Anything less would constitute a failure on your part to consider the concerns clearly and repeatedly articulated by your constituents
- Over the past few weeks, there have been several concerns expressed about the practicality and logistical challenges associated with divestment. However, divestment is not some crazy new idea. Other universities have set a precedent for successful institutional and student government divestment. Our demands are nothing new.
- I would also like to clarify the purpose of today's vote, as there seems to be confusion on that issue. Today, you are not voting on implementing these referendum questions. You are voting on whether or not to let us, the undergraduate student body, vote on these questions. That should be the absolute bare minimum. I would also remind you all that as a club, CUSC already voted to support the call for divestment. Considering that you have already released a statement calling for divestment, I feel that it would be incredibly disingenuous not to put this call into action now. As such, I am urging you to put all four of the proposed questions to referendum.

➤ Maya Fiallos

- it is very disappointing that voting on whether or not we have a referendum has taken several meetings.
- please stop stalling or dancing around it. we have the opportunity to actually do something. to actually challenge convention. why aren't you willing to inconvenience clark with a human rights issue when it seems they don't think twice about inconveniencing us? tuition increases, cut programs, understaffed services. why does it feel like you're protecting clark's interests above even your own? that's the hill you want to die on? all we're doing by waiting or postponing is making sure clark keeps its huge sums of money tied up in companies that are funding horrific acts of violence. while they keep taking more of OUR money!
- and anyway, passing the referendum doesn't necessarily mean you agree with divestment, it's just whether or not you think the student body should get to vote on this. you are the student council, you've seen all the clubs in favor of this, and yet it feels like you're representing everyone except the students you actually represent.
- you don't have to like me, or anyone else that is in support of the referendum and divestment. you can think it's annoying. that's your right. but my right, as a member of the student body, is to have my voice heard, my interests considered and defended, and my democracy intact!
- personally, i don't care whether or not you, as an individual think divestment should happen. the awesome thing about the referendum is that as fellow undergrads at clark you would get to vote on it as well!
- please just give us the same opportunity to vote.
- thank you.
- Vivian Schwerner
 - As a Jewish student, I am urging Clark to divest from funding a genocide and for CUSC to pass all four questions of the referendum. As students there is not much we can do on behalf to the university, but have the right to vote where our money is going. Thousands of people have been murdered and we continue to invest in their murderers. Free Palestine.

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

❖ Motion to Approve: Ashley Second: Abraham

- Favor: 31
- Opposed: 0
- Abstain: 0

→ Committee Updates

❖ Communications

❖ Elections

- The Elections Committee remains committed to ensuring that the Referendum happens as soon as possible.
- Should vote today, host the election on the 10th and 11th
- Bylaws for some reforms sent

❖ Finance

❖ Judiciary

❖ Student Life

➤ PCFs:

- Approved a PCF for 500 for CAICball and a PCF for 150 dollars for Diversity in Games
- MSA sent in 3 PCFs, approved 1,300 of the 1,487 requested
- Tabled Environmental Action PCF because event wasn't on engage
- Activists United PCF for 475 for paying a speaker was approved
- After the transfer of funds to from PCFs to campuswide happens, we will have about 1,525 dollars left

➤ Club Appreciation:

- Tabling: people need to sign up
 - Here is the link:  [Student Life - CUSC 2024.xlsx](#)
 - I'm asking for you to sign up at least once a week: that's two slots
 - Structure of student life requires you to contribute
 - Part of your duties as reps
 - Understands people are tired, so are the people showing up
 - If we cannot do something as simple this, what else can we do?
 - 2 time slots
 - Review our own patterns on consistency and working on our conflict resolution
- Day of Event: need people there for set up and during event
 - Set up starts at 11, if you can make it, please do
 - 11 AM - 3:30 PM
- Share the form!
 - [Vote here for clubs!](#)
 - VOTE!!

❖ Grants

➤ [Grants Slate](#)

➤ Light for the first time since October

- Total Requested: 1,222.39
- Total Recommended: 1,132

➤ Motion to open a speakers list: Ashley, Second: Makayla

- Favor: 31
- Opposed: 0
- Abstain: 0

➤ Ashley

- Happy Kel had a easy slate
- Good break
- Happy we have new clubs going through the grants process
- Shows they know how to go through it
 - Good sign

➤ Makayla

- Agrees with Ashley

- Kel deserves a little break
- Glad we're using discretionary
- Grant slate looks good
- Should pass - no brainer
- Glad theres new club and we hope to see this continue
- Grace
 - echoes
 - Happy it's been light
 - Discretionary being used is great
- Max
 - Funding tracker shows a good amount left with special and discretionary
 - Shoutout to kel
- Gianfranco
 - Agrees with above
 - Shoutout to Kel for all the hard work she has done this year
 - Very busy year
 - Been promoting grants very well
 - Round of applause
 - Knows how HARD this role can be
- Motion to close the speakers list: Makayla, Second: Luca
 - Favor: 31
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain:0
- Motion to move into voting: Hannah, Second: Elena
 - Favor: 31
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to pass the grant slate: Caleb, Second: Balram
 - Favor : 31
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0

→ Old Business

- ❖ Reminder that these have been on the table for a week, had time to discuss, listen to public comments
- ❖ **➤ Annual Allocations 2024-2025**
 - Clubs who have \$0 did not submit a request
 - Given a march 1st deadline and march 8th extension
 - Received multiple emails
 - Questions
 - What are they asking for?
 - What do they have left for this year?
 - How many members and are the events popular?
 - What is the most important part?
 - What could be cut?

- Hard-hitters are usually the same, come into the meeting knowing they will not receive the whole amount, it is simply a request
- Motion to open a speakers list 5 speakers 1 minute each: Caleb, Second: Gianfranco
 - Favor: 31
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Caleb
 - Looks fantastic
 - Done equitably
 - Trusts everyone looked over
- Gianfranco
 - Trusts that this was done well
 - Constitutional funding for community dinners
 - Vote on these as it has been allocated
- Kel
 - Sat in the majority of these meetings
 - Intrigued by other side of this process
 - How we can incorporate grants into this
 - How can grants help fund what clubs did not receive
- Hannah
 - Thank you
 - Considerate to extend deadline
 - Important that they are not getting left out
- Ana
 - Really good job finance
 - Why did Hillel ask for 44k and only get 14k
 - Annie and Indigo chair response
 - ◆ A lot of clubs come in knowing they won't get the full amount
 - ◆ Weekly shabbat dinners 600-1200 per 40 person dinner
 - ◆ Also get outside funding which helps
 - ◆ Every dollar we give is matched from hillel international
 - ◆ Expected that they'll spend 30k
 - ◆ What's in the first semester that we can't get a grant for, get you to midyears.
- Motion to close the speakers list: Caleb, Second: Zach
 - Favor: 31
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion for a five minute recess: Ashley G, Second: Roxie
 - Favor: 29
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 2
- Wasn't adding up in the bottom but added elsewhere, all good now

- Motion to move into voting: Ashley, Second: Sam
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to pass the annual allocation: Duncan, Second: Kaylene
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0

❖ **money transfer proposal**

- Grants is broke
- Transferring 6,000 from PCF to campus wide programming to get through the last 2-3 weeks
- Motion to open a speakers list 3 people 1 minute each: Makayla, Second: Hannah
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Makayla
 - Everything looks good
 - We need money
 - We don't want to be broke
 - Kel would be happy, everyone should make Kel happy, and make everyone happy
- Hannah
 - Agree
 - There was a lot of steps
- Kaylene
 - Looks good
 - Part of student life
 - Ashley has that - we will be fine
- Motion to close the speakers list: Roxie, Second: Josh
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed; 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Ashley Second: Miles
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed; 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to pass the resolution: Indigo, second: Balram
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed; 0
 - Abstain: 0

❖ **Referendum Questions**

- Context
 - % of constitutionally funded RSO's joined the campaign for divestment

using the BDS list

➤ 4 questions

- Question 1: Should Clark University divest all endowment funds from companies that profit from or engage in Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories, as called for by the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement?
 - YES: You are in favor of the call for Clark University to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding endowment funds. This will involve the Clark Undergraduate Student Council reaching out to call for the University and Board Trustees to adhere to the BDS standards.
 - NO: You are not in favor of the call for Clark University to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding endowment funds.
 - ABSTAIN: You are withholding your vote
 - ◆ Open to removing this option, could just not vote
- Question 2: Should Clark University adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding its dining hall operations?
 - YES: You are in favor of calling for Clark University to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding its dining hall operations. This will involve the Clark Undergraduate Student Council reaching out to work alongside the Dining Management Team to adhere to the BDS principles.
 - NO: You are not in favor of Clark University adhering to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding divestment in its dining hall operations.
 - ABSTAIN: You are withholding your vote.
- Question 3: Should Registered Student Organizations adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding funds allocated from CUSC/Student Activities fund?
 - YES: You are in favor of the call for Registered Student Organizations to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding funds allocated from CUSC/Student Activities fund?
 - NO: You are NOT in favor of the call for student government to encourage clubs to comply with the BDS movement principles.
 - ABSTAIN: You are withholding your vote.
- Question 4: Should RSO's (registered student organizations) stop purchasing from specifically Amazon in compliance with the BDS movement?
 - YES: You are in favor of RSO's (registered student organizations) not buying from Amazon. CUSC will write a resolution encouraging RSO's to abide by the BDS Demands pertaining only to Amazon, and the 2024-2025 Clark Undergraduate Student

- Council representatives will vote.
 - NO means nothing will change, and you want clubs to continue using Amazon.
 - ABSTAIN: You are withholding your vote.
 - Worked with Firm and judiciary to make sure aligned with CUSC constitution, as well as the student handbook
 - This is just to get a vote of the student body
 - Flawed to go for any action steps without overall opinion
 - Best way to open for campus wide engagement
 - Likely going to do a townhall, discuss context, include parties with different opinions
 - Could what if forever, focus on the fact that this is just to get a vote
 - No guarantee how next student council will work with these results
 - Elections ideal timeline would have results approved during final meeting
 - Summer project to analyze data and apply to any results
 - Listening to public comments: broad to hit all categories and had to keep in mind that the longer the questions the more likely someone is to get lost. What these steps mean can be discussed in town halls, with representatives
 - Regular election: Yes or no
 - Would provide data on how many students voted for which
 - Would be on engage
- What this means for this council
- What this means for next years council
- Motion to open a speakers list 5 people for 1 minute each: Makayla
- Counter-rotation to open a speakers list 5 people for unlimited time: Kel, Second: Roxie
 - Favor: 28
 - Opposed: 2
 - Abstain: 0
- Kel
 - We've been going over this for close to a month
 - Worked on this along firm, indigo, other reps
 - Took a lot
 - Glad we're getting to the stage of voting on these questions
 - Interesting experience
- Roxie
 - Thinks as someone in the communication committee and frequently nitpicks the way things are phrased, it's important that we make sure everyone is clear on what the options are
 - Explained in the yes and nos
 - Would like to flesh it out in words that are simpler and makes more sense
 - After public comments we received, it's important we have a full

encompassment of what we are doing so everyone is aware

➤ Gianfranco

- The student body has spoken
- Echoing the right to vote on a decision like this (either way) as constituents mentioned
- Vote on these as is
- Does not want to remove abstain option so people have the opportunity to express neutrality
 - Sammi point of information: Majority person always wins, even if abstain wins
- Clear that people want this
- We are representing a large amount of people
- Act on what people are saying

➤ Landon

- Thank you Kel and Indigo
- You have been between a rock and a hard place
- Hard to balance what you can do and what is requested of you
- Boils down: this is the student bodies decisions
 - Would have to be deaf to not hear the voices calling for divestment
- Moving forward, these will take place over the summer/next year
- Advice: be patient with each other, admire the work that others are putting into things
- Not surprising that majority of Clark in favor

➤ Ashley

- Thank you to Kel and Indigo, know it was exhausting and difficult
- Came through with clear questions that people can understand and vote on
- Does what referendum does best: hear the student's voice
- Shows whether there is student backing behind any action
- Action more likely to be blocked if not clear theres voices behind ours
- Headcount
- We are not admin, we can't lay down a rule. We can say this is what the students want.
- This addresses every. single. type. of divestment.
- Thank you to those who have made your voices heard

➤ Motion to extend the speakers list by 5 people: Makayla, Second: elena

- Favor: 30
- Opposed: 0
- Abstain

➤ Makayla:

- Similar to how the past couple have started, thank you to Kel and Indigo, you have been going to judiciary, other people constantly
- You put a lot of work, sweat and tears. We appreciate it
- We as student council are supposed to represent the voice
- Even though we are the representatives we are 30 people.
- We have heard several comments that support divestment, we have heard

comments that don't

- Important to make sure the student voice is heard
- If wasn't on CUSC, know she'd get upset
- Need to pass all 4, if just pass 1 or 2, will only get some opinions
- Can't postpone anymore
- Seen other schools make actions already
- Want to mention appreciation again, countless hours, so much effort, would not be able to have this referendum without the people here from the start, especially Kel and Indigo, also judiciary

➤ Elena

- Senior rep, speaking on behalf of Balram and herself
- many seniors sent emails
- Most are in favor of this
- We are lucky we can be here and just voting
- So many things happening around the world that are so cruel

➤ Max

- Thank you Kel and Indigo, elections and judiciary
- Apologizes for voting against unlimited
- Several emails: in support of all 4 questions
- We should be standing on the right side of history
- Urge you all to vote yes

➤ Caleb

- Nobody shows up
- "I say we get the damn thing passed"

➤ Abby

- Our duty to vote in line
- Just the public comments show that people want us to vote in favor
- Also shown through emails
- Hope work will happen after this
- We have power to tell people that the students want this
- Maybe we don't have as much power as everyone thinks, but we do have power

➤ Indigo

- FIRM and SJP brought this to our attention, we did not start this conversation, thank you

➤ Motion to close the speakers list: Frankie, Second: Sam

- Favor: 30
- Opposed: 0
- Abstain: 0

➤ Motion to move into voting: Stephen, Second: Zach

- Favor: 30
- Opposed: 0
- Abstain: 0

➤ Point of inquiry: do questions 3 and 4 conflict?

- Point of information: No, overlap don't conflict

- Motion to approve the first question: Caleb, Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to approve the second question: Ashley, Second: Luca
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to pass question three: Abby, Second: Josh
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to pass question four: Elena, Second: Ray
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to have a special election for the referendum question: Ashley, Second: Jessica
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0

❖ Amendment to Bylaw 002

- Bylaw discusses all the roles present in student council
- If we add the athlete rep, a lot of athletes aren't able to attend our meetings, how would we address this (Annie has made a special outcome)
 - Annie had coaches talk with advisors
- Motion to open a speakers list 3 people 1 minute each: Landon, Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Landon
 - Haven't been at Clark very long, knows there a serious divide between athletes and pretty much the rest of campus
 - Good way to bridge this
 - To a more unified campus
- Makayla
 - Went to a conference at Bryant, while talking with other student governments, had heard about athlete reps
 - Glad to see that position be proposed
 - Agrees the campus is divided
 - An issue we need to figure out
 - An athletic rep will allow us to see these issues
- Kaylene
 - Really smart idea
 - Lot of athletes don't know anything about CUSC

- Can get them more involved or atleast get them to stop complaining about not being involved
- Motion to close the speakers list: Luca; Second: Max
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Gianfranco, Second: Ashley
- Motion to pass bylaw 002: Stephen, Second: Miles
 - Favor: 30
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- ❖ Motion to amend the previous motion to include noon to noon of April 10, 2024 to April 11th, 2024: Landon, Second: Duncan
- ❖ Motion for a five minute recess: Ashley, Second: Zach
 - Favor: 14
- ❖ Motion for a five minute recess: Ashley, Second: Zach
 - Favor: 29
 - Opposed: 1
 - Abstain: 1
- ❖ Judiciary has met in an [emergency meeting](#), bylaw 202 say that the election questions must be proposed 2 weeks beforehand, however because this is a special election, judiciary has ruled we can move forward
- ❖ Motion to move the date for the special election to go from noon to noon April 11, 2024 to April 12, 2024: Ashley, Seconded: Gianfranco
 - Approve: 26
 - Opposed: 4
 - Abstain: 0
- ❖ Point of inquiry: need to get any certain amount of voter turnout? Elections chair: will share whatever percentage does vote

→ New Business

- ❖ Motion to table new business: Hannah, Second: Gianfranco
 - Approve: 13 - Fails
 - Opposed:
 - Abstain:
- ❖  AI Resolution - Makayla and Sammi
 - Yall signed up for this
 - Artificial intelligence art in the library, social media and more
 - BDST students have been told they cannot use AI but there is no policy for marketing
 - Asking marketing and communications to prioritize students art work
 - If AI is used, it must be stated on the work
 - Will be sent to VP of Marketing and Communications if passed

- Conversation specifically around jonas the cougar art who could've drawn, 3D modeled or more but are not reached out to
- Money concerns? Most people would be willing to do this for free as a resume builder

❖ Elections Bylaw

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- To break this down:
 - 4 sections to increase effectiveness of elections, power distribution, and more
 - Committee structure
 - ◆ Chair
 - ◆ Communications liaison
 - Work with comms and various media outlets on campus to increase knowledge around campus
 - ◆ Notetaker
 - Stephens job = official
 - ◆ Other members
 - Outlines roles and jobs
 - Debate
 - ◆ Last debate was a success
 - ◆ Allows for replication
 - Elections timeline
 - ◆ Elections chair from the previous year sets up the calendar for the next year
 - Regulations
 - ◆ Capaigning in the classroom
 - ◆ endorsements from faculty and staff
 - ◆ Social media
 - Growth
 - ◆ Tabling for direct engagement
 - ◆ Incentivization through engagement
 - Cookie and a capri sun earned through debate question
 - ◆ Contribution and discussion
 - ◆ Utilization of online forms
 - ◆ Requires letter to opposing ticket after e-board election

→ Representative Updates

❖ Ashley

- Correction and Apology
 - Thank you to Landon for signing up
- You all got an email about changes to dining, I'm happy to say we will no longer have sodexo, moving to harvest table
 - Their values and what they do align with Clark
 - Hope the food is better

- ❖ Landon
 - Thank you pulkit
- ❖ Gianfranco
 - Met with Emily Roper-Doten undergraduate vp for financial aid
 - FAFSA failure addressing
 - Financial packages for ED 1 or ED 2 for the junior class after, committed to meeting 100% of your financial need
 - How to distribute the remaining funds, distribute equally to all students a possible questions
 - Wants to collaborate with us
 - Clark hasn't been very transparent
 - Open to recommendations, suggestions, ideas
 - Email Gianfranco
 - Public comments regarding financial aid requested

→ E-Board Updates

- ❖ Sammi
 - [Nomination Form](#)
 - For the end of the year awards and dinner :D
 - Elaborated on the list from last year
 - Can go to any member except for rep of the year
 - Kel can get an award - ashley and sammi have previously when they were transitioning from rep to e-board
 - Internship - still going! Will send in a presentation with my final conclusions to d"What is the purpose of CUSC?"
 - Making sure that there is a final project so you all have a reference to keep the project going/for future projects
- ❖ Dahlia
 - Listen to Ashley G about student life
 - DO IT NOW
 - All the public saw your laptops
 - Thank you, i know i've yelled at you a lot, but thank you for the understanding and grace
 - Would not be where I am without you
- ❖ Ashley
 - Gretchen Carey, Sustainability Manager for Clark's Waste Partner & Tony Hernandez, representing Facilities has offered to engage with students
 - Tony works Monday to Fridays, 7 AM to 3:30 PM
 - Please be respectful of that time
 - The Lasry water fountains should be getting installed in about ~2 weeks
 - Hopefully installing soon
 - Thank you for voting
 - Next Meeting
 - I'll be in a different role
 - Feedback

- Way we have been communicating with each other has been concerning
- We are human, remember there is a person behind the rep you're talking to

❖ **Najia**

- Overjoyed to be your treasurer
- Grants are granting
- Money is moneying
- Stoles are stoling

❖ **Devlin**

- [Chief of Staff Application](#)
 - Always open to questions!
- Emails go to me now!
- Bloom email (like DREAM's is live)
 - cusbloom

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

- 4 years of service to CUSC and other things on campus, thank you Sammi and Dahlia
 - Crowd goes wild
- Thank you Dream

❖ **Mike**

→ **BLOOM INAUGURATION!**

◆ **STATEMENT:** I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

→ **Adjournment**

- ❖ Motion to Adjourn: Caleb, Second: Ashley
 - Approve: 29
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 PM

[Funds Tracker](#)

[Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet](#)

Attendance Record:

Sammi Bosque
 Dahlia Mella-Goris
 Ashley Valois
 Najia Lloyd
 Devlin Geisler
 Prasta Pokhrel

Representative Council:

Landon Parr

Stephen Gibbons

Kaylene Criollo

Jessica Lam

Abigail Kouevi

Aryadeep Ray

Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu

Gianfranco Cornejo Gizzi

Caleb Howard

Balaram Desai

Elena Pérez

Annie Battle

Duncan Green

Kelechi Akabuogu

Miles Bell

Ashley Gast

Abraham Rahman

Abby Coe

Grace Buckland

Frankie Roberts

Roxie Frantz

Hannah Oh

Indigo Cadorette

Zach Powell

JD Cogliano

Makayla Towne

Sam Bazer

Max Rosenfeld

Joshua Jankowitz

Luca Kramer

Ana Simonini



**18th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, March 28, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-9:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:05 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

❖ **In-Person Comments**

➤ **Ellanora Lerner**

- Jewish student in favor of divestment
- Guided by faith, offering piece of faith
- Not obligated to complete the work, not free to abandon it
- In favor of a sustained long campaign for divestment
- National, local and international level
- Urge to think abt divestment as a tangible direct action
- All social and political permission
- Listed names of specific companies
- Companies killing us all, receiving huge amounts of moeny from our government
- Massive destruction around the world
- Unlivable climate for all of us except white men
- Divestment integral for a free Palestine

➤ **Madeline Wissler**

- Junior at clark, poli sci
- Eboard of pro choice club
- Support divestment, injustice of reproductive rights
- Personal manner, in favor of divestment
- We should have a say on where our money goes
- Direct opinion of students reflecting on university policy
- More space for conversations and questions that are not inherently

attached to different discussions

- Believe in right to exist or not, religious rationale, believe in democracy and saying what we believe
- We need to support divestment
- We need the referendum
- End of the day, ethnonationalist theocracy committing genocide.

➤ **Cecilia Bachana**

- Senior at Clark, passionate about politics and social justice
- Jewish and Israeli, lots of family in Israel
- Last few months on campus have been painful and scary
- Clark students have denied atrocities committee on October 7th
- We ask you to support students
- Jewish students may disagree on sentiments, but we cannot let one group to speak for the rest of the Jewish community
- Not here to convince you to like Israel, just further prevent more ostracization
- Resolution that involves SAF is dangerous and impractical
- Is this just?
- Must represent and support all students

➤ **Ethan ElHamahmy**

- Supporting divestment, uncomfortable with supporting genocide in any fiscal manner
- Doing my part, university should do the same
- 32k has been killed, not even counting those who are injured, traumatized, lives destroyed
- Look to South Africa, and the history of apartheid
- Our money should not be going into a genocide, or a system of oppression
- Collective punishment is bad
- No more oppression of student voices

➤ **Eve Harmon**

- Jewish student at Clark
- Strong and unequivocal support for divestment of Israel
- Thank you to the student council members who have spoken out about this, as well as SJP
- We need to do better as an institution, “challenge convention”
- Students leading the charge, admin is not – disappointing
- Everyone here needs to be involved and push for this campaign
- Email your reps on student council
- Email admin, go to protests, also recognize that divestment is not the end all be all
- Keep organizing for a free Palestine

➤ **Carter Lee**

- Senior at Clark, here to support the call for divestment
- Never consented for a genocide with our money
- This does affect us

- As human beings this deeply effects us
- One small piece of a larger ecosystem to create change, and this is something we can do
- We need to do this, let's just do it

➤ **El Martinez**

- Senior at Clark, using their speaking time to list clubs
- ADDA
- Choices
- FIRM
- PEC
- Pro choice
- Menstrual equity
- Sinfonia
- CUFPS
- Photo society
- Line dance Clark
- Activists united
- Peapod
- Clark yoga
- Sewing club
- Bars
- AKOG
- Quiz bowl
- Ultimate
- Counterpoints
- ROCU
- Variant dance troupe
- Student voices mag
- Arboretum advocates
- Concert band
- Clarkies for kindness
- Dance society
- Pre law
- Plantea
- Sigma tau delta
- Hawthorne review
- DIG
- Dems
- Association of martial artists
- Musical theater
- Players society
- Scarlet
- Geography association
- See you
- Mock trial

- CAIC

❖ **Online Comments**

➤ **Cecillia Bachana**

- Criticism of Israel is totally legitimate, but USC needs to do better to protect Israeli students and Jewish students who have a connection to Israel. CUSC said nothing on Oct 7, and I respect your general silence until now, but to rail against the state of Israel and call for divestment without once acknowledging the 134 hostages still in Gaza - including a baby and his 4 year old brother, as well as elderly and ill people - and without ever having said or done anything in response to the violence of Oct 7, makes myself and other students feel very unsafe, unheard, and dehumanized. We are being targeted, ostracized, harassed, and made to fear being ourselves while on our own campus. Call for divestment, sure; I support the free speech even of those with whom I disagree, but CUSC should work with students who have diverse views, including those who have connections to Israel, to find solutions for the inclusion and safety of ALL the students it represents. And you should not tokenize the Jewish students who gaslight us by saying such and such is not actually antisemitic when so many of us feel unsafe and isolated; hear diverse perspectives with an open mind and heart.

➤ **Skye Donaldson**

- This is not a message aimed toward the student council, but I hope my message will reach someone who can fix these problems that exist at Clark. This campus is full of construction, old dusty and stain filled dorm carpets, zero air conditioning if you can't afford it, class buildings and dorm halls inaccessible to physically disabled students, AND terrible food that gives several people food poisoning. Yet tuition is being raised. Why? What is improving? The library construction is disruptive and new dorm halls are being built, yet other students are living in lesser conditions. Additionally, it is very interesting how most freshman students who participated in Connections - majority of whom are students of colour - are placed in the same dorm hall - not to mention one of the older ones. Why the separation? If tuition is being raised, so should our quality of living. The president claims he cares about families financial situations, yet it is like picking at teeth to get just enough aid to afford Clark. I was essentially forced to live off campus because of the increasing prices, and how living off campus is so much more affordable. Yet at this rate, I won't be able to afford a meal plan either.

➤ **Jacob Vetstein**

- Dear CUSC. As the elected representatives of the undergraduate student body, you have the responsibility to help us students in instances that actually affect us, such as the price of tuition. A recent poll on the anonymous app FIZZ, shows that 85% of students (318 votes) want CUSC to focus on real issues, while 15% of students (55 votes) view the divestment effort to be a good use of time. Every day that the CUSC

spends on figuring out divestment plans, tuition continues to increase and the quality of services on campus get worse. Please focus on what your job is: which is to make tuition more accessible, not to attempt to influence US foreign policy in a war on the other side of the planet. Please focus on lowering tuition. Thank you.

➤ **Amanda Crozier**

- FOCUS ON LOWERING TUTION!!! While divestment is important, this tuition raise is hurting so many students. Many of us cannot afford it! This school is WAY to expensive for the quality we're receiving.

➤ **Carolynn Steffens**

- The Cathy '83 and Marc '81 Lasry Center for Bioscience houses the Biology Department and opened in 2005. This building is an integral part of our campus, housing the Biology Department. However, it is one of the only buildings on campus without a water bottle refill station.
- Clark University has a longstanding commitment to environmental sustainability. Yet this commitment seems inconsistent. Providing water bottle refill stations can be an effective way to reduce waste and promote sustainable practices within our community. Furthermore, they are extra clean and sanitary as they are contactless.
- We urge Clark University administration to uphold its dedication towards environmental sustainability by installing a water bottle refill station in the Lasry Center for Bioscience. Let's make our university not just a place of learning but also a model for sustainable living practices.

➤ **Devin Moss**

- I am writing in support of the ask that CUSC creates a referendum to survey the student body on whether or not Clark institutions should divest from genocide in Gaza. It is very important to me that my school can stand for justice and respect the demands of its students. Let's let democracy take this on and let the people vote!

➤ **Frida Jackson**

- I am in support of the divestment referendum

➤ **Astro Gopal**

- I am in full support of a divestment referendum. School policy and how we spend our money should be in alignment with student values, not personal administration beliefs. Let the students speak for themselves. Free Palestine 🍉

➤ **Palak Guleria**

- I support the call for a referendum to survey the Clark student body on whether or not Clark University should divest from the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

➤ **Alex Kawa**

- I support holding a campus-wide referendum on divesting Clark from companies enabling Israel's genocide of Gazans. This is an opportunity to stand on the right side of history.

➤ **Olivia Bogle**

- I am sadly unable to make it to the meeting tonight, but I would like to voice my support for Clark SJP's call for a referendum on the student activities fund. Funds here come straight from students from the activities fee, and I know that myself as well as my friends and fellow club members in the Independent Socialist Group are appalled to know that our money is helping fund a genocide. While I personally along with this club are divesting, I want to call on CUSC to not just divest themselves, but to make Clark divest in this big way.

➤ **Emily Wells**

- As an undergraduate student and active member of the Clark community, I would like to express my unequivocal support for institutional AND student government divestment from Israeli apartheid. Israel is currently committing genocide— since October 7th, at least 32,000 Palestinians have been murdered and more than 74,000 have been injured. Divestment in the face of reprehensible international human rights violations is not new for Clark, which divested from apartheid South Africa in 1986 after pressure from students. Clark University has a moral imperative to divest from Israeli apartheid, and CUSC must call upon the Board of Trustees to take action.
- In addition to institutional divestment, student government divestment is essential. As Student Council, you control the disbursement of the Student Activities Fee, and it is within your power to change how and where this money is spent— this is outlined in both the CUSC bylaws and constitution. Therefore, I urge you to follow the precedent set by student governments at other universities and divest our Student Activity Fund from Israeli apartheid. Merely making a statement in support of institutional divestment or calling upon the Board of Trustees to act is insufficient and does not reflect the power you have as a student government body. We are seeking action, not just empty statements. It would be a dereliction of your duty as a member of CUSC to ignore these demands and not pursue student government divestment alongside institutional divestment.
- As individuals who have the privilege to live our lives without the constant fear of being bombed en masse or methodically starved, divestment is our obligation and duty. However, it is important that we see this not as a burdensome task, but instead as an opportunity to make meaningful change. It is our responsibility to do anything and everything in our power to resist the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people, and divestment is a major part of our power in this struggle. As such, I am requesting that you vote to put the proposal for student government AND institutional divestment to referendum.

➤ **Zev Breen**

- Clark University is complicit in the ongoing genocide in Palestine. The tuition money we all pay is going directly to supporting private corporations who are actively participating in the removal and death of

Palestinian people from Gaza to build resource extractive and tourism projects. By supporting these corporations Clark University disrespects and completely rejects its own teachings and foundations as a university that questions systems and creates change. Clark University as an institution actively supports the accumulation of profit over the lives and culture of a whole population of people. As a Jewish student I feel this sentiment personally as I believe contributing to this genocide in the name of Judaism is extremely antisemitism as it is going against many values I have learned through my Judaism. We as university students can have power, we are needed for these institutions to function and I urge us to imagine, learn, and grow together. We can make real change through organizing, connecting struggles across the world with our own, and building solidarity between students staff and others who are exploited by minimal wages or tuition raises. We need to see these institutions for the truth of contributing to these war crimes and believe fully that we have the power when unified to actually change these systems, by doing this club and institutional divestment referendum we are demonstrating this collective power and taking one step towards liberation, it is possible! In the words of Octavia butler in the parable of the sower, a clark first year intensive mandatory reading “everything we touch we change.”

➤ **Arielle Green**

- My name is Arielle Green. One of my moms is from Israel. Her mother, my grandmother, moved to Israel as a refugee after having survived the Holocaust. I have gone to Israel many times because my family lives there, and I have a deep love for the land where my family is from and where my mother was born. That is why I want Clark to divest.
- Perhaps it sounds strange that someone in my position would say that, but I feel, as someone who loves Israel, that I cannot allow this place that I love to commit abhorrent acts of genocide. It makes me so sad and mad. I can no longer be proud of where my family comes from. Beyond that, Palestinians have a right to life, and the right to live in Palestine where they have lived for hundreds if not thousands of years. That is non-negotiable.
- There is not much that I can do as an individual to facilitate a ceasefire, but I can support divestment in my community.

➤ **Elizabeth Rozmanith**

- I am writing in to express my unequivocal support for a referendum on both university divestment AND student council divestment from Israel. It is of absolute importance that Clark divest from companies that are funding Israel's genocide and leading directly to the death, displacement, and starvation of millions of Palestinians. The BDS movement is legal in Massachusetts, and both Clark and other universities have a long history of using divestment as a tool for social change. For example, Clark previously divested from apartheid in South Africa under pressure from students. As Clark students, we have a responsibility to use every tool at

our disposal to end genocide, and divestment is a crucial step in this process. Thank you for your time.

➤ **Hannah Barr**

- Please divest. As a Jewish student at Clark, I support a referendum on both university divestment and student council divestment. As a Jewish student at Clark, I feel the MOST safe in anti-Zionist spaces, where there is a shared commitment to do anything we can to end a genocide. None of us are free until all of us are free.

➤ **Tessa Rosenfield**

- As an active member of the Jewish community at Clark I support a referendum on both university divestment and student council divestment. To be against the ongoing genocide in Palestine is not antisemitic, it is fact in line with Jewish values of peace and justice. we cannot let Clark be complicit in genocide.

➤ **Sydney Kanzer**

- It is with a heart heavy from the grief of witnessing the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people that I write. As a Jew I am horrified to see the atrocities Israel is committing daily, not just for the past 6 months of escalated bombings, siege, violence, and forced starvation but over 75 years of occupation. Divesting from the apartheid, occupation, and genocide being committed by Israel is one step in our power as students to move towards a world where everyone is safe from such horrors. I am in full support of referenda both divesting the student activities fee /CUSC-allocated club budgets AND divesting Clark as an institution from Israel. I hope you all can see the power you have in this moment to stand on the right side of history, to resist a genocide that is being conducted with the direct support of our money. My liberation as a Jew is intertwined with the liberation of the Palestinian people, and it is through solidarity that we achieve safety. I hope it is clear through the testimonies of me and my fellow anti-zionist Jews that divestment is not a threat to Jewish safety, but a step towards a safer world for everyone.

➤ **Nati Botero**

- I am a Jewish Clark student who holds immense love for my Jewish communities, and in no small part because of this, I am unequivocally in support of any referendum divesting from the genocidal war machine. The only thing that divestment does, is help to create a world and a campus that values safety. Safety is not transactional. You can never prioritize the safety of one group over another. The proposed companies for divestment have killed over 32,000 Palestinians in Gaza. Over 12,300 children. More than 73,000 injured. 8,000 missing under the rubble. Half of the homes in Gaza have been destroyed. 100% of the population in Gaza is at severe levels of acute food insecurity. This is all directly facilitated by these companies and justified by supportive media. Companies like Sabra are part of land grabs in the West Bank as soldiers, armed by Elbit Systems, Lockheed Martin, and others invade both the West Bank and Gaza,

continuing over 75 years of land theft. Meanwhile, these are the same companies arming U.S. police forces that are trained by the Israeli Occupation Forces. The tech that they produce is used at both the U.S. Mexico border, and Israeli checkpoints. For the safety of Palestinians and all colonized and oppressed peoples, for fighting the forces that produce antisemitism, for divesting from genocide and the systems that uphold it, follow in the legacy of combatting South African apartheid and divest now!

➤ **Leyla Knight**

- Clark is funding genocide and hiding behind zionists to remain apathetic and dismissive of school wide demands.

➤ **Angel Rojas**

- I've talked with many of you and worked with many of you to create the referenda questions for institutional and student government divestment that you'll be presented with tonight. However, the work does not end there. The work you do on this council does not end with a vote. You all have much more say than you think you do in the workings of our university and it is not respected nor recognized enough — likely because it is actively discouraged, one way or another. You hold a seat at that table and it means something, especially in this moment, so you absolutely should act like it. You can actually change this university for the better, in many many ways. Vote for what you know to be right.

➤ **Liz Cowart**

- I'd like to voice my support for a referendum on both university divestment and student council divestment. In the midst of a genocide I can't think of a single goddamn reason to not try. We are incredibly privileged to be able to sit here and debate the topic of genocide and whether we should really give it our all or remain complicit. Divestment has historically been used at Clark and other universities as a tool for social change and I BEG Clark to give enough of a fuck to try everything possible to combat genocide.

➤ **Maya Fiallos**

- I don't pretend to fully understand how financial decisions and institutions work and how they operate, but I do understand that Clark's continual financial ties to companies and industries that are funding and spurring along the Palestinian genocide is wrong. I don't *have* to understand the inner workings of stock trading and endowments funds to understand that what is happening is wrong and goes against what I believe Clark and the majority of its student body stands for.

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting**

- ❖ **Ashley G— motion to approve minutes**

➤ **Second by Elena**

- ❖ **24/24**

→ Committee Updates

❖ Communications

➤ Instagram Post

- "During a recent meeting, several students expressed discontent with the university's lack of action concerning divestment. The action to put out this statement was passed by the representative Council with an overwhelming majority of 23 yeas and 1 abstention.
- In accordance with Clark Undergraduate Student Council's mission statement, "The CUSC shall ensure a vital and active forum for students to rally support for their causes, activities, and organizations; to voice discontent; and to mediate satisfying and beneficial solutions to the concerns of all Clark undergraduates."
- As the Representative Council, we recognize and value the widespread support for the current divestment campaign, mainly from various clubs on campus. We align ourselves with this collective endorsement and believe it reflects a shared commitment to fostering change within our community.
- In light of this support, we are committed to ensuring that the voices of our community members are heard loud and clear. We understand that there is some opposition to this divestment campaign and want to say that we hear your discontent. Because of these conflicting views, we will conduct a referendum and special elections to gauge further the sentiments and preferences of the student body regarding divestment. This democratic process will allow every individual to actively participate in shaping the direction of our institution on this critical issue."

➤ Limited feedback, ran into some issues

➤ Kel

➤ sent the teams 2 polls, first one voting on the first draft, past the time we said we would do it

- ❖ Did not reach quorum, had to do it again
- Some reps reached out to revise
- Finally voted on it this evening, post is now live

❖ Elections

➤ Initiation of Referendum Process

- Recognizing both the push from student organizations and at the request of the President, the Elections Committee set out to draft a question that reflected the working draft of FIRM's push for divestment.
- Early concerns regarding the constitutionality of some demands were raised by Judiciary and brought to the attention of the Elections Committee.
- A preliminary question was voted on by the Elections Committee to be presented to Judiciary. Though any other representative can also raise the prospect of a Referendum.

➤ Evaluations and Revisions

- A revised set of questions was drafted to align more with FIRM's original

requests. The representatives went back and forth with our faculty advisor and Judiciary, seeking to balance diverse viewpoints while still meeting constitutional standards. This set of questions will be presented today.

➤ Referendum Timeline

■ If the question is approved by 2/3rds of Student Council

- The Election could happen as early as April 3rd and 4th
- The Elections Committee has worked to develop social media advertisements with revised questions to expedite the process.
- The larger percentage of students that vote in the election, the more impact the Referendum will have.

➤ Elections Bylaw

■ Aimed to add substantial structural support and grow student engagement for future Elections Committees to be introduced at the next standard meeting.

- Recognizing both the push from students and the president
- Prelim question was voted on by the elections committee and judiciary
- Reps went back and forth with all CUSC
- Questions will be presented today
- 2/3 vote by CUSC
- Elections committee has worked on social
- Working on bylaw to keep voter engagement

Point of inquiry: Ashley G, need a town hall?

Point of info: Ellie, not needed

Landon, small tidbit, super helpful if we all table so we can get as much info out as possible

Need to increase voter turnout

❖ **Finance**

- Only two clubs appealed figure skating and independent socialists.
- We were able to allocate 350,000 to 92 clubs.
- We met with all 92 so we learned a lot about the clubs and e-boards.
- If a club has \$0, they didn't submit an annual budget request form. They got many emails. There is no wiggle room, the constitution states they will not receive an annual. They can apply for a midyear as well as a grants and PCF.
- We are not able to fund clubs asking for \$40,000. The clubs are aware of this when they send in such a large request.
- What we Look at When Allocating Funds:
 - How much are they are asking for?
 - Has the club spent most of their budget from this year?
 - How many members and average attendance are they getting for events?
 - What is the most important thing they need funded?
 - What did the e-board member feel could be cut?
 - Are they an active club?
 - How does this benefit the Clark Undergraduate Student Body?
- [Allocation Document](#)
- Round of applause for committee

- Met with ALL clubs who requested
- This is what the committee has decided on
- Money went to constitutionally funded entities, money was broken up equitably
- More clubs than 92, needed to submit budget by timeline, but also be registered officially
- No wiggle room, can go to midyears or grants in the fall to supplement
- Portion of our active clubs did not request budget
- Some clubs asked for >40,000 dollars, cannot get that
- Appeals process, 2 clubs appealed
- They had the chance to appeal and it was advertised
- Added that money to the clubs who appealed, then disbursed the rest
- Why are we spending this money? How much did they ask for, has the club spent most of their budget
- Doesn't help other students to give money and not have it be spent
- Spend your goddamn money
- How much is their attendance
- SAF ONLY GOES TO STUDENT ALLOCATIONS
- Lyft, grants, PCFs, club budgets
- What is really important
- Considerations when cutting things, spoke to eboard and asked what could go
- How does this benefit student body
- Student activity fund
- Questions?
- Will not be voted on today

❖ Judiciary

- [Amendment to Bylaw 002](#)
- Pulkit: one proposal, amendment to bylaw 002
- Student athlete representative
- Changes are highlighted, will be adding in an athlete rep
- Ellie: judiciary has been working all of the days on the documents
- Can't vote on it, makes sure that it's all constitutional, $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the council
- Use all of the power we actually have
- Make sure the resolutions are ensured to be constitutional
- Doing everything we can

❖ Student Life

❖ Grants

- [Grants Slate](#)
- CUSC: end of year banquet, asked for food, gifts, and certificates
- Najia in meeting, abstained
- Clark environmental action: directed to PCFs, more fitting as an on-campus event
- Campus wide programming fund is at a whopping \$40.00
- CYES: research conference fees, committee recommended 681, 500 from special, 181 from advocacy, draining advocacy
- MSA: asking for Iftar dinner funds, asked for 6k, committee voted for 3k, sent to PCF's for Eid event fees

- Jazz workshop: equipment + food, asked for 1,550, 1,250 from equipment, 300 from special
- Best buddies: registration and flights, \$400 from special, capped at max for travel/conference fee
- Look at funding tracker
- Total requested 11,990.48, amt rec: 6,111
- Motion to open speakers list: 5 ppl 1 min each – Indigo
- Second by Roxie
- 24/24

Motion to open speaker's list: Indigo; Second: Roxie

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**
- **Indigo:**
 - glad MSA got money, fully funded for next year, environmental action is active, PCF is accurate fund, jazz workshop needs to be funded from equipment
- **Roxie:**
 - unfortunate that cusc has less money for end of year banquet, grants knows what's best, yield money to other clubs, good idea to switch to discretionary, good thing for us to do
- **Ashley:**
 - grants slate looked very good, thank you for sending enviro and MSA to PCFs, will work on tomorrow, best buddies needs to be discretionary, everything looks great
- **Makayla:**
 - agree that discretionary will be used for best buddies, make us less broke, want to stay as not broke as we can, think it's fair that CUSC got money taken out, save money for other clubs, will have fun stuff, should appreciate grants and Kel for all of her hard work, deserves a lot of appreciation for her hard work, thank you Kel <3
- **Duncan:**
 - i like this, glad to see PCF's are getting more usage, Kel you're killing it, yeah all good

Motion to close the speakers list by Makayla, second by Ashley G

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

Motion to move into voting, Grace, Duncan second

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

Motion to amend best buddies to discretionary: Makayla; Second: Makayla

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**

- **Against: 0**

Motion to approve the grants slate: Grace; Second: Sam

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

Grants slate passes

→ Old Business

➤ **Divestment - Indigo**

- Kel and I will be proposing referendum questions. These have also not been attached because judiciary has to approve them first.
- A referendum is asking the student body's opinion. Voting does not mean that will then be taking these steps. All it means is that a question will go out to the student body as well as having a town hall meeting.
- Please remember people especially Kel have been working very hard on this and if you had strong feelings about how it should've been written you should have reached out before now.
- Kel and I put together have had four meetings with FIRM about what they are hoping to get out of this.

➤ **Indigo**

- back again, divestment. Kel is proposing the following, asking the student body's opinion, lots of steps before the actions of referendum happen, getting the undergraduate student body's opinion

➤ **Kel**

- context: over 40 clubs, $\frac{3}{4}$ constitutionally funded clubs, to join clark call to divest campaign, in alignment with BDS movement, movement focuses on the divestment from supporting Israeli apartheid

➤ **Question one: Should Clark University divest all endowment funds from companies that profit from or engage in Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories, as called for by the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement?**

- YES: You are in favor of the call for Clark University to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding endowment funds. This will involve the Clark Undergraduate Student Council reaching out to call for the University and Board Trustees to adhere to the BDS standards.
- NO: You are not in favor of the call for Clark University to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding endowment funds.
- Abstain: You are withholding your vote

➤ **NOTE: endowment is NOT SAF, CUSC has nothing to do with endowment**

➤ **Work with elections, goal is to get results, will be a Bloom project over the summer and fall, pending results**

➤ **Question two: Should Clark University adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding its dining hall operations**

- YES: You are in favor of calling for Clark University to adhere to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding its dining hall

operations. This will involve the Clark Undergraduate Student Council reaching out to work alongside the Dining Management Team to adhere to the BDS principles.

- NO: You are not in favor of Clark University adhering to the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement's principles regarding divestment in its dining hall operations.
- Abstain: You are withholding your vote.
- CUSC would work with results, specifically eboard
- Question three: Should the Clark Undergraduate Student Council require Registered Student Organizations to agree to comply with the BDS demands to receive allocations from the Student Activities Fund?
 - YES: You are in favor of the call for institutional and student government divestment from the companies identified by BDS. CUSC will vote on a resolution requiring RSO's to comply.
 - NO: You are NOT in favor of the call for student government to encourage clubs to divest.
 - Abstain: You are withholding your vote.
- We can't control what people use their money for, we are unable to work through all of the data, and the club information, and the receipts on how clubs spend their money, we can recommend their spending alignment, but finance committee, and CUSC eboard cannot control club spending
- Question four: Should RSO's (registered student organizations) stop purchasing from specifically Amazon in compliance with the BDS divestment movement?
 - YES: You are in favor of RSO's (registered student organizations) not buying from Amazon in a show of divestment.
 - NO: means nothing will change and you want clubs to continue to use Amazon.
 - Abstain: You are withholding your vote.
- This was specifically limiting clubs not use Amazon, instead purchase from other places, amazon is a large company and part of the BDS list, the goal is to limit SAF funds being used on this company
- CUSC would happily adhere to these restrictions, however, we need to all agree on this policy

Overall questions

- Cannot take action after this is done, but we are asking for clubs to do this and follow the BDS guidelines in a show of support, we do not have the power to limit club spending on companies on the BDS list
- 4th question targeting amazon, as many clubs have a long history of using and purchasing from amazon
- **Grace**
 - question about reimbursement checks, as Amazon is much easier to send a wishlist
- **Indigo**
 - Smartbuy is a bit of a mess, this is a SLP question
 - Talks about how clubs are able to buy things, talks about switching things up
 - We are unable to restrict club funds, we cannot say "you can't buy this", but we

CAN provide a list of alternatives, we can talk to individuals who request money through grants or pcf's to find alternatives, but we cannot stop individual club leaders from using their money on things that are on the list, if the budget is already allocated

- No action taken against club leaders/eboards
- No punitive measures taken against club leaders
- **Ellie**
 - This is vague, bylaws exist
 - Inability to punish is correct, we cannot punish people
 - There are capacities to be aware of
- **Kel:**
 - We do it, results come in, how do we move forward with clubs who vote "no", we can't apply this to everyone if people do not agree, complicated process
 - Grants operating different than in '08
- **Abby**
 - Can we ask SLP to remove Amazon as a "vendor"?
- **Danielle:**
 - Resolution is an opinion, CUSC needs to do the work afterwards
 - Layers after the vote
- **Landon** Point of inquiry
 - Lot of students who may want punitive action, many people also see this as divisive
 - What steps are Indigo and Kel going to take to ensure this is not abused?
- **Kel:**
 - Council changes drastically every year, we would work alongside with new people, as well as eboard and returners, to ensure that things changing do not become abused
- **Indigo**
 - This is only the referendum, excellent questions, we need a lot of communication with other members of the Clark community
 - Do you think this is cool? – Indigo, 8:26 pm
- **Miles**
 - Can we introduce punitive action?
- **Najia**
 - Need to do this in a non personal way, ensure that we are working in accordance with the student body, work with Clark students, as well as reps, as well as eboard
- **Ellie**
 - Job of cusc reps to work with constituents
 - Act on BEHALF of constituents
 - This is a longer process
 - What is the avenue you would like to pursue?
 - Referendum is the first step
 - Student body being able to vote on position
 - Bylaw 307 – Sammi, 8:30 pm
- **Kel**

- Gauging opinion, next years council can act accordingly, analyze results, what does this mean, how do we go forward
- Flawed to have action steps w/out opinions
- Why the questions exist
- **Ashley**
 - Can we still have the election?
- **Landon**
 - Yes
- **Sam**
 - Fix wording
- **Kel**
 - Solid

Sammi:

- General consensus: not voting today, but anyone is able to motion for discussion about that

Motion to open speakers list: Landon; second: Ashley G

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

Landon

- speaking with constituents, entire student body, a lot of support for divestment, also earnest concerns about language going into divestment. Can say after presentation that these questions are good, glad we are not going down a punitive route, calling for change without singling people out, want election to happen as soon as possible

Ashley

- reiterating landon, questions are very good, thank you indigo and kel, want election to happen ASAP, but would prefer student body to be able to read and understand questions before election, able to get it done before the end of the year, and any changes made will be a project for later anyway, so better to be informed

Grace

- See an overwhelming amount of support for divestment, need referendum, a lot to discuss, going to take a lot of time to enact these changes, the board of trustees does not even meet until august anyway, change is still happening, still on my point on how we should have alternative solutions for clubs and actionable items for student leaders

Abby

- Spoke with constituents, everyone who they have talked to has supported it, different opinions on the different questions will provide a more concise vote and clear perspective on student thoughts

Indigo

- Of course, I support the questions, been a frustrating process, would like to do more, feasibility is difficult, frustrating the slow nature of the process, but it's not CUSC's fault that we're moving slowly, please do remember that, do we wish that we could do more? Yes. do I believe we are working within our scope? Yes

Motion to close the speakers list: Ashley G; second: Kaylene

- ❖ Favor: 24
- ❖ Abstain: 0
- ❖ Against: 0

Referendum Questions

- **Impeachment of current CUSC representatives**
 - Point of inquiry Ashley G: public meeting or private?
 - Pulkit: Will be shared with next general meeting
 - **Motion to pass this bylaw 146 on impeachment of current CUSC reps: Ashley G; Second by Frankie**
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 1
 - Against: 0
- **Impeachment of current Judiciary Committee Members**
 - **Motion to pass bylaw 147 on impeachment of judiciary members: Makayla Second: Zach**
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 1
 - Oppose: 0
- **Bylaw 505 - Fall Community Dinner Constitutional Funding Bylaw**
 - **Motion to pass bylaw 505: Stephen; Second: Jessica**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- **Bylaw 501 Amendment-1.docx**
 - **Motion to pass bylaw 501: Frankie, Second: Balaram**
 - Favor 24
 - Abstain 0
 - Oppose 0
 - Late night breakfast foreva
- **Chair Tenure Bylaw**
 - Ashley: how is sent out? Sammi: up to interpretation of eboard
 - **Motion to pass chair tenure bylaw: Elena; second by Ana**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- **Bylaw for Chair Standard**
 - Establish interview standard for chairs, appointed members, etc
 - Community standards will be sent out to applicants before the intereivw, so applicants are aware of what they will be asked
 - **Motion to pass chair standard, Roxie, Second: Stephen**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0

→ New Business

Lasry Bubbler Station Proposal - Ashley V.

- I'm first! Working with constituent on getting water fountains (not bubblers), will cost less than Blackstone
- Each BUBBLER (water fountain) haha will cost less than last initiative, coming from cumulative surplus
- Eboard can use this for capital projects, up to \$100,000 can be used
- Goal is to have all buildings on campus have a refillable water station
- Need to vote today, not next week, would need to motion to table if needed

motion to move into voting on bubbler: Sam; second: Kaylene

- **Favor: 24**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

Makayla: motion to approve of the water fountain proposal

Ashley: how much money? Entire eboard: a LOT

Repeat motion

Motion to approve of the Lasry Water Fountain Proposal: Makayla; Second: Abraham

- **Favor: 24**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

❖ Money Transfer Proposal - Kelechi and Najia

- Here again, funding tracker is rough
- Fund transfer request proposal, diminishing amount in each account, reached out to student life
- Move 6k from PCF to campus wide
- We are expecting a lot of grants requests to come through before the semester comes to a close
- Advocacy is at 0, our catch all fund is depleting
- Huge influx of grants as compared to last year
- Encourage usage of campus wide programming money, to increase programming
- Still need to operate, why the decision was made only to move \$6,000, not more
- Ashley does not use PCF fund to the extent grants is used

❖ A Discussion on the Health Services Office - Roxie

- Recent things have come to Roxie's attention as a student and as a representative
- Health services is infamous for being inaccessible, both physically and in terms of patient care
- Only receive a test of you have symptoms, moved forward, but not far enough
- We as an academic body have an obligation to raise the bar in terms of access through health services

➤ **Elena**

- would love to support you, it's brutal to get to health services, went last week and getting better

Point of inquiry: Ashley G.: do we have any roots of the problem with health services?

Roxie: has spoken to danielle and other reps, community members, and more, on the difficulty with health services

Needs to get better about health services, not doing our duty fully to students

Grace: students feel judged.

motion to open a speakers list, 1 person per minute 3 minutes: Ana; second: Frankie

- **Favor: 23**
- **Abstain: 1**
- **Oppose: 0**

Ana:

- Had a really positive experience with health services, but has heard a lot of bad things, probably there once a month or every 3 weeks
- A great mentor she has had at clark works at health services
- Location is a huge problem, very fortunate to have a vehicle
- If there is anything we can do about location, we should do it

Frankie:

- Would love to work on this, has heard both good and bad things
- Went to the hospital 2 weeks into the year
- Would love to help out with this project

Stephen

- Interesting to hear all of these stories
- Has heard mostly negative things
- Absolutely believes that there are some positive things
- Would love to join roxie's initiative
- Would love to help get ball rolling if needed

Motion to close speakers list: Ashley G; second: Zach

- **Favor: 23**
- **Abstain: 1**
- **Oppose: 0**

❖ Discussion on Parking and the Streets - Roxie

- As a driver, parking is rough on campus
- Concerns abt the number of close calls she's seen on the charlotte/woodland/hawthorne intersection
- Lots of speeding, lack of visibility
- Hard to see if there's lines of cars coming
- Leads to more questions about accessibility and lack of parking on campus
- Further infrastructure issues
- First come first serve basis, \$350 - \$400 spent on parking
- For example, the parking garage is about \$400 due to the fact that it's inside, most expensive next to Blackstone, which is even further limited
- Commuters can park in all of these lots, raises concerns for residential students who pay for this lot
- Commuters are dealing with a lot, since they are not overnight parking, it can lead

to an increase in accidents or close calls

Zach: point of personal privilege, agree with statement

Motion for speakers list, 3 ppl 1 min each

Roxie motioned Landon second

- Favor: 24
- Abstain: 0
- Oppose: 0

Roxie:

- Street right behind MAC-D, too narrow, dangerous, people parked on either end, terribly dangerous, needs to be updated

Landon:

- Commuter, personally attest to the horrible nature of parking, lots are full, street parking is horrible, commends for taking parking issues into account, both to make more accessible for pedestrians, and for all students

Grace:

- People have cars because Worcester is inaccessible, tread carefully, as people love their cars, don't limit street parking

Stephen: motion to close the speakers list, second by Sam

Favor: 24

Abstain: 0

Oppose: 0

Roxie: point of personal privilege: appreciate everyone, if you want to help work, please reach out to me.

→ Representative Updates

❖ Zach

- The JSC and Main Street Hall Council are doing a Y2K Themed Karaoke Night in The Grind in UC
 - Held on Saturday April 13th from 6-8pm
 - JSC Hall Council will also be hosting temporary tattoos and bedazzling station

❖ Gianfranco & Ray

- Meeting with Sarah Lopolito - Associate Dean and Director of the Office of Global Engagement (OGE)
 - Defined the type of relationship we want CUSC IS Reps to have with the OGE.
 - Dean Lopolito is willing to function as an advisor and partner for IS Reps in the short and long term.
 - IS Reps will take a more active role on the International Student Welcome (ISW) planning.
 - Currently looking for volunteers for an ISW student-led section.

- Brought up concerns and struggles the International community faces.
 - Had a productive conversation on how to proceed and tackle them.
- The OGE wants to connect with multicultural clubs on campus to reach more International Students and get more insight on how to improve.
 - IS Reps will facilitate that bridge of communication.
- Stephen: 2 updates
 - Recently met with President Fithian, about connecting administration and cusc
 - Quickly turned into a discussion about FIRM, divestment, and endowment
 - Office of Community Standards, Stephen is reviewing the student code of conduct, was told to bring code of conduct to council, and CUSC can give feedback, if needed
- **Landon**
 - I was told we have to vote next week for our referendum, as many actionable steps will be taken this summer
- ❖ Makayla: email back from RLH, bringing Frankie to meet on April 5th about handicap accessible buttons in the buildings
- ❖ Elena and Balaram: senior week is coming up! Sign up for events!

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- COMQUIN & grad student forum next week (6-7) tentatively
 - Referring to neutrality committee as COMQUIN, COMQUIN has come up with standards for neutrality or when institutions should, if they should, be neutral
 - ***Tentatively* Booked april 4th 6 pm to 7 pm, in our regular space**
 - Most of the committee wants to come to council, we also would like to invite graduate students into the space, as grad council meets about once a month
 - Ask reps and all who attend their input on neutrality
 - Professors Little and Ghosh would be presenting
- Has skimmed the notecards, if anyone has not filled out the notecard, please hand it in to Sammi by the end of the meeting
- Wants to pass these over to Bloom, so we all can sense where people are this semester
- Please come to eboard, advisor, or judiciary for any concerns you may have

❖ Dahlia

- Archives
 - Library is second home, exists in library, second home, she is a rat in the library
 - Rep Ashley G came with her to the archive
 - In 1985 voted to divest from South African apartheid, and again in 1987
 - Missing referenda, highly stressed about this
 - In excursion, we also found multiple Black presidents, prior to Vision, changing our understanding of CUSC eboard history

- Come help and learn about archives, message Dahlia on teams or email, to schedule time
- Archive time: Thursdays, 2-2:50 in archives

❖ **Ashley**

- If any of you or your constituents have other bubbler concerns, feel free to send them to me
- Thank you all for passing water fountain proposal!
- Will be reaching out to David Chearo
- If anyone has any other buildings, please refer to Ashley so we can work on more
- Any ideas about capital projects? Come to Ashley during office hours on Mondays 3 pm -5 pm

❖ **Najia**

- Update on dinner for banquet vs family dinner
 - Only one dinner this semester. During the inauguration on April 4th
- Congratulations to every single CUSC member, committee member, e-board member on Gala!
 - So excited to see most of you

❖ **Devlin**

- So much love to you all! Miss you all dearly and can't wait to be back!

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

- Great convo and dialogue, only about 3 more business meetings left, only 3 more meetings where clubs can ask for money
- Spree day theme being announced TOMORROW
- Reach out with projects

→ **Adjournment: 9:30 PM**

❖ **Motion to adjourn, Balaram seconded by Ashley G**

❖ **Favor: 24**

❖ **Abstain: 0**

❖ **Oppose: 0**

[**Funds Tracker**](#)

Attendance Record:

Sammi Bosque

Dahlia Mella-Goris

Ashley Valois

Najia Lloyd

Devlin Geisler

Representative Council:

Landon Parr

Stephen Gibbons
Kaylene Criollo
Jessica Lam
Balaram Desai
Elena Pérez
Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Kelechi Akabuogu
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Abraham Rahman
Abby Coe
Grace Buckland
Frankie Roberts
Roxie Frantz
Indigo Cadorette
Zach Powell
JD Cogliano
Makayla Towne
Sam Bazer
Josh Jankowitz
Luca Kramer
Ana Simonini



**17th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202
7pm Thursday, March 14, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-9:00 pm)

→ Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Sebastian Royo**

- ❖ Normally comes once a year
- ❖ Thank you for the work that you do, important for the university
 - Recognizes its time consuming in addition to work, classes, etc
- ❖ Many challenges comes with many opportunities
- ❖ Questions about the university, what you learn, what you get out of it
- ❖ Very involved in the higher education community
 - Opportunity to visit many campuses
 - Taking away that he's very proud of the student body at Clark
 - The past year has been difficult and you've handled it in an amazing, commendable way
 - ◆ The way you've engaged is exceptional and he recognizes that
- ❖ We're doing new things at Clark
 - New school of climate
 - Sustainability and social justice rebrand
 - Honors program that some students have been involved in
 - Main St and the new residence hall
 - Desperately needed, not serving students the way it's supposed to
 - Thank Dean K and Danielle, for always working to support the students, could not be prouder
- ❖ Opens to question
 - Gianfranco
 - Any plans to match the financial aid with the raise of tuition?
 - We are a tuition-dependent institution, the number of students is much different than earlier in his time
 - Less students graduating nationwide especially in New England

- The upward cost is reflective of what the university pays
 - ◆ 5-6 years ago, students paid 40
 - With less students, we have less resources to provide in financial aid
 - ◆ Fundraising aggressively and actively to fund scholarships
 - ◆ Identify the students that can/can't pay more
 - Any talks of more financial aid for international students?
 - Many international students paying more historically, due to available resources for those students
 - Working on it, but will take awhile
 - ◆ Wish we had the money
- Elena
- Is there a website where clark gives all updates as opposed to word of mouth (she gets RLH updates as she works there)
 - ◆ Communication is key
 - Always surprised to hear what students don't know
 - What would work?
 - Know email is bombarding
 - Elena: In progress tab on website
 - Many students don't know what's happening to the first level of main st
 - ◆ Transparency
- Roxie
- How does the money system work for the dining experience? The rules are touch and go, can be confusing, inconvenient times for swiping with students doing activities - can we put on the table changing the system, as opposed to swipes,
 - can we use the base price for public use as price for dining dollars
 - Can be hard for students who can't find things they are able to eat
 - ◆ May be easier with a larger range of what you can purchase
 - ◆ Swaps also confusing, can't get some things unless you have dining dollars
 - Only get to use the resource, to a certain degree
 - ◆ Coming from a community college in Hudson Valley
 - Put \$2000 onto your one card (equivalent)
 - Are you using your swap or dining dollars
 - ◆ Royo: benefits to each one
 - ◆ Dean K: University undergoing proposals, have 3 they're currently looking into (down from 8)
 - Want to make sure we can feed ourselves easily and freely.
- Elena
- Meals, planning, food at clark. Loves universities, wants to work at higher education. Other students can go around and use dining dollars at local restaurants.
 - Not sure why it isn't happening

- ◆ Dean K: Cost and technology
- ◆ E: has to do with the open campus
- ◆ Gianfranco: a lot of residents have been complaining about food in dining hall, food poisoning from dining hall food.

➤ Miles

- What's going on with Chandler Village?
 - Dean K shares negotiations are still ongoing
 - Meal plan here or there
 - Full time CD there
 - Clark RA's there
 - M: One or the other meal plan?
 - Will also have their amenities
 - For juniors, seniors and grad students

➤ Dahlia

- Going to be a shuttle between Worcester State and here?
 - Yes, provost royo has been very adamant on that

➤ Abigail

- Mentioned new wellness-focused programming, can we expand on that?
 - New fee standard at other higher ed institutions
 - ◆ Increasing counseling staff at CPG
 - ◆ UWill teletherapy for grad and undergrad with a certain amount of sessions, access to diverse therapists
 - ◆ Healthy minds survey - under 20% - DO IT!!!
 - ◆ Hoping to continue increasing offerings
 - ◆ Health and wellness survey took 25 minutes - seems very long for not getting paid.
 - Every student should compete it!

➤ Elena

- What's happening with the property on Park Ave
 - Question of money, big dreams for that space with athletics
 - Kneller is quite outdated
 - "I heard" from students

➤ Adam

- How do you intend to scale national rankings?
 - The metric is so profoundly objective to the differences across institutions
 - Worrying about students and family first
 - What explains the drop?
 - ◆ Formula, changing values for ranking, research as a research institution with the small body is hard as other institutions get more out as more people to do so
 - Not a reflection of clark
 - Weighs more
 - What can we do about it?
 - Not much, we don't have the space, that's

not us. The things we could do to move up are not things we can do or want to do

- What if we move to a different ranking? Currently in a research one. Could move to Liberal Arts, but how will that impact us? That's not us, we pride ourselves in research

- Why are we not moving funds to research?
 - ◆ Prospective students would rather live in a nice building than do research
 - ◆ Not paying as much attention to research
 - Demand driven
 - ◆ Dean K: not either or, its both, we are investigating ways to increase both, dean of research job available specifically to find grants for research
 - ◆ Royo: it's a trade off, wish we could get

➤ Sam

■ Dining swipes related

- Dining swipes are revenue based to be transparent
- Always willing to talk about more
- If we did it with just dining dollar, SODEXO and us would lose a lot of money
 - ◆ New partner being asked about food insecurity, where food is sourced, etc
 - ◆ Dean K always happy to answer questions about this

➤ Elena

■ First time using the DCU center, we're so small, if someone doesn't have a car, can we provide shuttles back to campus after graduation?

- DMO: Sunday afternoon will be receptions
- In the morning will have shuttles
- More info to come
- We are the class that didn't have graduation in HS

➤ Provost Royo is open to people coming to meet with him

- Send him an email if you want to meet with him

→ Call to Order: 7:04 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

❖ Zachary Rutherford

➤ Here to say some unpopular things

- As a Jewish Clark student

➤ Do believe that we should honor calls to divest

- Be extremely cautious with this announcement
 - A number of the posts put up by clubs have been in their comments and tags below
 - ◆ Reference so called state of Israel

➤ Attach the greatest piece in English canon, this is not a fact on the attack of the

state of Israel

- What's your plan?
- What happens tomorrow in that world?
- What will happen tomorrow is needless, countless slaughter

❖ **Ethan Quinn**

- Here because he is Jewish
- Wants to ensure Clark is an education environment for all peers
- Wants to have a safe descent with all peers
- Since the time of 10/7 and off campus SJP group
 - Community feels scared, isolated, and unsupported
 - Feels unsafe with Israeli identity
- SJP has no authority to speak for the student body
- This will further move to isolate students
- These actions being proposed will harm all identities
- As a student council, 51% is all you need to be elected, but you need to make sure you are representing all of the student body

❖ **Nathaniel Delagado**

- Since October 7, 30,000 people have died in Palestine
 - There is no food, water, electricity in Gaza
 - Israel is keeping all these essentials hostage
- We are complicit in a genocide
 - I hope we can understand that on a basic academic level
- It is important to understand there is room for free speech, how much does that go to Palestinian students
 - What do you say to that
- In regards to CUSC, why have you not done anything further
 - This is a genocide, where every minute matters
 - I am deeply disappointed with this body and with the general public for advocating about this genocide
- Talking to professor today
 - Deeply saddened that there are families in Clark that have families in Gaza
 - Where do these matter
- As someone studying Poli Sci and PECO, this is not something we can ignore
- Hoping you go to President's office and ask for divestment

❖ **Aaron Kishenbaum**

- Also a Jewish Clark student, here to unequivocally support divestment from Israel colonialism and genocide
 - It is extremely dangerous to pit Palestinians and Jewish safety against each other
- Police brutality in the US-Mexico border
 - If you continue to fund those companies
 - Worcester SJP is not a registered organization, it is a group made of Clark students
- This proposal is following on the heels of the divestment from South African apartheid

- Plain and simple, these companies have already killed thousands of children and displaced thousands of people
- The only thing that can happen for all of our collective safety and liberation is to divest from an active genocide

❖ **Jade Newman**

- Senior here at Clark University
 - Also a Jew
- Witness campus get broken down
 - The recent divestment campaign
- Looking at schools, Clark was seen as a beacon of hope
 - Made numerous friends with people from Hillel
 - Spent time in Israel
 - Israel is not white person country
 - Near a major church and other Jewish sites
 - ◆ Met people from all over the world
 - Israel is not a perfection nation in any way
- Zionism simply is the belief that Jews should have a home of their own
 - The land of Israel can be placed many years back
- That is why Israel is so important to Jewish people

❖ **Marcus Palumbo**

- Didn't plan on coming here tonight, kept thinking about one thing in general
 - Believes money and morals should go hand in hand
- Put money where your mouth is
 - Clark puts a lot of its money into Israel, believes it constitutes a genocide
- Take into consideration what we as students are putting our money towards
- Some might say that this is a one sided thing
 - If the debate is to divest from Hamas, everyone would say yes
- We do have money in spaces and we should take that money out
- Personally believe that if we stay focus on the question of divestment, we can still have a conversation about safety on campus
 - Make sure that money is going towards things we don't support
- Language is something we talk a lot in this conflict
 - We should not be clouded by that and be clear about the question
 - Do we have money in these places or not

❖ **Brenner Yellis**

- Also a very proud Jewish student
- Judaism is why they are here right now
 - aism and Jewish levels
 - Try everyday and live by values that are preached to us
- To me, what Israel is doing right now, that contrasts everything they have learned in the past 21 years
 - To see other people at Clark to make a conflation
 - 75 years ago, 5000 on the Jewish calendar
- Do not want money to go to things that oppose Jewish values, what compelled them to talk today

- ❖ **Public Comments (Form Responses Digitized)**
 - Since we all ask you to provide your name, we also ask the same of those who submitted the form
- ❖ **Eve Harmon**
 - I would like to voice my strong support for the FIRM proposal that Clark University divest from Israel in dining spaces. Right now, the Israeli government is committing a genocide against the Palestinian people living in Gaza, and though our impact at Clark is small, we should be doing everything in our power to send a strong message that we must put an immediate end to these atrocities. Divesting from Israeli products is one way that we can both take a principled stance against the horrific acts currently taking place, as well as to stop providing Israel with any money in this moment.
- ❖ **Nola Hadley**
 - I would like to respond to the call for public comments on divestment. I strongly support divesting from any and all companies that support Israel's attack on Gaza. I know that many of my friends here at Clark share this viewpoint. University divestment would be a continuation and more impactful version of the boycotts that many of us have already been participating in. The current humanitarian situation in Gaza is disastrous—that's a uncontroversial fact. A ceasefire and an end to the occupation of Gaza is the only way to save the lives of innocent civilians. Clark must divest to stand for justice. Thank you.
- ❖ **Kai Moore**
 - I'm reaching out to express my support for divestment. It's incredibly hypocritical that the school I attend not just to learn concrete skills but (more importantly) how to use them in a compassionate, responsible way is investing my and my peers' tuition in companies funding genocide. It is clear that the student body is overwhelmingly in support of divestment from how many clubs have joined the instagram campaign. From the perspective of an individual club (Clark Student Voices Literary Magazine) when we sent out a poll to our members, 29 out of 33 respondents voted in favor of divestment. I ask that the student council speak for those it represents by pressuring the administration to divest from these companies.
- ❖ **Maya Fiallos Wylie**
 - I fully support the proposal presented by FIRM and feel that it should be put to a rTry to center life around Judeferendum for the Student Body to vote on. It is essential that Clark University acknowledge the genocide currently occurring in Palestine and immediately divest from the companies involved in Israeli apartheid. I also believe that CUSC should make a statement acknowledging this issue and call for divestment as other student clubs at Clark have done.
 - I understand the fear behind following up on these issues, and I struggled with some of that myself, but it is so important to realize that living in fear is barely living. Do whatever you need to do to find the courage to stand behind these issues and as the ultimate representation of the Clark student body, recognize that 40 clubs have called for divestment, as well as our continual advocations for this. You know as well as I do that this is something that the Clark student body feels

strongly about and will not stop talking about it. Get on the right side of history, please. Leave behind the fear.

❖ **John Feltus**

- I would like to voice my support for a referendum allowing Clark students opinions around de-investing from Israel to be heard. Regardless of one's stance on the issue it is important that Clark students have the opportunity for their views to be heard in an open easily accessible way and a simple referendum would allow this. Clarks purpose is to provide the best opportunity's for its students and therefore students perspectives must be heard.

❖ **Jesse Lowe**

- I am writing to support any motion CUSC might make to support the Boycott, Divest, Sanction movement on campus. I do not want my tuition money or club activities fees to go towards companies that invest in Israeli apartheid, occupation, and genocide. I am proud to go to a school where so many individuals and clubs are united in favor of divestment.

❖ **Eli Humphrey**

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❖ **Ariana Pillitteri**

- I am supporting Firm's resolution to call for Clark University to divest from Israeli Apartheid.

❖ **Liz Cowart**

- My name is Liz Cowart, I'm a junior and the President of the Pro-Choice, Reproductive rights group on campus.
- I (as well as the entirety of the club) fully support the proposal presented by FIRM and feel that it should be put to a referendum for the student body to vote on. it is essential that clark university acknowledge the genocide currently occurring in palestine and immediately divest from the companies involved in israeli apartheid. i also feel strongly that CUSC should make a statement acknowledging this issue and call for divestment as other student clubs at clark have done.
- In addition to divestment, i think it's imperative that student council addresses the censorship of pro-Palestinian statements on campus. Freedom of speech and expression are no longer freedoms if Clark admin reserves the right to tell me what I can say, when I can say it, and where I can say it (especially if these rules are only enforced for students who support Palestine) For an institution that prides itself on "challenging convention and changing the world," the silence and neutrality from admin regarding an ongoing genocide is disgusting and pitiful. Unfortunately, I can't say that it's surprising because every single selling point that Clark uses to rope students into attending this school has been a lie. Students aren't supported here in any way and we've seen this affect not only our rights to free speech, but also disability rights and accommodation services, food

insecurity, and the insane tuition increases that make this school accessible to only those that can pay the price.

❖ **Ethan ElHamahmy**

- I am writing to support any motion CUSC might make to support the Boycott, Divest, Sanction movement on campus. I do not want my tuition money or club activities fees to go towards companies that invest in Israeli apartheid, occupation, and genocide. I do not want my money to help build the bomb that takes a child away from their family, a father away from his children, a baby away from its mother, or any civilian from their community. Israel is forcefully starving children any many have already starved to death adding to the over 12,000 children Israel has killed in the last 5 months. While they prevent aid from entering Gaza and bomb refugee camps, schools, hospitals indiscriminately we sit here and debate whether we should divest from a fascist government that refers to Palestinians, in the West Bank and Gaza, as “human animals”. The quicker we boycott, divest, and sanction, the quicker we end our role in funding Israel’s apartheid and genocide of the Palestinian people not just in Gaza but the West Bank as well.

❖ **Sydney Kanzer**

- I, as a Jewish student, urge Clark to divest from the ongoing genocide and occupation in Palestine. Zionists do not speak for me. Anti-zionism is an essential part of my life as a Jew and a US citizen. When Clark funds genocide, it does not keep me as a Jew safe. When Clark censors pro-Palestine speech, it does not keep me as a Jew safe. The main commandment in our faith is to preserve life above all else. Preserving life means ceasing funds directed towards arms corporations and other supports for genocide. I refuse to let my identity be weaponized to support a genocide in my name of over 30,000 Palestinians, as my ancestors have known genocide. Please do not conflate anti-zionism and anti-semitism. Stand with Jews of Clark AND with Palestinians. Divest now.

❖ **Alia Tang**

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❖ **Jena Klimaszewski**

- I am writing to support any motions by CUSC that support the Boycott, Divest, Sanction movement on campus. In some of my courses at Clark, my professors have spoke on the idea that you are able to "vote with your dollars," which can be applied to this case. I do not want money that I have paid to the university to be used to buy from corporations that invest in Israeli apartheid, occupation, and genocide. Divesting from these corporations could also open the door for Clark to source more products from businesses that are local or that have sustainable business models. Challenging injustice has been a theme throughout much of my coursework at this school, and divestment from these corporations is a way to put that coursework into action. The individuals and clubs on campus who have been fighting for divestment are doing exactly that. I am proud to go to a school where

so many people are willing to speak out against these issues.

❖ **Mir Stojanov**

- there are talks of institutional neutrality at Clark however, neutrality is impossible. neutrality is being complicit in the genocide that is happening to the people of Palestine now, being complicit in the death and starving of thousands of people. I support the call for divestment immediately, I do not want my tuition money to be used to support the starving and killing of thousands of Palestinian people.

❖ **Maya Fiallos Wylie**

- I am begging for some sort of financial transparency from Clark. Why are they raising tuition if we have such a large endowment fund? Where is our money going? Please continue asking for more financial transparency.

❖ **Logan Breen**

- I would like to know exactly where the raised tuition money is going. Multiple offices are in dissatisfactory states right now, unable to even answer emails in a timely fashion. If I'm to pay even more for these services, at a school that is already pricey, I need to know exactly where that extra money is going and how it will help. I also support the FIRM divestment proposal.

❖ **Katherine Zanino**

- AI art has seen an increase in usage throughout the past year, and I have seen it in some promo material. I ask that the following things be done:
- 1. The work of students MUST be prioritized over that of AI. It should not be used to replace student jobs
- 2. Students should be encouraged to use software like Canva, which is easy to use
- 3. If AI is used in ANY CAPACITY, it must be disclaimed in a noticeable manner
- 4. Artwork must be submitted with proof that it is an original work, and not AI generated
- 5. Students should be educated on how to tell if art or writing was generated by AI

❖ **Armand Erban**

- I find the recent use of AI-generated "art" in organizations' advertising very disrespectful in many ways, primarily because it's a slap in the face to all artists at this school who could have potentially designed these ads themselves. The ads also come off as lazy - looking at them for more than two seconds you can see obvious warps and misspelled text. It just really rubs me the wrong way and I hope something can be done about it.

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting**

❖ **Landon; Second: Ashley**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

→ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Communications**

- Met, tonight, on Thursday 3/14

- Talked about
 - Creating a constituent outreach guide
 - ◆ Will be worked on
 - Making a post stating that the last day for grants is April 15th
 - Making a post for Gala
 - Meet next on Thursday 3/21
- ❖ **Elections**
 - Prepare for a referendum if that is decided
- ❖ **Finance**
 - Started meeting with clubs for annual budgets on Sunday
 - Next week, doing Sunday-Monday
 - Initial allocations to clubs comes out March 23rd
 - Presenting to council on March 28th
 - Final vote will be April 4th
 - Hope to continue distributing funds equitably
 - Shoutout to committee
- ❖ **Judiciary**
 - 📄 Impeachment of current CUSC representatives
 - 📄 Impeachment of current Judiciary Committee Members
 - Both will be voted upon next meeting
- ❖ **Student Life**
 - PCFs
 - First Generation Student Association: Alumni Panel Event - Approved
 - Best Buddies: Unclear Request - Pending
 - Figure out best path for them
 - Club Appreciation
 - We will be tabling during lunch and dinner for the first 2 weeks of April.
Please use this link to sign up:
https://clarkuedu-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/zpowell_clarku_edu/EWhKFfUlmSNAPSoVFhN-AFUB7xtEwL2RnchHBXNmmJ4Upg?e=f8cJLz
 - Sign up for at least 1 a week
 - Also remember to be available to work the event on April 17th
- ❖ **Grants**
 - [Grants Slate](#)
 - Women on Wall Street
 - Now [Official grants slate \(3/12\)](#) recommending it for \$700
 - Could come from discretionary
 - Klea Tozlluku
 - \$600 from special allocations
 - Could come from discretionary
 - English DEI Department
 - To pay artists \$500 from advocacy
 - ISEA

- AAPI event, asked for \$2,510 from special allocations
 - Reps can recommend campus wide
- CUSC
 - Club appreciation for \$2242 to pull from special allocations
- CUSC
 - Late night breakfast, \$9500 from special allocations
 - Reps can also recommend this come from discretionary
- DIG
 - Merch from club, \$537
 - With further discussion, can touch discretionary fund
 - Specifically for new clubs
- **Motion for a speaker's list, 1 minute for 5 people: Landon; Second: Miles**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Landon**
 - In reviewing grants, majority of grants are really wonderful
 - Particularly excited about Women on wall street
 - Think that late night breakfast, has hesitation towards
 - Heard from people on campus that it is a good event
- **Miles**
 - Look at grants slate, all of them are good and fun things to do
 - Late night is very important for a lot of people on campus
 - Coming from a treasurer from a new club, the discretionary funding is a good source for a new clubs
 - It's a good resource
- **Ashley**
 - Thinks we should move women on wall street to discretionary
 - We use special allocations often
 - Discovering Worcester
 - Could be a PCF
 - Campus wide event
 - ◆ Consider that
 - ◆ Might be a better place to fund it from
 - Like a lot of the events that are happening
 - These are very important events for students on campus
- **Ray**
 - Thinks all the events are good
 - \$8,000 funding is not used
 - Good to diversify money that we pull from
- **Gianfranco**
 - Don't see any issues
 - Agree with Ashley, move women on wall street to discretionary
 - Discovering Worcester
 - Have been a club for 2 years

◆ Don't think it would classify as a new club

- Don't see any issues
- All grants look good

❖ **Motion to close speaker's list: Ray; Second: Zach**

- **Favor: 23**
- **Abstain: 1**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to amend the grant where CUSC late night breakfast to campus wide: Ashley; Second: Stephen**

- **Favor: 23**
- **Abstain: 1**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to move women on wall street to discretionary: Indigo; Second: duncan**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to amend grants slate to change club appreciation, \$2000 from campus programming, \$242 from special allocations: Stephen; Second: Landon**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to move DIG from special allocations to discretionary: Indigo; Second: Stephen**

- **Favor: 23**
- **Abstain: 1**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to move ISEA to campus wide: Landon; Second: Stephen**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to move to voting on the grants slate: Makayla; Second: Duncan**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

❖ **Motion to approve grants slate as it is: Stephen; Second: Ashley**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

→ **Old Business**

→ **New Business**

❖ **FIRM Resolution Proposal**

- **Not finished**
- **Met with FIRM to discuss proposal they sent to CUSC**
 - **Through this, we decided to work on proposal**

- Hope is to finish next meeting
- Sent it to judiciary and they sent us edits
- Judiciary members
 - Have to make sure it is adhering to the CUSC constitution
 - Make sure it is happening as quickly as possible
 - A lot of the edits came down to specifics
 - ◆ That way there is no loophole around, don't want to be there a way to undermine what they are actually demanding
- Hope to finish it next meeting, March 28
 - Keep an eye on emails
- Because it is a resolution, it has to be presented by reps
 - Will be the ones presenting it
 - Office hours are on Instagram
 - ◆ Free to email Kel
- Want to be transparent with judiciary
 - Split up how judiciary members are dividing work
- If there is any questions
 - Office hours are the best place to talk about
 - ◆ Vesper (Judiciary)
 - ◆ Daniel (Judiciary)
 - ◆ Makayla (
 - ◆ Ashley
 - ◆ Zach
 - ◆ Stephen
 - ◆ Kel
- Is there an opportunity to be a part of that body?
 - Yes.

❖ **Bylaw 505 - Fall Community Dinner Constitutional Funding Bylaw**

- Najia and Ashley worked on a bylaw to get constitutional funding for community dinners
- Council has done it for 3 year
- High need
- Want to make sure it is sustainable after them
- Only for Thanksgiving break as other departments have begun to host programs during spring break
- Allocating \$2,000 for both dinners
- Assigned to E&I and international reps as their community is most impacted
- To be reviewed every three years, funds may be adjusted, and looked at overall
- RLH collaboration in 2022, past two semesters the contribution has changed, giving the Bullock Hall space, now working with ISSO more, this can continue
- This is to ensure we don't need to go through grants
- Winter break contemplated?
 - Could be brought up in future conversations
- Need to vote on this soon so that it can be considered in annuals allocations
- Consideration of further organization takes charge of these events?

- Set equity and inclusion committee?
 - We encourage all reps to help in this, if we wanted to expand all of this, we'd need your help
 - More hands on work, helpful to have this specifically part of the role
- ❖ [Bylaw 501 Amendment](#)
 - How we just did that grant
 - Trying to constitutionally fund it
 - Grants Committee doesn't have to keep saving that \$10k every year
 - Tacking on late night breakfast
 - Equitably have funding for all of these events
 - Most of student body goes to these events every year
 - We were gonna be up until midnight anyway,
 - Nothing is more fun than deans giving you pancakes at 1130
- ❖ Clark clubs asking for divestment from Israel (Instagram)
 - Worcester SJP put out a post on Sunday
 - Put out a call for divestment from Israel and has asked clubs to put own statement
 - Over 40 clubs
 - CUSC is a student club as well
 - Encourage us to discuss and put this Instagram post on our Instagram as well
 - They are asking for widespread student support
 - We need to discuss if we are a part of that
 - ◆ We need to decide on that here
 - **Motion to open speaker's list for 5 people for 1 minute each: Indigo; Second: Landon**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**
 - Indigo
 - Been reposting other clubs
 - Being kind of sad
 - Be supportive of something
 - Post yays and nays
 - ◆ If you don't want to support it, people can see it
 - We are behind on this
 - Feels frustrated that we haven't posted it yet
 - Landon
 - Completely in support of this
 - Something that we should have done
 - Glad that we are coming together today
 - Echo first public comment from Zachary
 - We should be mindful of what we post in association in this post
 - ◆ Find reasonable alternatives to these products so there isn't

a gap in computers or other products so that we can not only move forward with divesting, but also in a way that is sustainable for the Clark community

- If we do see a price increase, we should also seek subsidies from school to make sure it is affordable for all students

➤ Kel

- In full support of posting it
 - It would be highly ignorant if we stayed quiet
 - We literally help clubs and support clubs
- It would be ridiculous if we as CUSC, don't show support for this
- Aligns with what we're working with on the resolution
 - Us bringing attention to what students are saying is why we are in these seats

➤ Gianfranco

- Fully support to post on Instagram
- It is important to find alternatives once we do divestment
- Subsidized funding from university
- What we have seen tonight from the student body is enough for us to take action
 - We are elected by the people and we are supposed to work with the people
- Posting this on our Instagram will have a huge impact on what administration does

➤ Ashley

- Elected to these positions on some level that our constituents trust us to do the right thing
 - Making this post is the right thing
- We should not be supporting a genocide
- We can figure out how to make sure price increases aren't gonna make Clark not feasible anymore, alternative products
- We have to do the right thing. It is about time that we stood and did the right thing

➤ **Motion to close speaker's list: Stephen; Second: Abigail**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

➤ Next steps

- Folks reaching out to comms

➤ Judiciary

- Looking over constitution
- As per the mission statement in the body of CUSC Constitution, there is the statement
 - "The CUSC shall ensure a vital and active forum for students to rally support for their causes, activities and organizations; to voice discontent; and to mediate satisfying and beneficial solutions to the

concerns of all Clark undergraduates. The CUSC shall be entrusted with the power to charter, fund, and co-ordinate the activities of student organizations. All members of the organization shall ensure that the CUSC operates in a manner consistent with this constitution and any other legislation passed by the CUSC.”

- “Similar to the CUSC President, the CUSC Advisor must maintain neutrality and impartiality in all matters, at all times.”

➤ **Motion to move into voting: Ashley; Second: Landon**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

➤ **Motion to have comms create a post for draft for divestment in accordance with other clubs: Landon; Second: Elena (have it by next meeting)**

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➤ **Motion on approving the draft of the post digitally before next meeting: Landon; Second: Kaylene (you would all decide to vote on Teams, do not require you to discuss in person and wait 2 weeks)**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

➤ **Motion to have draft sent to us by March 19: Indigo; Second: Duncan**

- **Favor: 24**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

❖ Chair Re-Evaluation

➤ Right before the end of the fall semester

- Some chairs are also responsible for fund allocations
 - Student Life - PCFs
 - Finance
 - Grants
- If a chair resigns, there is a process to ensure that a new chair can take that place
- Eboard must unanimously vote to recommend chair continues

❖ Interview Standard

- Dream made interview standard
- Keep the same questions for all candidates
- Need to be considerate of people who may be graduating early

→ **Representative Updates**

❖ **Stephen**

- Appreciation for Sammi’s work in student council
 - Tell you how much everyone here appreciates the work you do
- Your role as a moderator of debate and discussion
 - It is not easy to be impartial about things you have opinions on in this

group

- Your role as an advocate for democratic processes
 - Sammi is impartial within council, but not about council
 - Benefitted from your advocacy
 - Would not be here if Sammi did not encourage them to run
 - ◆ Many people in this room have benefitted from your advocacy

❖ Roxie

- Talked to Eden today
 - A lot of conversations about Make this Hall a Home initiative
 - Conversation about elevators, how it is not easy to do right now
 - ◆ Putting an elevator in Dodd would put hall offline
 - ◆ Likely not going to be a thing that they will see as Dodd Hall Rep, theoretically will happen
 - By the time the Main St. houses will finish, it will take off strain
- Washers and dryers, might steal them from Main St. houses
 - Do a little bit of logistics about where electric and water supply will be working
- Bathrooms
 - Dodd Hall Council had a lot of concerns about it
 - Instead of proposed idea of adding more locks to public spaces, making it more of a privacy thing
 - ◆ Curtains
 - ◆ Community standards
 - Privacy is the main root of this problem
 - Definitely told no locks, fire marshall said no
 - Dodd Hall Council would pay for new curtains
 - Part of the reason why so many of constituents were concerned, because curtains do not fully close
 - ◆ Will invest in newer curtains
- Sanitary receptacle
 - Roaring yes
- Bath mats
 - Iffy
- New shower shelves
 - Taking metal and bolting it to a corner of the shower
 - Talking with Community Standards and Facilities to see how that works
- Kitchen amenities
 - Cooking utilities
 - Oven mitts
 - Fairly unlikely
 - Soap and sponge thing
 - Want to check on other halls and see how they are handling this issue

- Concern about ratios between lounges and kitchens
 - 1 lounge and 4 floors of other kitchens
 - Gutting and redistributing the amount of lounges
- Meeting was very productive and have a clear vision of what they can do as Dodd Hall Rep
 - Have audio recording of the meeting
 - Make it available just for transparency
 - CD Mitchell was also there
- ❖ Gianfranco
 - Next week all international student reps will meet with Student Affairs, with issues surrounding international community
 - International Student Representative bylaw with judiciary
 - Meeting with Provost Royo, financial aid situation
 - Raise of tuition
 - Wanna know what is the plan, what they are gonna do regarding financial aid packages
 - Have information within the next 2 weeks
- ❖ Sam
 - FIRM proposal
 - Unwavering dedication to constituency
 - Sincere gratitude to FIRM
 - Collaborative
 - Thank FIRM for administrations in action
 - Off campus rep - Judiciary decided it was constitutional because Sam started with "as an off campus rep"
 - Kel and Indigo raised concerns about this not being appropriate under Representative Updates, and should have been brought up in discussion during the proposal
 - Prompted Judiciary's insight
 - Agree with FIRM that neutrality equates to silence
 - Fosters a sense of community and engagement
 - Do a referendum and have alternatives planned
 - UC Davis divestment
 - Affects their student government funding
 - Clark is a business and they will always prioritize what is cheaper, believe each student should have individual action
 - Make informed decisions
 - The list by FIRM sourced by BDS is incomplete
 - If we are to opt for alternatives by BDS
 - Raises concerns for sustainability
 - Many clubs have aligned with FIRM
 - Dems Conducted a poll among their members
 - Regardless of clubs actions
 - ◆ They should not be penalized by their actions
 - In navigating this issue, we must always respect them. True understanding is

based on respect. Make sure that no segment is alienated.

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❖ Hannah

➤ There are only 2 lots with 2 chargers

■ Talked to UP

- Make a new policy that as long as you have any decal, you can use the charging station
- Add it on their website

❖ Stephen

➤ Scheduled a meeting with Pres. Fithian

■ Talk about efficiency with CUSC and working with administration

➤ Begun looking at Robert's Rules

- Talking to judiciary about what is actually able to be done
- Let everyone know extra steps

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

➤ Have a draft for an AI Resolution

■ Some artwork, made by AI

- Cougar AI
- Campus Ambassadors poster
- Commuter meet up

■ Might pass that along

➤ [Committee Feedback Form](#)

■ Helpful for next eboard about how all committees went this year

- First years and sophomores may be returning

◆ Having some input about how committees went

■ DO IT.

➤ Will be making nomination awards shortly

■ End of year party will be later

■ All of you nominating your peers for certain things

➤ Eboard met with President

■ Talked about numerous things

- Concerns about Chandler Village

◆ Encouraged him to keep track of international reps are advocating for a shuttle

- FIRM

◆ Pres. Fithian did affirm what admin is looking for to move forward is a referenda or majority vote by the student body

❖ Dahlia

➤ [Sign up](#) for Destination Clark

■ 2:30 - 3:30 PM on the green

- Will be there on Saturday

■ Sign up for some dates

■ Let them know who new eboard is

- Your job as reps to continue that advocacy

❖ Ashley

- Community Dinners went well
 - Wanted to thank ISSO and RLH for collaborating with us!
 - Thank you to CUSC members who helped out (Ashley G., Miles, Indigo, Dahlia, Devlin, Sammi)
 - 39 people attended
 - Leftover pizza went to Worcester community
- A packed agenda is a good agenda
 - Testament to all the work you do for your constituents
 - Thank you for sticking it through these past few meetings

❖ Najia

- Last year, Dahl and Najia were out in the sun meeting prospective students
- Shoutout to people who stood up during this meeting
- [Family Dinner](#)
 - DO IT. NOW.
- Gala, so proud of you, can't wait to see it
- Thanks for being great reps

❖ Devlin

- Constituent email guide coming
 - Working with comms on it but if anyone else wants to help let me know
 - A lot of you know how to write amazing emails, if you want to send examples of your work
 - Future reps could feel more secure in that part of your representative position
 - If you have any suggestions, let Dev know
- Social Media for Clubs Guide
 - Posted our story, talking to club leaders, if you have anything you wish you knew/advice to share - come talk to me!
 - If you want to help, let Devlin know

→ Advisor Updates

❖ Danielle

- Healthy minds survey completion - Spree Day theme
- Wall Street Journal Survey
 - Not long. It is short. We need a certain amount of students to be on the list
- Emerging Leaders Institute
 - 5 weeks
 - Get free stuff
 - Good to expand on leadership development
- There are a lot of things that you need to read for next week. Do not forget to read them. Be prepared for additional conversations.

→ Adjournment: 9:15 PM

❖ Duncan; Second: Annie

- Favor: 23

- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

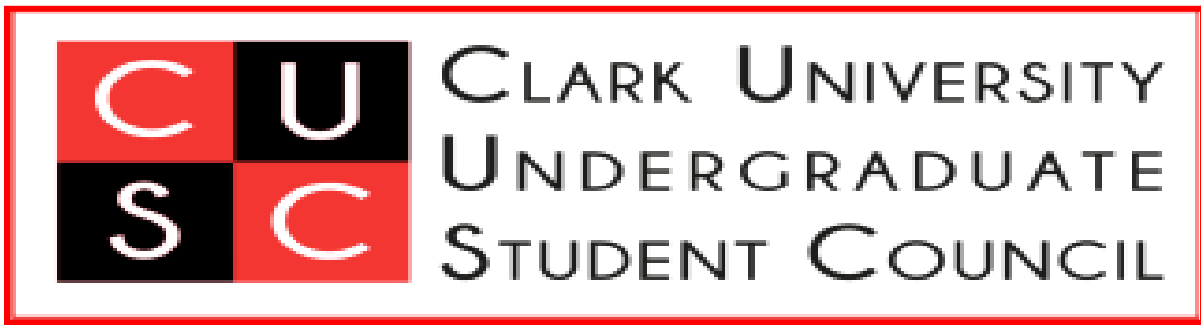
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Attendance Record:

Sammi Bosque
Dahlia Mella-Goris
Ashley Valois
Najia Lloyd
Devlin Geisler

Representative Council:

Landon Parr
Stephen Gibbons
Kaylene Criollo
Abigail Kouevi
Aryadeep Ray
Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu
Gianfranco Cornejo Gizzi
Caleb Howard
Elena Pérez
Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Kelechi Akabuogu
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Grace Buckland
Frankie Roberts
Hannah Oh
Indigo Cadorette
Zach Powell
JD Cogliano
Makayla Towne
Sam Bazer
Josh Jankowitz
Ana Simonini



**16th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, February 29, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-9:00pm)

→ **Call to Order: 7:00 PM**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

❖ **FIRM Proposal**

- Calls for CUSC for university divestment from Israel (listed products below)
- Yesterday, February 28, 2 members met with President, Dean K,
 - Told to formally address this to CUSC before taking action
- FIRM will iterate itself during national walkout
 - “There is no neutrality in your silence.”
 - Divesting from regimes in past
 - “Divestment is not new for Clark University”
 - Understands that this directly impacts Clark University students, dining halls
 - Families in Main South and in Gaza have this right stolen from them
 - Important now more than ever to divest from Israel
 - Clark will be 30,000 lives too late
- Demand locally grown food products
 - Sabra Hummus
 - Starbucks
 - Dunkin Donuts
 - PepsiCo products
 - Gatorade
 - Life Water
 - Coca Cola products
 - Peace Tea
 - Gold Peak
 - Powerade
 - Vitamin Water

- Smart Water
- Dasani
- Minute Maid
- Monster Energy
- Quaker Oats Company
- Kellogg's, including Kellanova products
 - Poparts
 - Cheez-its
- Mars Inc products
 - Combos M&Ms
- Mondelez products
 - Ritz
 - Sour Patch Kids
 - Swedish Fish
- Wrigley Company products
 - Skittles
 - Clif Bars
- Frito Lay products
- Demands that Clark fully divests from Israel
- FIRM urges CUSC to look at UC Davis' student government divestment

→ Hayley Ruff (Campus Dietician) and Robin Dankovich (Associate Dean for Student Success, Health & WellBeing)

- ❖ Need to make more of an emphasis to make sure students that have food allergies have access to options in dining hall
- ❖ Working on
 - Expansion of simple zone
 - Emphasize not having gluten products or dairy or nuts or tree nuts
 - Trying to figure out and ensure that students are not facing cross contamination
- ❖ Propose locks on fridges and freezers
 - Asking for extra step of protection
 - Make sure that they feel it is less compromised
- ❖ What would process look like
 - Giant cone
 - Email Haley and you will get the code
 - Emphasize that you do not share it as to account for students
- ❖ Questions
 - Between when they send the email and when you send a code, how much is the wait?
 - Within 24 hours
 - During spring break or academic breaks, there may be a delay
 - Would this be in the Bistro and Higgins?
 - Focusing on simple zone in Higgins
 - Would this be added onto the website?
 - The reason why they want to do email is accountability for access to the code

- See how many students are using this
 - Simple zone area is allergy friendly
 - Trying to put a lot of emphasis on this
 - ◆ Especially around gluten
 - Students are seeing that (i.e. toasters being compromised)
- For ID cards, grant access to specific spaces?
 - This is a short term solution.
 - Just for capacities of fridge, this is what they would like to do
- Have you considered what sorts of signs or reaching the student body if they want to access the code? Is there any way to automate replies?
 - Can look into automating emails
 - If they are directly emailing Haley, they can get code right away
 - Will work on a print and put signs on what simple zone is
- Is this gonna be added to the menu?
 - Do not know how it will fit on the menu
 - It is not really a part of the menu
 - Simple zone is a pantry
- Have you looked at what other universities do about this?
 - Yes.
 - Looking for expansion as much as they can
 - This is a short term solution for a problem that students have talked about over and over again
- Do you happen to know how many students use simple zones?
 - No.
 - If they ever find that number, they will let us know
- Go back to menu question, is dining hall willing to do an online version
 - Don't use simple zone because some people are visual learners
 - Hired a baker that specializes in vegan free desserts
 - Updating a binder of all of the ingredients for scratch made items
 - Hoping that the pantry stays with things that people want to see everyday
 - Gluten free chicken fingers
 - Breakfast sandwiches
 - Would love to do a list and menu in the future
 - Make sure things are consistent
 - This is coming
- Would you be able to allow students into the area before they swipe, and then swipe in after they know they can eat?
 - Things will stay consistent in that area
 - Make sure they are stocking it
 - List of stock in fridge
 - Don't see how it could fit in the menu
- Thank you for the clear effort put into this. What can we, CUSC, do to support?
 - Working on efforts
 - Doing a short term solution to bigger problem

- Culinary council, hearing from students
 - Don't want students to be surprised when they go to that area
 - Communicate that this is a safety process
 - Will make sure presence is known
- ❖ Email Hayley Ruff hayley.ruff@clarku.edu for concerns, questions, etc.
- ❖ Thumbs up. Yay (from the general council)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

- ❖ **Ashley; Second: Stephen**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- ❖ New Historian: Prasta Pokhrel (she/her)
- ❖ **STATEMENT: I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.**

→ Committee Updates

- ❖ **Communications**
 - **Communications Request Form**
 - If you want a post made, just fill it out
 - When you want it made
 - What you want on it
- ❖ **Elections**
 - Wants to thank everybody that made it to the debate, really appreciates you guys for doing so
 - Review of the Debate and Election Process
 - It was an interesting ride. Wow this is really smooth, bumps might not do damage to the car
 - Might need to do some reform to elections process
 - What different ways we can tackle things that may arise in the future?
 - Ties into idea below
 - Charting the Course: Enhancing Our Election Bylaws for the Future
 - Social media
 - Spaces in which you are campaigning
 - Reinforcing the rules as they are
 - Touching them up so in the future, there is more clarity in how you acts in moments of crisis
 - Ratification of Elections
 - Bloom Ticket has won eboard elections
 - Inauguration date will be on April 4
 - **Motion to ratify the results: Landon; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 1**

- **Oppose: 0**

➤ Thank you elections committee, with help from the judiciary!

❖ **Finance**

❖ **Judiciary**

➤  **THE CLARK UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL**

- Branches are vital for separation of powers and checks and balances
- What is Eboard?
 - President
 - ◆ Everyone should listen to Sammi and no one should be talking unless Sammi has said you can
 - Chief of Staff
 - ◆ Appointed position and anyone can interview for it
 - ◆ Essential for background work
- What does eboard do collaboratively?
 - Work to actively engage in leading meetings
- Legislative Branch
 - Representatives should know what jobs are, what they are, if you don't know, you're a little late
 - You should be showing up to meetings
- Grants committee
 - Do a lot of work
- Chairs
 - Have a lot of stuff
- Judiciary committee
 - There to be at least 3 members of them at every meetings
 - ◆ Also 3 members of eboard
 - Checks eboard and reps
 - They are not reps
 - ◆ Job is to adhere to constitution
 - Handbook and conduct
 - Preventing something from happening by making procedures
 - For life position (as an undergraduate)
 - ◆ Minimum 5 members
 - Ollie, Ketshaly, and Ellie have been working on Constitution
 - They are trying to best interpret constitution as it comes up
 - ◆ Rebuilt judiciary committee
 - ◆ Working through it as we go along
 - If you don't know how to do things, ask them
 - If you are in a club and there is a grant up, you don't vote on that
 - ◆ YOU ABSTAIN
 - ◆ Voting in the capacity of yourself or with your constituents

➤ Robert's Rules Review

- Force and interpret rules
- When they make up a motion, it is something we are gonna respect, use, and adhere by

- Cheat sheet (it is beautiful)
 - Google auto fill is useful
-  **Impeachment Process**
 - Context: There was an original process that was both too vague and too detailed
 - Jury and trial...we are not doing that
 - Pulkit and Sammi went to Bryant for conference (constitution convention)
 - Framebook
 - ◆ If you have any suggestions or concerns, let Pulkit know
 - ◆ Separate process for judiciary committee..but this one is for eboard and reps
 - Conversing with Danielle for individuals and their voting that are facing impeachment
 - Once an individual is impeached, working on their contributions to proposals, resolutions, etc.
 - Email Pulkit or anyone on the judiciary committee
- ❖ **Student Life**
 - Club appreciation tabling sign ups will be released after spring break
 - Tabling in first two weeks of April
- ❖ **Grants**
 -  **Official grants slate (2/27)**
 - Choices
 - Drag show, becoming a semesterly occurrence
 - Event has huge hit in the past
 - Had over 230 attendees
 - Mocktails
 - ◆ Swagly
 - ◆ Trans mutual aid funds
 - ◆ See you collective
 - Want to fairly compensate performers for what they are doing
 - Highlighting restock is important
 - ◆ Planning additional events for club members and larger Clark community
 - Core of this event is to bring local queer talent to Clark community
 - Choir
 - Kel met with them unofficially to talk about amount
 - Clark Choirs
 - ◆ Dedicated to accessibility, non-audition based group, practice using practice tracks, believes everyone passionate about music
 - ◆ Invited by Made in America Productions to perform in Paris
 - Last year
 - ◆ Performed in Carnegie Hall

- Very accessible to all students in Clark Choir under President Fithian's discretion
 - Sum of money from Sims Foundation
- Reached out to public and private funding resources
 - ◆ Spoken to Director of VPA, no avail
 - ◆ Spoke to Provost, VP of University Advancement, no avail
 - ◆ Trying to find funds to make trip accessible
- Originally had 35 students, down to 13
 - ◆ Students who have committed have paid \$2100 already
 - ◆ Looking to lower burden of remaining costs
 - ◆ Adjusting that to be \$6,000
 - Using rest of club fund to lower price
- This trip is an incredible opportunity for Clark students and reflects on Clark community as a whole
 - ◆ Trip will mean the world to students that can go
 - ◆ Felt a sense of pride
- Game Studio
 - Custom t shirts
 - ◆ Part of the reason why they like these t-shirts
 - ◆ Kind of blur together
 - ◆ Up the standards of the Becker Design School
 - \$422 for custom shirts
 - ◆ It is a very important convention for networking for game designers
 - Anything to elevate that experience
 - ◆ Make it a little more awesome
 - ◆ Working with Girts and Graphics Worcester
- Community Dinners
- Raeanne Dance Department
 - Cover conference fees, room and board, and parking
- Pokemon Club
 - They still need to update charter, cannot provide CUSC funds to them
 - Tabled
- Highlander
 - BSU and other multicultural clubs are requesting funds for a conference
 - ◆ \$2400
- Arboretum Advocates
 - Arbor Day t shirts and water bottles
 - Tree diapers
 - Recommended \$1500
- Special allocations: don't have too much, \$2,231
- If we vote on this slate, there will be \$7,900 left in special allocations
 - Have about 6 weeks after spring break for funds to be able to

spend money

- Motion to open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minutes each speaker: Stephen;
Second: Zach

- Favor: 21
- Oppose: 0
- Abstain: 4

- **Stephen**

- In support of all grants
- In support of moving Choices to campus programming
- Choir, musician himself
- They have been doing an amazing job this past year
- Game studio
 - ◆ That was impressive, great game, good shirts
- Good job grants

- **Zach**

- Also support this as well
- Even wrote down if interested in game design, might take a class

- **Roxie**

- In support of moving the Choices to campus wide programming
- In support of choir
- In support of t shirts for Game Design
- Roommate is treasurer of Arboretum
- \$130 for jackets is wild

- **Landon**

- In support of majority of grants slate
- Controversial take: when it comes to Clark Choir, since there are so many opportunities on campus that the funding can go to, it doesn't feel the most equitable in terms of experience
 - ◆ All for mitigating costs for travel
 - ◆ Feels it is a little funky since so many clubs are trying to get support and looking at funds where they are
- In support of entire grants slate, except choir
- Choices, love it

- **Makayla**

- Choices, went last semester
 - ◆ Was a lot of fun
- Thinks that they are donating to See You Collective is great
- Choir
 - ◆ Thinks it is a great idea
 - ◆ Had had the opportunity to do exchange things
 - Changed life
 - Went to Paris and changed life
 - Allows them to do networking internationally
- Game design
 - ◆ T shirts look sick

◆ Great job with that game

- Dance seems reasonable
- Community dinner looks great

➤ **Motion to close speakers list: Stephen; Second: Abraham**

- Favor: 23
- Abstain: 0
- Motion: 0

➤ **Motion to move into voting: Makayla; Second: Annie**

- Favor: 19
- Oppose: 4
- Abstain: 0

➤ **Motion to change the Choices to campus wide programming: Roxie; Second: Sam**

- Favor: 23
- Oppose: 0
- Abstain: 0

➤ **Motion to change the Highlander \$1400 to advocacy: Miles; Second: Makayla**

- Motion Died.

➤ **Motion to remove Clark Choir from grants slate: Landon; Second: Kaylene**

- Favor: 7
- Oppose: 14
- Abstain: 2

➤ **Motion to change Clark Choir \$6000 to \$5000: Indigo; Second: Landon**

- Favor: 15
- Oppose: 7
- Abstain: 1

➤ **Motion to approve grants slate: Ashley; Second: Zach**

- Favor: 19
- Oppose: 2
- Abstain: 2

→ **Old Business**

→ **New Business**

❖ **Motion for 5 minute recess: Indigo; Second: Duncan (must be back in seat by 8:40 PM)**

- Favor: 18
- Oppose: 4
- Abstain: 0

❖ **FIRM's proposal**

❖ **Unmoderated caucus: gives you time to write, discuss, see where everyone is**

- You have to propose a statement and give people time (especially those who are not here) to think about it
- Do unmoderated caucus → do time for you → if you don't think you can accomplish as much as you need → will need to extend response to 1 week

- Drafting a response → give people time to look over it (1 week) → proposal

❖ **Motion for an unmod caucus for 10 minutes: Stephen; Second: Ashley**

- **Favor: 21**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: 1**

❖ **Motion to open speaker's list, 3 people, 1 minute for each: Sam; Second: Josh**

- **Favor: 22**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**
- Sam

- Talking about how right now with constituents, don't know what they want to do
- As of now, leaning towards abstaining
- We cannot table this, this level of an action would reflect poorly on us

➤ Kel

- Decided that they fully support proposal by FIRM
- Not only as constituents, but as students
 - Admin is working in a very strategic way to avoid making statements
- At the end of the day, we should back the cause
- Understand concerns if this was to pass, how would we be able to replace products
 - Comes from a place of privilege to be able to pick and choose products by being in this room
 - ◆ Us looking at list and seeing these drinks going "favorite foods, etc"
 - We should support overall message
 - Similar to BSU x CUSC
 - Working with FIRM pantry in that sense
- Work with FIRM pantry and collaborating with them

➤ Grace

- Fully in support of proposal
- Only issue of thinking of constituents
 - Don't know how they would feel of taking away polar products and frito lays, could not see how we could replacement
- Student body could be upset that we are taking away products
 - As an individual, is okay with taking away everything and just dealing with water
 - ◆ It is also privilege and don't know if student body would see it that way

➤ Options

- Proposal process
 - Do not vote on it this week, let constituents know proposal is

voting on this

- Referendum
 - Vote by student body
- Meeting with FIRM first to see what action steps we could take
- Meeting with administrators who did send them to us
- **Motion to close speaker's list: Ashley; Second: Zach**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to close unmod caucus: Makayla; Second: Luca**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to (in the future) have eboard set up a meeting for CUSC representatives to meet with FIRM to discuss this further, schedule meeting before next CUSC general meeting: Ashley; Second: Miles**
 - **21**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**

→ Representative Updates

❖ Stephen

- Been working with judiciary behind the scenes on recent development from CUPS
 - Canceling production, equity concerns
 - Making progress and keep everyone updated as it goes along

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Blackstone Water Fountain is IN
 - Re Emphasize that if you see any buildings that need water, let Sammi know
 - Working with David Chearo for transparency around recycling
 - Working with marketing on website updates
- Green yellow Red feedback
 - Green
 - Thank you all so much for eboard positive comments
 - Appreciation for each other
 - Enjoyed bonding
 - ◆ Hoping to have more bonding time
 - ◆ Jackbox opportunities
 - Like Thursday meetings
 - Enjoying and hanging out with each other after meeting
 - Yellow
 - Robert's rules
 - ◆ Thank you Vesper

- ◆ Does not allow interpersonal communication
 - Office gets messy
 - ◆ Bring in extra vacuum
 - More student engagement
 - ◆ Will work on it
 - Re-evaluation of chairs
 - Personal work-life balance
- Reds
 - More chair training delegating work
 - Gossip and off-topic / inappropriate topics
 - ◆ There are mandated reporters (RAs, PMs, etc.) on CUSC
 - Long meetings
 - More involvement from judiciary
 - ◆ Being involved today
 - Attendance
 - ◆ Please let me know
 - One committee for everyone
 - ◆ Talk to judiciary
 - ◆ This would be a constitutional change / bylaws change
- [Projects I would do if I was 20 people](#)
 - If there is naythign you are interested in pursuing, please let Sammi know
- Banner 9 Update & Progress of Initiatives
 - Initiative
 - Banner 9 allows you to have control over where pronouns or preferred name get sent out
 - CUWeb Change
 - ◆ Click on personal information → click edit → change pronouns and preferred name
 - When you tell Banner, it tells everyone else
 - PLEASE TELL YOUR CONSTITUENTS
 - Things take time, they are doable and plausible
 - Old meeting [notes](#) from eve/sofia
 - Old accomplishment [tracker](#)
- [Bryant Data Document](#)
 - A bunch of notes from people that attended
 - Please add on to it if you also went
 - Recommends talking to people that went
 - Talk to judiciary
- Have a restful spring break!
 - Please rest (executive order)

❖ Dahlia

- Have a good break!
 - If you need anything, they'll be here over break
 - Hit them up if you have her number
 - If you do not, teams!

❖ Ashley

- Community Dinners
 - March 9 at 7 PM in Bullock Hall
 - Free pizzas!
 - Day where most offices aren't hosting and dining is closed
 - There will be other dinners/meals throughout the week
 - This is your advocacy work!

❖ Najia

- Remind everyone in your lives who run clubs that annuals are due FRIDAY
 - If you know a treasurer, make them fill out annuals/budgets
 - They will be doing a disservice to their club
- Have a good break! Get some rest
- Major shoutouts to grants and finance

❖ Devlin

- [Bryant Feedback](https://forms.gle/o8QMhNGjG7KqE5Xq8)
 - <https://forms.gle/o8QMhNGjG7KqE5Xq8> It was a lot of fun
 - If you haven't done this yet, please do it
 - Can use this to pursue other opportunities
 - Informs us of us going back if we receive an offer from bryant again
 - Favorite responses
 - Got an in depth description of vanilla frosty
 - Networking
 - Stephen
 - ◆ One of the best things we ever got to do
 - Appreciate you all sticking with us
 - Bryant had food issues
 - Things we want to change in the future
 - Excited to see the passion that came out that day manifest in CUSC
- Shoutout to elections committee
 - Yall did amazing
- [New reps' office hours](#)
 - This is where all of you get to put where your office hours will be
 - S24 Office Hours (in-office)
 - When we get back from break, March 10 to 11, March 17 to 18, 9 AM to 6:30 PM
 - They will not be getting canceled. They will **be moved to a new location or moved to Zoom**
 - ◆ Talk to Devlin if you need support for changes
 - Figure out what works for you
- Have a good spring break

→ Advisor Updates

❖ Danielle

- Shoutout to everyone who ran for a position and everyone who encouraged people to vote

- November 2024 elections
- SHOUTOUT TO Elections Committee + Grants Committee
 - Prep you all next week about how to talk to individuals
- Great meeting, stay focused
 - Once spring break passes, things will pick up
- Be safe
- ❖ **Mike**
- **Adjournment: Ashley; Second: Sam at 9:39 PM**
- ❖ **Favor: 22**
- ❖ **Abstain: 0**
- ❖ **Oppose: 0**

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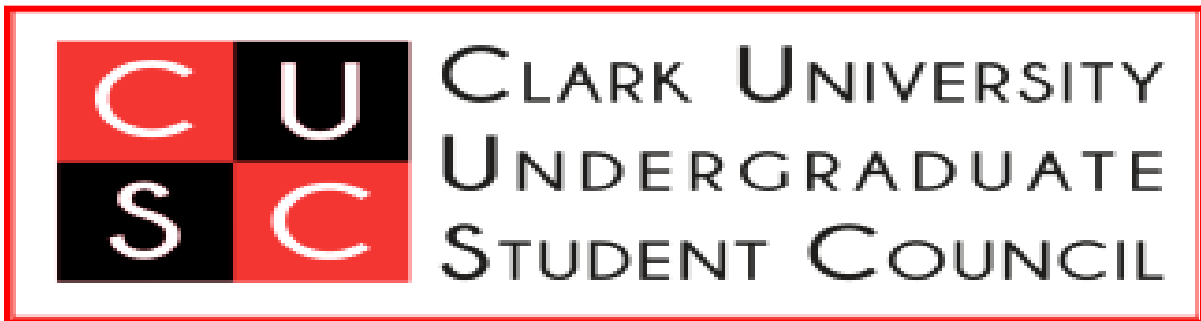
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Sammi Bosque
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Ashley Valois
Najia Lloyd
Devlin Geisler

Representative Council:

Landon Parr
Stephen Gibbons
Kaylene Criollo
Jessica Lam
Abigail Kouevi
Aryadeep Ray
Balaram Desasi
Elena Pérez
Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Kelechi Akabuogu
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Abraham Rahman
Grace Buckland
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**15th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202
7pm Thursday, February 15, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7: 03 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Ray; Second: Zach

❖ Favor: 24

❖ Abstain: 0

❖ Oppose: 0

→ Committee Updates

❖ Communications

- [Running Minutes](#)
- Last time they met
 - Created a post for Eboard elections day
 - Eboard elections debate post
 - Created alt texts for both posts above
- Will be making a post for finance
- Next meeting will be on February 22nd at 6 PM

❖ Elections

- Reached out to the Scarlet for Debate Q&A
- Drafted a Debate Q&A form for the Student Body
 - [Student Body Q&A Form](#)
 - You are free to send it out to your constituents
- Contacted Communications about a post for the Debate
- Found Previous Year Debate Documents
 - [2022 E-Board Debate Notes](#)
 - [Older example, Note the Format.](#)

❖ Finance

- Workshop for annuals
 - February 18 at 11:30 AM
 - February 25 at 6 PM
- Annuals Form
 - Opens TOMORROW, February 16
 - Let all your constituents know
 - Closes March 1
- New email
 - Don't use finance email, just CUSC (cusc@clarku.edu)
 - Or email
 - abattle@clarku.edu
 - icadorette@clarku.edu

❖ Judiciary

❖ Student Life

❖ Grants

- [Grants Slate](#)
- CAIC
 - Asking for \$910
 - Food
 - Coming from special allocations
- **Motion to open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minute for each speaker:**
Stephen; Second: Miles
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- Stephen
 - Naturally, as an E&I rep, likes things for E&I training

- Very sad that Pokemon Club did not show up
 - Just talking about Pokemon
- Landon
 - 65 pizzas is a lot of pizzas
 - Blue jeans has the thinnest pizzas ever
 - Why this place
 - Also sad that there was no Pokemon
- Duncan
 - Like the CAIC club
 - Met with them before
 - They were super nice
 - This is a great thing
 - Lord knows, the athletes need this
- Ashley
 - Concur with everyone else
 - Thought that 65 was a lot, but they are athletes
 - Maybe it will help them pay attention
 - Sad that other club was a no show
- Ray
 - Never expected the pokemon club on campus
 - CAIC is doing good
 - For everyone, it is good
 - 65 pizzas is a lot, a lot of money, sounds reasonable for 2 events
- **Motion to close speaker's list: Ashley; Second: Roxie**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to move into voting: Stephen; Second: Miles**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to approved grants slate: Makayla; Second: Zach**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**

→ Old Business

- ❖ Reflections and Feedback!
 - Green, Yellow and Red
 - 10 minutes to do that

→ New Business

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Roxie
 - Got a meeting date with Eden, March 14 at 4 PM
- ❖ Gianfranco

- Working with Alexia and Ray on a bylaw to lay out responsibilities international rep positions
 - Plus next steps for new generations
- ❖ Annie
 - Very excited, starting a subcommittee in the athletics department
 - Looking to make some moves with that
 - Hit up Annie if you are interested
- ❖ Abigail
 - Tabled outside of CUSC office in UC
 - Saw 4 students
 - Spoke about identities
 - Conversations
 - Tabling outside UC has been effective
 - Working on an initiative to take bias report forms and generate something useful
 - Following up wouldn't work on forms anonymously
 - Gathering trends from reports would be tough to implement
 - Constituents really wanted to make process productive and respectful
 - Focusing more on events
 - Help community connect in a healthy way
 - Dean Kamaro has been working on an initiative
 - Community Standards has been looking for individuals interested in Restorative Practice Facilitators
 - ◆ Guiding weekly dialogues with peers
 - ◆ See Abigail after meeting if you are interested
 - Some constituents have reached out about lack of access to outlets in UC
 - May take some time
 - Curious to see what you all think
 - Maybe getting some tables with outlets built into them

→ E-Board Updates

- ❖ Sammi
 - Neutrality Committee
 - [Questions raised from the committee](#)
 - VERY low input from undergraduate students
 - If anyone has thoughts about committee in general, these are some questions that Sammi has from the committee
 - If your constituents has ever said anything about this or you, yourself, please email them → neutralitycommittee@clarku.edu
- ❖ Dahlia
 - Club Appreciation
 - Queen's Cups
 - Are getting 25 dozen floral themed cupcakes = 300 cupcakes
 - \$1500
 - ◆ Excited about spending less money
 - News have been significantly better than last year

- Have been trying to figure out what people like to see
 - Talking to student leaders and asking them about feedback
- Happy Wellness Day!
 - Take a break, all of you
- ❖ **Ashley**
 - Community Dinners
 - Meeting with Eden
 - Seeing
 - ISSO will be offering funding support
 - May ask about helping us with the actual event
 - Make sure to be taking minutes for your committee meetings
- ❖ **Najia**
 - Club Appreciation Grant
 - It is in the drive
 - Thoughts on what we are getting
 - Office hours are canceled on Friday
 - If you have any answers or thoughts about COMQUIN questions
 - They have no input from undergrads
 - This is very important
 - There are 3,300 undergrads
 - ◆ **0.00030303%**
 - Send them Sammi's way if you have any
- ❖ **Devlin**
 - **Happy wellness day!**
 - **Office hours for tomorrow are canceled**
 - Reps who usually have office hours
 - Bryant University
 - If you're going, come see me for car arrangements if you want to know
 - Reminder - leaving at 7:45 AM - unless want to plan for a (non-funded) dunkin stop prior, see me if so (I know this is early, I want you awake and fed)
 -

→ Advisor Updates

- ❖ **Danielle**
 - Met with many of you
 - New folks, you have access to listservs
 - Mostly updated
 - Do not have list of everyone moved out of residence halls
 - If there is anything you need, let her know
 - Wellness Day was advocated for by CUSC
 - The reason we have it in the academic calendar is because of previous CUSC reps
 - Food, exercise, emotional well-being!
 - There are a lot of committee stuff happening

- If you haven't sent out an email to your constituents (elections, budgets, programs happening), make sure to do that before spring break

➤ Judiciary has access to judiciary email

❖ **Mike**

→ **Adjournment: 7:46 PM Landon; Second: Abraham**

❖ **Favor: 25**

❖ **Abstain: 0**

❖ **Oppose: 0**

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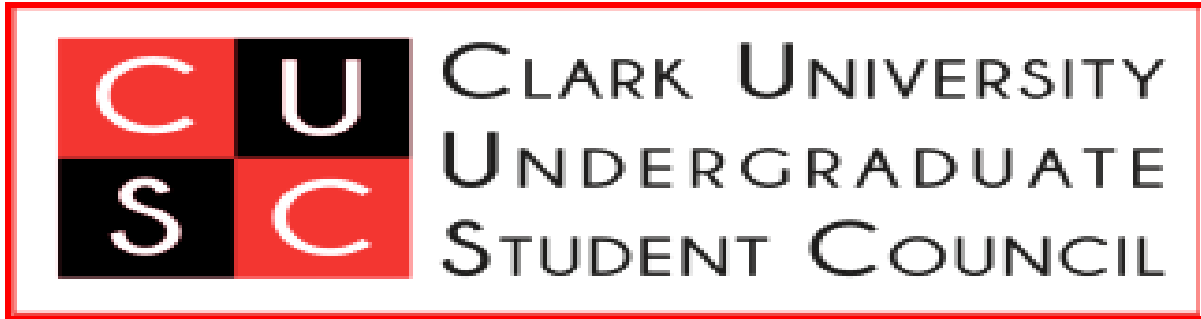
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**14th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202
7pm Thursday, February 8, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ **Call to Order: 7:07 PM**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Landon; Second: Duncan**

❖ **Favor: 24**

❖ **Abstain: 0**

❖ **Oppose: 0**

❖ **New Reps!!** Elena (Senior), Abby (Blackstone), Ana (Clark Apartments), and Frankie (Dana)

❖ **STATEMENT:** I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

→ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Communications**

❖ **Elections**

- Special Spring Elections were pretty successful
- Met this past Sunday
 - Covered election preparations including eboard elections
- Eboard elections
 - Debate organization with contributions from the Scarlet
 - Logistical arrangements like room bookings and photography
 - Focusing on communication

❖ **Finance**

- Had first finance meeting this weekend on Sunday
- Annual forms will be due March 1, Friday before spring break
 - Working on annuals form this weekend
- Will be having meetings with all clubs this finance season
 - Pros outweigh cons at the end of the day

❖ **Judiciary**

❖ Student Life

➤ 2 PCFs

- Activists United
 - Asked for \$125 for stationary to write letters to political prisoners
 - Passed
- Caribbean African Student Association
 - Ineligible to be voted on
 - Asked for \$500
 - ◆ Sent out an email to them to offer help for grants

➤ Club Appreciation

- Keep calendars open for tabling
 - We need all hands on deck
- Keep ears open for when Ashley will send out excel spreadsheets

❖ Grants

➤ Grants Slate

- Mock Trial
 - Regional tournament
 - Have only ever had two teams
 - ◆ Now they have a C team
 - They can't find money for it
 - ◆ Pulled funds that are funding for Law & Society, MUN, Mock Trial
 - Wants to refund that account
- Alpine Ski
 - Wants to do ski trip
 - ◆ Asked for tickets
 - ◆ Amended to \$2500
 - They would still have money in their budget that they can use
- AKOG
 - Asking to rebrand shirts for \$1266
 - Committee agreed that it should come out of special allocations
- SAAC
 - Women's Sports Day
 - ◆ Requested money for tshirts for elementary students
 - ◆ Recommended that it should come out of advocacy
- **Motion to open speaker's list, 5 minutes, 1 minute each speaker:**
Grace; Second: Zach
 - **Favor: 28**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- Grace
 - In favor of everything on list
 - Knows AKOG last year was called All Kinds of Girls
 - ◆ Sees need for tshirts for brand change

- Doesn't have issues for anything else
 - Thinks that everything is fair and justified
- Landon
 - Really wonderful that Mock Trial is doing this
 - Loves Mock Trial
 - All of the other stuff
 - Likes the rebrand of AKOG
 - Not much of a skier themselves, but good for them
 - All for this grants slate
- Indigo
 - These look good
 - It's always tricky doing department funding because you feel indebted to them
 - If there is another emergency at another time, they can no longer use that fund
 - Hear from other clubs that departments are not always gonna give you money so you can never tell
 - AKOG sounds good
 - Ski trip, skiing is expensive
- Roxie
 - Hearing about the travel for the event and how the budgets were kind of tossed upon and they had to pull money how to do it is kind of wild
 - Thinks that us reimbursing it is important to make sure that everyone has food, water, and shelter to do the event
 - Very important
 - Everything else looks relatively fine on all other fronts
- Gianfranco
 - Thinks everything looks great
 - Appreciates Mock Trial trying to refund
 - Don't see any issues, everything is well distributed
 - Don't really have any more comments on that sense
 - Grants Committee did a good job with allocating everything
- **Motion to close speakers list: Ray; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 27**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to move into voting: Duncan; Second: Stephen**
 - **Favor: 28**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to approve grants slate: Makayla; Second: Luca**
 - **Favor: 27**
 - **Abstain: 2**
 - **Oppose: 0**

→ Old Business

→ New Business;

Internships!

❖ [Sammi](#)

■ Piloting internships

- Question: What is CUSC's purpose?
 - ◆ Wants to dig into question of the student body and are we fulfilling all of these things that we are a part of
 - ◆ Do we have a prioritized order?
 - ◆ It changes every year
 - Sammi loves graphs
 - ◆ Trying to figure out if we have a goal or number one priority
- Why did you join CUSC? (with Judiciary's permission)
 - ◆ **Motion to do a round robin: Ray; Second: Gianfranco**
 - **Favor: 25**
 - **Oppose: 3**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - ◆ Ellie
 - Complained enough about constitution that Glory said she can change it
 - Wants to be able to involved and make sure that things are going well
 - ◆ Ketshaly
 - Wanted to be a rep on student council, but didn't want to talk to people
 - Figured out what judiciary was
 - Can see a vision happening in the future where everyone knows what they're doing with their charts and they can succeed their goals and flourish
 - ◆ Josh
 - Heard about it from Luca
 - Thought it was interesting
 - ◆ Luca
 - Heard about it from people and thought it was cool
 - ◆ Jessica
 - One of her friends asked her if she was interested and she kinda was
 - Here she is
 - ◆ Alexia
 - Did something similar in high school
 - ◆ Gianfranco
 - Wanted to help people
 - Still have so many issues at Clark that has been

- fixed
- Supportive community
- ◆ Ray
 - Wanted to listen more, speak less, understand stories
- ◆ Annie
 - Teammate told her about
 - Did council in high school
- ◆ Kel
 - Did grants last year and wanted to be a chair and a rep
- ◆ Makayla
 - Wanted to be involved in community
 - Went to Kel, her peer mentor
- ◆ Miles
 - Devlin dragged him
 - But now he loves it
- ◆ Indigo
 - Wanted to be involved in Clark community
 - Wanted to make change when she was a first year
 - Pipeline to administration
- ◆ Sam
 - Decided to run because no one was running
 - Wanted to get representation
 - Got in with Max
- ◆ Balaram
 - Always wanted to be a part since freshman
 - Luckily, he had more time and finally joined
- ◆ Duncan
 - Did it in high school
 - Najia wanted to do this
- ◆ Ana
 - Clark apartments have a lot of problems
 - Why not
- ◆ Abigail
 - Wanted to get involved
 - A good opportunity to see how these things work and how to best represent community
- ◆ Abby
 - Got written in by roommate
 - There are things that they want to change at Clark
- ◆ Landon
 - Thinks in the long run that they want to be a representative
 - Wanted to see if Clark students actually challenged

convention

- ◆ Stephen
 - Constantly messaged Caleb and Sammi about problems
 - Okay fine, i'll do it myself
- ◆ Ashley
 - Thought it would help her gain connections people who would want to work on the stuff that she was passionate about
- ◆ Roxie
 - Have no memory other than that she complained a lot and she should join CUSC because she may be able to do something
- ◆ Zach
 - High school, did try and didn't get in
 - First time here
 - Inspired by RA, Dana Hall Rep
- ◆ JD
 - Poli Sci major
 - Thought joining would be something cool to join
- ◆ Grace
 - Get more involved in community
 - Learn more
- ◆ Ollie
 - Wanted to join since freshman year
 - Sophomore and junior year was too busy
 - Now here they are
 - Worked on constitution over the summer and stuck with them
- ◆ Borodine
 - Liked student council but didn't want to be a rep
 - Joined
- ◆ Vesper
 - Sammi was begging
 - Devlin said they should
 - Mom wanted them to get more involved
- ◆ Pulkit
 - Saw the IG post and got in
- ◆ Elena
 - Rejoined because she loved it and loved planning and organizing
 - Had more time as a senior
 - Felt like a perfect role planning things
 - Loves class
- ◆ Max

- Was a write-in
- Wanted chance to represent the off campus community
- Had involvement in high school
- Wanted chance to do that again
- ◆ Frankie
 - There are a lot of opinions in Dana
 - Wanted something more formal
 - It is very similar to nerdy government camp
- ◆ Caleb
 - No idea
 - Awful compulsion when he needs to run for office
 - Sammi was peer mentor and thought that he had to run
- ◆ Kaylene
 - Only joined because Devlin said it would be fun
- ◆ Devlin
 - Application for Chief of Staff
 - Najia complimented her
 - Met eboard then and thought they were really sweet
 - Didn't do it in high school, figured it would be the chance
- ◆ Ashley
 - Mentor was Eunz in ACE they were president for 2 years
 - told lot of stories about the changes happening in and out of council
 - Really inspiring
 - Helped her grow the most as a person and student
- ◆ Dahlia
 - Peer mentor was also Eunz
 - Got a text that there were positions open for council
 - Got ass into red square at 12
 - Slightly running up to people to sign petition
 - Ever since then, discovered that they impacted a lot of people and invoked a lot of change
 - Thanking them for the work they did
 - Doesn't think that Clark experience would've been the same
 - Have the privilege to lead and invoke some type of knowledge
- ◆ Najia
 - Technically Duncan did make her
 - It was the best decision she has ever made
 - No one knew what was going on

- Thinks that Sammi was the reason she stayed
- Loves being a part of community and working with everybody
- ◆ Danielle
 - Literally it is her job
 - She does this work because she believes in the power of this work
 - Believes learning in these positions shape who you are
 - You get to try out things you might use, you get to fail, get big victories
 - Think of the world as it exists beyond you
- Why did you stay?
 - ◆ **Motion for a 5 minute moderated-unmoderated caucus:**
Caleb; Second: Roxie
 - **Favor: 29**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - ◆ Stephen
 - Has a habit that he takes on 50 million things at the same time
 - Has a compulsion that they can do as much as they can
 - Took on a bunch of things, but learned that bureaucracy moves slowly
 - ◆ Ellie
 - Did begin what she set out to do
 - Stayed because she wanted to see Constitution pass
 - Harder than she thought
 - You shouldn't have to see it from before
 - Began and did finish it
 - ◆ Duncan
 - Najia might have killed me if I didn't stay
 - ◆ Gianfranco
 - Stepped down last year in the middle
 - Saw all the work that eboard was doing
 - If you want to change things about Clark, you need to do it yourself
 - There are things in the higher Clark that we can only see
 - Mainly because of Sammi
 - ◆ Dahlia
 - Set out to yell at admin and succeeded
 - Talked to some people
 - Originally set out to talk to people and grow

- community and discuss student body's issues
 - Created community as an E&I rep
 - Halloweeknd
 - Club appreciation
 - ◆ **Motion to close unmod caucus: Ray; Second: Zach**
 - **Favor: 27**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- In my own reflection
 - ◆ Was cat girl in 6th grade
 - Dared to meow
 - ◆ Wanted to improve how everyone felt connected to it
 - ◆ According to Constitution, every undergraduate student is a member
- Sammi, why are you monologuing
 - ◆ CUSC oversees so much
 - Grants!
 - Finance!
 - Meet with all clubs to be able to receive funding
 - Incredibly hefty work for one committee
 - Student Life!
 - PCFs
 - Ensure clubs can receive and encourage to receive funding
 - Put on events
 - Election!
 - Ensure that we are having fair elections and having representatives here to represent constituents
 - Communications!
 - They are the reason what we do is transparent and accessible
 - Shoutout to Roxie for accessibility of the text
 - Can tell you what referendums are with confidence
- Why is voter turnout so low?
 - ◆ 308 people voted for eboard, 11%
- More data needed
 - ◆ A lot of lacking in opposition
 - ◆ 2018
 - 2 referendums
 - 2 opponents for Prez and VP, 3 for Tres and Sec
 - Seems to be a trend that the president has an opponent and not an opponent in other positions

- ◆ Looking at ticket percentage
 - Still healthy competition with tickets
 - All of them won as a ticket
 - ◆ Look at old agendas
 - Ugliest graph I have ever made
 - ◆ Highlight that international student reps used to be voted on by everyone
 - They made a roster
 - ◆ Commuter used to be a separate role
 - Difficult to make a list of who identified as a commuter
 - They were on and off on whether or not they were on the ballot
 - Why has voter turnout gotten so low?
 - ◆ What do students see CUSC as?
 - ◆ What does CUSC need to change or keep?
- ❖ [Indigo](#)
- Clubs
 - Do students feel like clubs are enhancing their experience?
 - ◆ Always hearing that there is nothing to do
 - ◆ Methodologies: Data and Surveys
 - Money
 - One of the finance chairs
 - How much does an average event cost
 - Does every club need an annual budget?
 - Strong feelings about merch
 - ◆ There was \$100k that clubs did not spend
 - Clubs begged
 - Why did they have money left over?
 - What will student council get out of it
 - What Indigo hopes to get out of it
 - Econ major
 - ◆ Sifting through data
 - ◆ Using software STATA
 - Something needs to give, what is it

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Gianfranco
 - International students will meet with Office of International Global Development
 - 12 weeks left to do a lot for international community
 - Working with Provost Royo to see how he can help with these issues
 - Also because he is an international person
- ❖ Makayla
 - Working on project
 - Have heard of issues with people who have disabilities

- Some of the dorms have the accessibility buttons on the inside but not the outside
 - Meeting with Danielle
 - If you are interested, let her know
- ❖ Roxie
 - Eden did not get back to her last week
 - Emailed her that she still exists
 - Eden, Ass. Director of RLH got back to Roxie
 - Spending some time next week to look over proposition
 - Wrote that they will probably not be able to talk to Roxie about this until the end of February
- ❖ Max
 - Have another meeting with FIRM team
 - Better data of students who are visiting the pantry
 - Last semester, over 800 students visited
 - Majority being graduate and international students
 - Swipe out hunger
 - Since January, reached roughly 217
 - The amount we had in a total semester
 - Completely exhausted this option
 - Looking for alternatives
 - Future food vendor process
 - Curious to survey students their willingness to donate swipes on meal plan
 - If that is currently possible under Sodexo
- ❖ Stephen
 - Received word from ODI
 - Only after he emailed them again
 - Reaching out again to talk about the campus climate survey
 - Moved date back sometime mid March
 - Keep everyone posted on that
- E-Board Updates
 - ❖ Sammi
 - Met with and got emails from some clubs - so excited!!!
 - Scarlet
 - Journalism classes already exist
 - They have an English department professor advisor
 - Going to meet with their advisor to see what that would look like
 - Working on template and meet with Lisa
 - Pro-Choice
 - Talked about how there is not a lot of internships within pro choice field
 - Pursuing an internship in the summer
 - ◆ A bit out of scope because that needs to be figured out by CCC

- If you know anyone else, let Sammi know
- Neutrality first meeting update
 - It was mainly introductions and setting standards of how they will run meetings
 - Have not begun reviewing input that has been emailed in
 - Shared Running Meeting Doc with them
 - They will be making agendas
 - KEEP ASKING FOR INPUT
 - Please.
 - There is a good chunk but wants to make sure that undergrad student voice is being heard
 - Very appreciative of the people who stop by her office hours
 - Encourage constituents to email Sammi or neutrality email
 - If we want to do any more input that can be written in the agenda
 - Committee will create agendas that can be shared to all of you
- E-Board elections upcoming - people can ask me questions
 - Been in CUSC for 4 years, eboard 2x
- Bylaw Idea
 - DREAM eboard made a [chair standard](#)...but that is not required
 - Ensure that we always have the same guidelines to go back to
 - Considering proposing this bylaw that every eboard needs to make standard and propose to reps before appointing chairs + judiciary
 - What happens when people applying for chairs are unopposed?
 - Thoughts on a bylaw about chairs and interview standards?
- Reflections and Feedback!
 - Green, Yellow and Red
 - **Move to next meeting**

❖ Dahlia

- **Club Appreciation decided on a time → April 17 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM**
 - If you are an RA, disregard this message
 - You are exempt
 - If you don't have work or an RA, you better be there to set up
 - Set up starting at 12 maybe
 - Still figuring out decorations
 - Food
 - Cupcakes from Queen's Cups
 - Heard those totebags were fugly
 - Found some on Amazon that looked like fruits
 - ◆ https://www.amazon.com/YUYIKES-Reusable-Grocery-Shopping-Convenient/dp/B073R8PJR3/ref=sr_1_3?crd=2Z4SESDQDBP8&keywords=fruit%2Bthemed%2Breusable%2Bbags&qid=1707408297&srefix=fruit%2Bthemed%2Breusable%2Bbag%2Caps%2C362&sr=8-3&th=1
 - Might get something else but they don't know yet
- Figure something out about spaces on campus

- Work with SLP
 - Create standard for clubs
- Library rooms are now on a space crunch
 - Club eboard meetings need a space
- Make a policy about it?
- Reminders from Dahlia
 - You will succeed a lot and they are proud of you
 - Whatever you do, you will always succeed at it, because you are unfuckwithable
 - You are powerful and empower yourselves and you are doing great things
 - Do not ever let anyone tell you that you are incapable of doing anything
 - Sees everything that you do, nothing goes unnoticed
 - ◆ Sees a lot of growth and appreciates all the work you do this semester
- ❖ Ashley
 - Anything you want to put on the agenda? Send it to me in an EMAIL (avalois@clarku.edu) before 8 PM on Tuesdays.
 - Attendance policy
 - If you are not going to make it to the meeting, let me know 24 hours beforehand
 - Chairs
 - Please make sure to update attendance on the [attendance sheet](#) for your committee meetings
 - Community Dinners
 - Met with Stephen and Jessica
 - Looking at possible constitutional funding
- ❖ Najia
 - Excited to see chairs in training tomorrow
- ❖ Devlin
 - Office rules (cleanliness)
 - Do not put food in your recycling bin
 - It is recycling
 - Do not want moldy food sitting in that office
 - Make sure you are cleaning it up
 - Bryant University
 - Travel forms for Bryant University Conference
 - Come see Devlin before you leave today
 - There are 19 schools going: Bryant University, Bentley University, Framingham State University, Marist College, Merrimack College, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Regis College, Roger Williams University, Saint Anselm College, Salve Regina University, Springfield College, Stony Brook University, Suffolk University, University of Hartford, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of

New Hampshire, Worcester State University and of course: US!

- Wear your sweatshirts - casual attire (I'd still support all the goth vibes as long as you include the sweatshirt)
- 5 cars
 - I'm grouping you all based on car-sickness needs, and mixing of committees, more info will come. If for any reason you are concerned about this, let me know by next meeting
- If you didn't get an email from Bryant (President Luke) today, see me (that means there was an issue with reg - hoping this is none of you)

→ Advisor Updates

❖ Danielle

- Appreciate the internship presentations, excited to see the work that folks are doing
- Time is rapidly dwindling
- If you are meeting with her tomorrow, check in with her after the meeting
- If you care about sports, you should root for 49ers Sunday

❖ Mike

→ Adjournment: Roxie; Second: Duncan

- ❖ Favor: 25
- ❖ Abstain: 0
- ❖ Oppose: 0

Funds Tracker

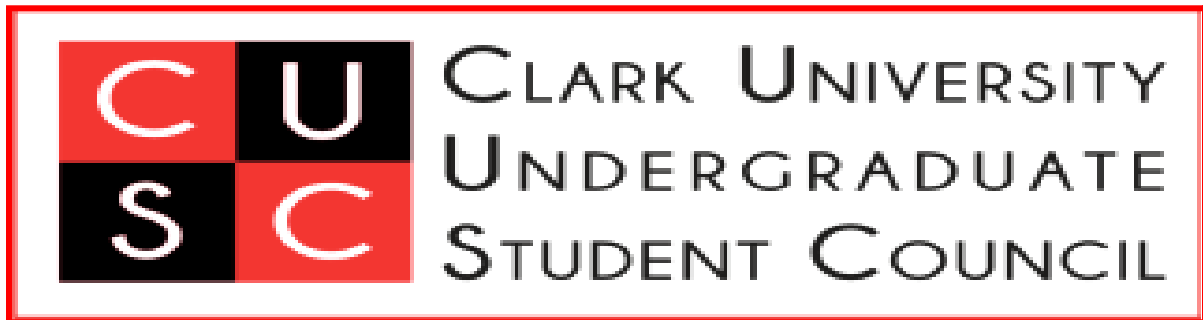
Attendance Record:

Sammi Bosque
Dahlia Mella-Goris
Ashley Valois
Najia Lloyd
Devlin Geisler

Representative Council:

Landon Parr
Stephen Gibbons
Kaylene Criollo
Jessica Lam
Abigail Kouevi
Aryadeep Ray
Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu
Gianfranco Cornejo Gizzi
Caleb Howard

Balaram Desasi
Elena Pérez
Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Kelechi Akabuogu
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Abby Coe
Grae Buckland
Frankie Roberts
Roxie Frantz
Indigo Cadorette
Zach Powell
JD Cogliano
Makayla Towne
Sam Bazer
Max Rosenfeld
Josh Jankowitz
Luca Kramer
Ana Simonini



**13th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: UC Grace Conference Room

7pm Thursday, February 1, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:04 PM

→ **Public Comment(s)**

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Ashley; Second: Ray**

- ❖ **Favor: 24**
- ❖ **Abstain: 0**
- ❖ **Oppose: 0**

→ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Communications**

- Several posts are coming out over the next few weeks
 - Repost the grants vice chair post on your stories again and email your constituents about the opening

❖ **Elections**

- [Meeting Notes](#)
- Voting starts on February 1 at 12:00 PM to February 2 at 12:00 PM
 - Let your constituents know!
- You can vote based on whether or not you are a constituent for certain things
- You can email elections committee to count your vote

❖ **Finance**

❖ **Judiciary**

- Working on club charters
 - Read and made notes on charters and have met with those clubs to discuss these suggestions
 - They're all being really cool about it
- Working on an updated charter template
 - Creating a form to centralize questions, inquiries, and bylaws
- Annotating constitution!
 - Putting thoughts on why we said the things we said

❖ **Student Life**

❖ **Grants**

- [Grants Slate](#)
 - James
 - Asking for reimbursement
 - Setting a standard for \$400 to \$450
 - **Motion for a round robin, 30 seconds each: Max; Second: Roxie**
 - **Favor: 12**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 12**
 - **Motion to open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minute each speaker: Balaram; Second: Stephen**
 - **Favor: 23**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 1**
 - Balaram
 - Thinks it looks good
 - \$450 is a good amount for a good cause

- Hannah
 - Great that this committee is making a precedent
 - Likes that they have a number to keep for these types of grants
- Max
 - Definitely in favor of this grant
 - Subsidizing travel and research
 - There are opportunities for grad students
 - Finds that it is interesting that we are a research institution, but hard to find funding
- Stephen
 - In full support of this grant
 - Setting good precedent
 - Believes it is an equitable position
- Makayla
 - Definitely agrees that this is a considerable request
 - Being able to get \$450 is better than no money
 - Reasonable amount
 - Something we should definitely do
- **Motion to close speaker's last: Ray; Second: Zach**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to move into voting: Ray; Second: Abraham**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to approve grants slate: Stephen; Second: Makayla**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
-  **CUSC GRANTS UPDATES.pdf**
 - Still looking for Vice Chair
 - All information is in spreadsheet (Funds tracker)

→ **Old Business**

→ **New Business**

→ **Representative Updates**

❖ **Ashley**

- Had a meeting with Caleb, Stephen, Makayla, and RLH about mice issue and emergency beds
 - Got a better understanding about how facilities and RLH works on this issue
 - Talking about proportions of emergency beds
 - 3 beds cannot handle it
 - RLH was open to suggestions and ideas

- Try to get us information on how they process everything
 - ◆ Publicizing
- They said they will work on communication more
- Agreed with points on communication
 - ◆ Easy to implement and quick to be actionable

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

➤ New committee for Institutional Neutrality

- Committee will talk about if/when to make statements, work on making standards and guidelines set by this committee
- Directly related to Clark being a university and figuring out when to put statements
 - If the committee decides that there should be statements issues on world wide events, the committee will create guidelines about what constitutes a statement, what should or should not be put in that statement
 - A recommendation could be to provide resources at the end of every statement
- Creating strict standards for every university statement
- They do not have a meeting date yet
- These notes are public and Ashley keeps track of who says what
 - You are welcome to go to Sammi to talk in private and email the email they will set up
 - Will bring these to the community
- Motion for a round robin: Roxie; Second: Landon
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 1
- Thoughts?
- Sam
 - This sounds good
 - Can't really think of anything whether this would be public or not
 - As long as we respect each other, not targeting one certain group
 - Great that there will be guidelines for it
 - Comforting to get a statement
- Alexia
 - Great that we are implementing these
- Kel
 - From a business standpoint, this is helpful for them
 - Thinks this is BS, universities benefit from this
 - Doesn't like neutrality
 - Thinks this is weird
- Ray
 - Everything should be accepted and reviewed

- Good to expose people to actually help find out what they need on campus
- Balaram
 - It is a good thing
 - Getting input from students and there isn't much wrong in that
- Max
 - Welcomed to change from past and to make a precedent
 - Great to help people be listened to
 - Can give people comfort
 - This is an institution at the end of the day
 - There is both good and bad in this
- Jessica
 - Agrees with Max a lot
 - This is a good idea
- Luca
 - Good to create a precedent
 - Deciding what to say is important
- Josh
 - Great that there are more guidelines and standards
 - Doesn't see anything wrong with it
- Makayla
 - Agree that this is something we need to do
 - We need to speak on world events, we are a very diverse community with people from around the world
 - Even if it is in any type of statement, people need to be heard and seen
- Duncan
 - Should be making statements on world events
 - It isn't very challenging convention, if we decide to stay neutral
- Annie
 - Similar feelings and thoughts with people on council
- Indigo
 - Don't think that anyone can be neutral
 - If you say that you are neutral, you are taking a stance
 - Interesting that he is doing it now
 - There has been pushback on recent announcements
 - A committee is a very small of people to decide that
- Miles
 - Agrees with Indigo
 - The timing is interesting
 - Some type of statement must be made
- Kaylene
 - A statement needs to be made
 - Doesn't think a neutral statement would be useful at all, ignoring issues

- We are not a close campus
- Someone is gonna be upset either way, ignoring it any further isn't gonna benefit anyone
- Making a stance will bring more talk about it
- Roxie
 - Agree a lot with what Indigo and Makayla have been talking about
 - The timing is absolutely wild
 - Thinks that two people might not be enough, might turn into an echo chamber
 - You don't fully get the full conversation because if you take two points, that is just a straight line
- Abigail
 - Agrees with Ray and Sam
 - Shows empathy with student body
 - Only concern that in the increasingly polarized climate we live in
 - These can be misconstrued
- Stephen
 - The world is a complex place
 - Statements by organizations such as Clark showcases the values we hold as a collective
 - The statements have to be crafted very carefully
 - Official position will be that of what the E&I reps discusses
 - Doesn't want to make a decision without any input from all groups
- Ashley
 - Give a warning as we go into the committee
 - Concerns that this will be more about marketing than anything else
 - Students can get outnumbered in these positions
 - ◆ Just a few students
 - Remember that their intentions may be about marketing and may push a bit more
- Landon
 - Do think that this is a little BS
 - The idea of a neutral statement is a little off putting, considering the things we have to face as college students
 - On the other hand, don't wanna alienate any of the Clark population
 - It is kind of infuriating when Supreme Court decisions have dramatic effects on our lives and then nothing from the university
 - If people are encountering these things and then the university makes a statement, that has more of a stabilizing factor
 - It is no surprise that Clark leans and talks one way
- Zach
 - Start by saying that he is still thinking about
 - Feels like some of the points more concerned about how Clark is going to say it or what Clark is going to say

- For the term neutral, particularly, what happened with George Floyd, January 6, Ukraine, what do they mean by institutional neutrality, that is what they are mostly thinking about
 - Feels like he is kind of behind on some of these topics
 - Abraham
 - Why is this coming up now? What set of doing this in the first place?
 - This seemed good initially
 - Sums up about how this is going to be executed, will this be showy
 - Open to it
 - Grace
 - Don't like the idea that this university will be neutral
 - It is a privilege to be neutral, but not everyone has that privilege
 - This university does definitely have a sort of lean to it
 - If we don't address issues and have a neutral statement to them or address the students' feelings, when it is impacting nothing or no emotion towards it, useless to have a statement if it is going to be neutral
 - Proposal was sent to Chearo, he will keep us updated!
 - Blackstone water fountain
 - He will keep Sammi updated, go ahead with the facilities
 - Hopefully it will be installed during spring break
 - If you have any capital projects, would love to get input on what would be the most prioritized
 - Can spend \$100,000
 - ◆ Already spent \$10,000; \$90,000 are left
 - Internship Communication Delay
 - Going out after this meeting, fingers crossed
 - Wants to email student leaders first
 - ◆ Give them 24 hours before we post
 - ◆ Line everything up with Sammi's office hours
 - 10 new clubs have been made
 - Danielle is helping us
 - Some clubs failed to register, have given them an extension
 - Many clubs have changed leadership
 - Plan to keep student body updated with internships we are doing
 - [Project Tracker](#)
 - If your name is not on here at all, come see Sammi after the meeting
 - Do have some awesome projects
 - If you have any work that you did, please send it to us
 - Reopening historian applications
 - Wonderful if anyone is interested
- ❖ **Dahlia**
- [Club Appreciation](#)
 - Wednesday, April 17, 4:00 to 5:30 PM

- Please be there
- Doing award system (Oscars)
 - Certificates
 - ◆ This is what we did last year
 - Trophy 1
 - ◆ Consider where they are gonna put it
 - Trophy 2
 - ◆ Consider where they are gonna put it
 - Everyone is gonna show up and be dressed to the nines
 - Will be hiring Natalie
- Trying to figure out gifts for winners
- Food ideas (we don't got funding rn tbh)
 - Queens cup
 - ◆ Bougee cupcake place
 - WPI kids said that this place is legit
 - Bri's sweet treats
 - ◆ Clark alum
 - ◆ Expensive option
 - Appetizers
 - ◆ Or from peppercorns
 - ◆ Croquettes
 - Peppercorns
 - Salagom snacks
- Appreciation event gift
 - Everyone who attends
 - Gift options
 - ◆ Journal
 - \$1100
 - ◆ Packable tote
 - \$650
 - ◆ Self care packages*
 - If we do do this, all of y'all will be packing them
 - Will be our bonding
 - TBD
- There are 120 active clubs, with at least 4 eboard members
 - Would be a grant, could be campus wide programming
 - We're gonna finesse it
- **Red carpet?**
- Who is hosting
 - New eboard
 - Student life?
- Can we do finance worst and best?
- Your world and we are just living in it
- Would rather spend money on the food than trophies, tote bags!
- **Motion for a round robin: Hannah; Second: Makayla**

- **Favor: 15**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Oppose: 9**
- Grace
 - Agree with what a lot of people were saying before
 - Spend money on the food
 - Would be one person having it, lineage of passing it down
 - ◆ Slowly accumulates every year
 - ◆ Agree with gift B
 - Self care thing in freshman year but never used it
- Abraham
 - Like food and bags to make them happy
 - Most reusable
- Zach
 - Thinks that journals should be good, but because of the cost, tote should be fine
 - Depending on what it is
 - Awards, option 3 seems most interesting
- Landon
 - Option 3 is very funky
 - Option 1 is the most sufficient
 - ◆ The idea to spend more on food is more fun
 - ◆ The vibes would be better
 - Get some sort of sparkling juice to fit with the Oscars theme
 - Team appetizers
 - Journals are fun
 - ◆ Could think for out of the box ideas or out of the tote bag
 - Will think about different gift ideas
- Ashley
 - Pass
- Stephen
 - Sucker for self care packages
 - More is more, likes when they get more things
 - Don't really care whatever the body chooses
 - As for the certificates or trophies, more money on food is nice
- Abigail
 - Have had the churros, really good
 - That is my 2 cents
- Roxie
 - Agree with Stephen that more is more
 - Big fan of getting things
 - ◆ Self care packages you get when you move into a new building
 - ◆ Spread it around to whoever else wants it
 - That's my 2 cents

- Food
 - ◆ As long as it is good and I can actually eat it
 - ◆ She has had family members who struggle with eating sugar, thinking about those at the top of their head
- Not everyone likes soda, please don't just buy soda
- Agree that the certificates are the best
 - ◆ Could put it in a binder
 - ◆ There really isn't a lot of forever designated club rooms
- Kaylene
 - Really likes the tote bags
 - For food, don't care, whatever people want
 - Certificates are a good idea
- Miles
 - Everyone always says totes, Devlin will be upset if I don't say totes, so I will go with totes
 - Any type of food is good
 - It's food, I like food
 - A host idea would be so funny
 - ◆ Sounds like Annie has a lot of ideas
 - Annie: Stand by and walk by club leaders and say opinions
- Indigo
 - Local honey thing for gifts
 - Cheap, but local would be cool
 - We have a lot of tote bags
 - Self care isn't sustainable
 - Queen's cups, worried that cupcakes are too big
 - ◆ Would go with other options
- Annie
 - Thinks that totes are a great way to go
 - See you collective
 - Contract Clark vendors
 - Awards
 - ◆ Just the certificate is great
 - ◆ I have a cramp and that is why I am standing
 - Food wise, that is where we should put most of our money
 - Would be fun to have individual categories
 - ◆ Could be fun to have banter with the crowd
- Duncan
 - Use bags all the time for grocery shopping
 - Agree that the certificates are the best option
- Makayla
 - Would love to do self care packages
 - How many of us would sit down in a weekend to do that
 - Who will make 500+ self care packages

- ◆ Tilton only allows 250 people
 - It is hard to say what will happen in the next couple months
 - Tote bags would be the least expensive
 - Put more money into food
 - ◆ Manage to get sweet treat and savory treat
 - Thinks the certificate is something we should do to save money for the food
- Josh
 - The tote bag is the way to go, ppl will use it more
 - Food is where most of our money should go
 - Certificate is fine, people won't care too much, more about the meaning behind it
- Luca
 - Food, idk about any good food places
 - I agree with the certificate, thinks certificates are cool
 - ◆ Sparkly one for trophies
 - ◆ Personalized trophies
 - Category and club name
 - Tote bags
- Jessica
 - Gift wise, she has a lot of tote bags, really likes the self care packages
 - ◆ More is more
 - Food, likes appetizers better, doesn't have much of a sweet tooth
 - Certificates
- Max
 - In 400 BC, Hypocates said "Let thy food is medicine and medicine be thy food"
 - A variety of food options for gluten free, vegetarians
 - Not all foods
 - Laminated certificate
- Balaram
 - Refrain from saying fancy quote
 - "Yesterday's in the past, tomorrow's the future, the present is a gift"
 - Cut costs on the gifts and spend more on the food
 - Certificate would be good as well
- Ray
 - Personally excited for Oscars for Clarkies
- Hannah
 - Sounds like we're kind of broke
 - Like the tote bag idea
 - ◆ Cuter tote bag
 - Certificate
 - Food

- ◆ Fine with both of them
 - Bri's sweet treats sound very limiting

■ Kel

- Has a crazy Charlie horse
- Need to discuss the chokehold that tote bags have on this campus
 - ◆ Tired of the tote bags, aim for better
 - Challenge the tote bags, no more tote bags
 - ◆ Overconsumption is not good
- Nobody is gonna do self care, i don't trust you guys
- Think of other gift options
- Food are the only reason people are gonna come
- Should do the trophies, fit the Oscars more
 - ◆ People want trophies, so you should give them trophies
 - ◆ If I won best actress, I don't want a cheap certificate
- Call it the Jonas

■ Alexia

- Gifts
 - ◆ Tote bags too
 - Just not these tote bags
 - They're not the cutest
 - A nicer one would be fine
 - ◆ Food
 - Be inclusive of people that are vegan
 - Agree that the trophies fit the vibe more

■ Sam

- Food
 - ◆ I will get my grub on regardless
- Gift options
 - ◆ I like self care packages myself
 - ◆ I'm a foot mask guy
- Award options, I'll go with the certificate
- Love the red carpet
 - ◆ **Interview people on the red carpet, wear something scandalous**

❖ Ashley

- Spring Break Community Dinners
 - If you are interested in working with me, let me know!
- Constitutional funding ideas, working with E&I + International Reps
 - Fill out the when2meet

❖ Najia

- x DREAM Budget Projections spring '24.xlsx
 - We're a little broke
 - As Sammi mentioned, our stoles went bye bye, gonna buy 10, 1 extra
 - If you know anyone who was in CUSC and is a senior, please let us know
 - Will send out a form soon

- And that is any amount of time
 - ◆ Grants members + Judiciary members
- Red highlighted is optional
- Gifts (you don't know about this shhhh)
 - Rep
 - Seniors
- Family dinners
- Finance dinners
 - They put in a lot of work, we want to appreciate them
- Shout out to everyone that she tabled with for Club Fair
- Office hours, tomorrow
 - Loves talking budgets

❖ Devlin

- ■ **Northeast Student Government Summit**
 - If you are still interested, let Devlin know
 - Will be making a wait list
 - Be mindful of leaving more time, we like to socialize
 - Transitions!
 - The way we do our student council is very different from how other schools do it
 - One of the things Bryant prided themselves in was that it was a positive way to find change in all of their leaders
 - It's really good to get off campus
 - Look over the form
 - Key parts are listed in the presentation
 - Will there be a dress code?
 - Sammi made a joke that we did a goth theme
 - ◆ Wear black and black eyeliners
 - If it is casual, encourage us to wear sweatshirts
- Internship post [captioned](#) and planning to go up Friday!
 - If you have any feedback, get them to Devlin by tomorrow morning
 - Email student leaders first → post on instagram → email constituents when it is out so they can review on their own
 - Feel free to take language from the caption itself
 - Make it clear that anyone could do this
 - ◆ Keep that same form in your emails
 - ◆ If you have any email drafts

→ Advisor Updates

❖ Danielle

- You all were highly entertaining tonight
- Have a good night
- Let her know if you want to connect for projects

❖ Mike

→ Adjournment: 8:43; Stephen; Second: Luca

- ❖ **Favor: 24**
- ❖ **Abstain: 0**
- ❖ **Oppose: 0**

Funds Tracker

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Balaram Desasi
Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Kelechi Akabuogu
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Abraham Rahman
Grace Buckland
Roxie Frantz
Hannah Oh
Indigo Cadorette
Zach Powell
Makayla Towne
Sam Bazer
Max Rosenfeld
Josh Jankowitz
Luca Kramer



**12th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, January 25, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:04 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Ashley; Second: Ray

❖ **Favor: 24**

❖ **Abstain: 0**

❖ **Oppose: 0**

→ Committee Updates

❖ **Communications**

❖ **Elections**

➤ Remind constituents to apply for Dana, Blackstone, Clark Apartment, and Senior Reps

■ Campaign Meeting this Friday, January 26th at 7 PM in Lurie Conference Room (required for people that want to run)

➤ Emailed CDs of Blackstone and Dana Halls to spread the word

■ Please share the elections post on your Instagrams

■ Didn't really hear back from them, we actually handed them a letter (thanks Stephen!)

➤ Meeting time yay: Sundays at 7:00 PM

❖ **Finance**

❖ **Judiciary**

❖ **Student Life**

❖ Grants

➤ Grants Slate

- If you vote to move allocations for C4 and CUFFS, it will come from campus wide programming
 - It is a hard fund to use (because not a lot of events are campus wide)
- **Motion to open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minute each speaker: Makayla; Second: Hannah**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- Makayla
 - A good idea to use that fund that is barely being used
 - Quite a bit of money for two grants alone, should take it out of a fund that is less dipped into
 - ◆ Smartest idea
- Ashley
 - Agrees with Makayla
 - Diversify which funds things come out of
 - Do not want to run out of 4th quarter, prevent that beforehand and not worry about it
 - Concerns about intervarsity and worrying about giving them more money in the future if they are having budget issues now
- Roxie
 - First thoughts about traveling and money
 - Knows how strenuous spending money in other states is
 - The weight can be taken off their shoulders because all of this is not cheap, especially if you want a competent hotel and relatively okay food
- Landon
 - Looking at the grants slate, they think that transportation is very fair
 - Very excited for the women in horror
 - Hack a thon, their grant looks immaculate, respect
 - In terms of actually shifting where we pull the funds from, they don't see any downside from pulling from the campus wide fund
- Indigo
 - Hack a thon went well last semester, would love for them to continue doing that
 - Campus wide programming, have 18k left, definitely thinks both grants should come out of that
 - Intersivity asked for a lot, can get behind us giving them 2500
 - ◆ Their trips cost a lot of money

➤ **Motion to end speaker's list: Ray; Second: Landon**

- **Favor: 24**

- Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- **Motion to amend the C4 grants to pull from campus wide programming instead of special allocations : Stephen; Second: Abraham**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- **Motion to change women in horror grant to pull from campus wide programming instead of special allocations: Landon; Second: Zach**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- **Motion to vote on grants slate: Stephen; Second: Ashley**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- **Motion to approve grants slate: Balaram; Second: Kaylene**
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0

→ Old Business

→ New Business

❖ **Blackstone Bubbler / Water Fountain Proposal**

- Sustainability
- Blackstone is the only hall that does not have one
- Starting with water fountain to promote reusing water bottles and also students should have access to free and filtered water fountain
- Take out of cumulative surplus for the cost
 - Every fund that is not used in the year, this is where it is put
 - Eboard is able to take out \$100k on capital projects
 - Capital projects are long-term advancement to the community, necessary equipment
 - Been the only project that has been put on our radar
 - Sammi is working with David Chearo for other projects we can do
- Had an eboard meeting and voted unanimously to propose it to council
 - Have option to take it out of another grant fund or cumulative surplus
 - Have not seen a cumulative surplus proposal be taken out in two years
 - Would like to create a solid precedent about how much time we should look it over or if we want to treat it like a grant and vote on it immediately
 - ◆ If this was passed, it would be installed over spring break (would happen this semester)
 - Pretty early even if we don't vote on it now
- Proposal is 10k, actual installment will vary

- Reason that we made it higher is because it gives them room to take out more money
- How much would be left?
 - You would have plenty of money left
 - ◆ Money in cumulative surplus should be used for these projects
- Potential first step in future bubblers in academic buildings and such
- **Motion to open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minute each speaker: Caleb; Second: Stephen**
 - **Favor: 23**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - **Caleb**
 - Think this proposal is great
 - Doing something that is actually impacting Clark students
 - There is a part of me that says why isn't clark doing this
 - **Kel**
 - Great proposal
 - Also agree with Caleb
 - We don't use this money that much
 - If this were to come out of grants, I would cry
 - It is great. Let us use another fund. Please
 - **Stephen**
 - Thinks this proposal is great
 - Voting on it now would be a great option too
 - Also fine waiting a week
 - Sees no downside
 - Sounds great for everyone on the floor
 - **Kaylene**
 - Lived in blackstone during summer, it was hot, and they hated it
 - Don't find any bad reason in why we wouldn't do it
 - Would be fine on voting on it today
 - Geography major, water bottles, love them
 - **Ray**
 - In terms of water being a necessity, keep yourselves healthy!
- **Motion to close speaker's list: Caleb; Second: Alexia**
 - **Favor: 23**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to move into voting: Ashley; Second: Ray**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to pull from cumulative surplus for bubbler: Stephen; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 24**

- Abstain: 0
- Oppose: 0
- **Motion to approve proposal for 10k bubbler / water fountain in Blackstone :**
- Makayla: Second: Josh**
- Favor: 24
- Abstain: 0
- Oppose: 0

→ Representative Updates

❖ Ashley

- Reaching out to people who have been going through mice issue and emergency funding
 - RLH is not being very responded, actively avoided by members of RLH
 - Waiting on information for a long time
 - There was not enough emergency funding and mouse problem has gotten worse
 - Not just available
 - Per Clark policy, not required to give emergency housing
 - A bunch of people have a google form out to ask constituents and will be working with RLH for solutions

❖ Roxie

- Emailed Eden about the things that they are hoping to get incorporated into Dodd hall and actually got back to Roxie
 - Will be looking over it with other people in res life
 - Will hear back by February 3rd to talk about it
 - Things are going, it has started!
- Top 3
 - Elevator
 - Locks on bathroom doors
 - Washers and dryers
 - Could be done in a semester

❖ Stephen

- Gianfranco and Stephen met with Domenica today and will be looking into Clark Shuttle situation
 - Brainstorming ideas
 - Looking at elevating discussion to higher levels of administration
 - Gears are turning!

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Emailing out to club leaders soon - yippee!
 - Sending them a club appreciation banquet form
 - ◆ Hoping to make it bigger this year
 - ◆ More nominations for awards available

- Will be in mid April
 - Goal is to have clubs choose the best categories for what they want to be nominated for
 - ◆ Putting clubs first
 - ◆ Allows students to vote afterwards
 - Just to make sure that they can come to us for support
- [Review internship slides for social media](#)
 - Want to make a formal proper announcement that we will be piloting this internship
- [Club feedback and appreciation form](#)
 - If you want to add any categories, let Sammi know
 - All new clubs should be receiving an email from SLP
 - If you need help writing a club charter, go to judiciary
 - Hoping to pull numbers through CORQ
 - SLP will be doing awards like clubs that use CORQ the most, mundane tasks are important
 - Last year, people went expecting that they were gonna win something
 - Make more awards / appreciation for more clubs
 - ◆ Give something to everybody
 - Market events differently?
 - Advertise awards as special bonus
 - Going a whole different vibe, last year was the first year
 - Will be reaching out to BSU and ISA, and CURR separately to invite them to come meet with Sammi and help them prepare for the fall
 - CURR handles a lot of medical incidents, it wouldn't make sense to pilot us together (they have other components i.e. insurance, etc.)
 - Leaning on reaching out to all identity clubs
 - Referendum?
 - Used to make a decision
 - This is just a pilot program to make a clearer path for students to use this path for clubs
 - ◆ This might not be the place for a referendum
 - Coming up with learning goals and projects and connect resources and used for a variety of different things
 - Last referendum was pre-COVID
 - ◆ If you wanted to increase Student Activities Fee or get feedback from student body
 - ◆ But also the Constitution changes we did last semester
- **Motion to open speaker's list, 3 minutes, 1 minute each: Ray; Second: Miles**
 - **Favor: 10**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 13**

❖ **Dahlia**

- Have a good weekend!

- Club appreciation is coming
 - **Clear your calendars, April 17**
 - Dahl will be there and will make sure whoever is accountable for you knows you are not there
- Have a great weekend!
- ❖ **Ashley**
 - Please ensure that you are keeping record of committee meeting notes and that they are uploaded to the drive
 - For chairs, make sure that you are putting committee meeting attendance in tracker → **CUSC Attendance**
 - Please remember to send me the things you want to put on the agenda through EMAIL on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM
- ❖ **Najia**
 - Have a good weekend
 - Go Celtics! 🍀
- ❖ **Devlin**
 - Office Hours
 - Need to have office hours in, before you leave this room
 - If you change that in the past 10 days, let Duncan know
 - Scheduling
 - All trying to figure out committee meetings
 - Please make sure you are prioritize CUSC ahead of other clubs
 - You were voted into this position and your constituents are counting on you
 - Email etiquette tips and tricks!
 - Will go more in depth with this
 - When you are emailing your entire constituency, put all of your constituents in BCC line
 - Never ever “respond all”
 - Just as a safe bet
 - If you have another rep working with you, check in with your co-reps to make sure you are on the same page
 - Food justice TF meeting
 - Up in the air for time again as it is a new semester
 - If you are interested in that, let Devlin know

→ Advisor Updates

- ❖ **Danielle**
 - If you are trying to do an internship, you need to do 10 hours a week
 - You all funded the menstrual equity alliance to install a company run hygiene products stations in the UC
 - Pilot run for this semester in the UC
 - This is a costly endeavor
 - Alternative is that MEA still needs to go residence halls
 - They will be coming to us to get a lot more money

- Look over it and talk to your constituents about it and get feedback
 - Will want to make an informed decision
- Hope you are excited about your classes
- ❖ **Mike**
- **Adjournment: 8: 17 PM Sam; Second: Hannah**
- ❖ **Favor: 23**
- ❖ **Abstain: 0**
- ❖ **Oppose: 0**

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**11th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202
7pm Thursday, January 18, 2024

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:05 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Caleb; Second: Balaram

❖ Favor: 25

❖ Abstain: 0

❖ Oppose: 0

→ Committee Updates

❖ Communications

❖ Elections

➤ Special Spring Elections

■ GIM THIS FRIDAY AT 6 PM in CUSC Office

- Please tell your constituents (Dana, Blackstone, Senior Reps, Clark Apartment Off-Campus Reps ESPECIALLY)

◆ Main St. apartments

■ Posts for special spring elections timeline and eboard elections timeline

■ GIM Materials

- Guidelines document
- Presentation

❖ Finance

❖ Judiciary

❖ Student Life

❖ Grants

➤

■  official grants slate template 1/6/2024

■ CUSC x RLH

- There are pros and cons to each
- But pushing for the sturdier table

- ◆ Concerns about storage
 - Reach out to dance conference people again
 - Gwen EPA
 - Grants recommended advocacy as well
 - Equestrian
 - Information was not accurate
 - Contradicting eboard information
 - Problems with accessibility and communication
 - Midyear audit was \$3,000
 - ◆ There weren't concrete plans
- **Move into discussion: Ray, Second: Kayleen**
 - **Favor: 26**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Open a speaker's list: Caleb; Makayla**
 - **Favor: 26**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- Caleb
 - Likes how grants is coming through it
 - Like how many things they are doing with \$400
 - Does not mind that we are funding the psychology trip
 - Pool table, would prefer the cheaper option
 - Spread amongst other places
- Indigo
 - Should fund psychology conference, there was always a caveat for individuals
 - Should go to her conference
 - Peapod, love our improv squads
 - Would be worried with the \$600 one because of what would happen to the balls, it flips!
- Miles
 - Resident of JSC and RA
 - Thinks that for the amount of times he has gone on rounds and have seen 5 people in the area where the pool table is
 - ◆ More people will use it for a longer amount of time
 - ◆ Less likely to break in a short amount of time
- Gianfranco
 - Should approve all of them
 - 2022, funded a conference for the president of CUSC for \$600 and Grants passed the grant and it was passed by CUSC
 - Thinks most expensive pool table is the best because it will last
 - Doesn't see an issue in the other grants
- Ray
 - All of the requests should be approved

- For the psychology conference and pool table, economically, it is close to a \$1,000
 - Can recommend better pool tables for under \$800 and flipping pool would be a lot of manual labor
 - Better to get a strong pool table for \$800 and give the money to the people that need it
- **Motion to close speaker's list: Caleb; Second: Duncan**
 - **Favor: 26**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to vote on grants slate: Balaram; Second: Ray**
 - **Favor: 26**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 0**
- **Motion to vote choose the 3 in 1 pool table: Ashley; Second: Kayleen**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Oppose: 3**
 - **Abstain: 2**
- **Motion to change from special allocations to equipment fund for JSC pool table: Roxie; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 23**
 - **Oppose: 1**
 - **Abstain: 2**
- **Motion to change Gwen EPA's grant from special allocations to advocacy: Indigo; Second: Makayla**
 - **Favor: 26**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- **Motion to vote grants slate: Makayla; Second: Josh**
 - **Favor: 26**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- **Motion to pass grants slate IN FULL: Duncan; Second: Zach**
 - **Favor: 25**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - **Abstain: 1**

→ **Old Business**

→ **New Business**

→ **Representative Updates**

❖ **Gianfranco**

- Transportation, will be meeting
 - If you want to join, email them

❖ **Sam**

- Spree Day committee had their first meeting

- Will be meeting every week
- Next Wednesday at 2 PM
- If you want to join Spree Day Committee
 - Teams Sam
 - You can also email Campus Life

❖ **Roxie**

- Emailed Eden for the make this hall a home initiative
 - Goal is to find out what would be feasible
 - Ball is rolling

❖ **Ashley**

- Having an issue of the shortage of emergency beds at Clark
- Issues with mice at Wright
 - Kicked out of their rooms and residents are sleeping on people's floors
- Clark is leaving students hanging
- Will be contacting RLH staff

❖ **Hannah**

- Talked to CD about ideas for Hughes Hall
- Also wants to get something for Hughes so that it can feel like a home

→ **E-Board Updates**

❖ **Sammi**

- Internship update (kind of!)
 - Currently, the internship for CUSC is a go
 - Lisa Chase did not hear back from BSU so we are not sure if we are doing that with them
 - Meet with Danielle!
 - There is a form online for any credit
 - If you are thinking of it, it needs to be 10 hours a week on top of the current things you are doing as a rep
 - Learning outcomes
 - Something doable from now until the end of the semester
 - Academic component
 - Do need a faculty sponsor
 - You can talk to eboard
 - Will forward all information in an email tonight
 - We will let the student body know we are doing this (we are the pilot program)
 - ◆ This is something that the student body can do

❖ **Dahlia**

- Club Appreciation
 - Do not know what day it is
 - By next week, we will have a date
 - Clear your calendars!
 - This is something you are all required to be at

❖ **Ashley**

- Attendance! As a reminder, please let me know through email 24 hours beforehand
- ❖ **Najia**
 - Hope you had a good break and let her know if you want to work on anything
- ❖ **Devlin**
 - There is a lot more information about the spree day committee and senior week on instagram
- **Advisor Updates**
 - ❖ **Danielle**
 - Welcome Back!
 - Internship
 - Meet with Danielle
 - Student Leader applications are due January 31
 - Info sessions are happening
 - Listserv are set up
 - You are free to continue to communicate
 - Full update after add/drop period
 - Club training on Sunday
 - ❖ **Mike**
- **Adjournment: motion to adjourn: Landon; Second: Jessica**
 - ❖ **Favor: 26**
 - ❖ **Abstain: 0**
 - ❖ **Oppose: 0**

[Funds Tracker](#)

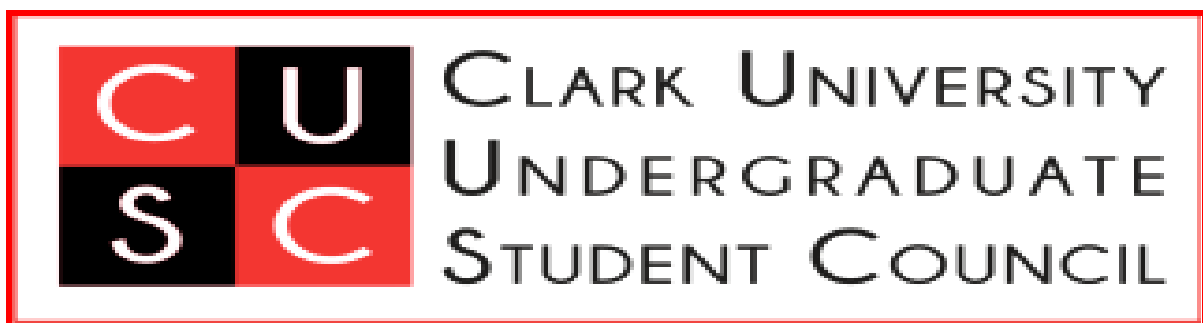
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**10th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, December 7, 2023

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ **Call to Order: 7:04 PM**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Caleb; Second: Miles**

❖ **Favor: 23**

❖ **Abstain: 1**

❖ **Against: 0**

❖ **Swearing in OUR LAST Judiciary Member: Pulkit Arora (he/him)**

❖ **STATEMENT:** I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

→ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Communications**

❖ **Elections**

➤ **Special spring elections dates (We need senior rep, Blackstone Hall, Dana Hall, Off-Campus Rep)**

■ **GIM January 19th**

■ **Deadline for filling out candidacy January 26th**

■ **Campaign Meeting**

■ **Campaign period January 26th to February 2nd**

■ **Meet the Candidates Event January 31st**

■ **Voting Day February 1st to 2nd**

➤ **Eboard elections dates**

■ **GIM Feb 12th, 7pm**

■ **Petitions Feb 12th - Feb 19th, until 4pm**

■ **Campaign Meeting: Feb 19th, 7pm**

■ **Debate: February 22nd, 6-8pm**

- **Highly advertise that the CUSC meeting will be canceled so grants and PCFs need to be submitted beforehand**

■ **Voting Day: Feb 27th-28th, 12pm to 12pm**

■ **Ratification: February 29**

■ **Inauguration is April 4**

❖ **Finance (they've been cooking)**

➤ **Dates:**

■ **Workshop dates: February 18th 11:30 February 25th 6pm**

■ **February 16th: form opens to clubs**

■ **March 1st form closes**

■ **March 8th late submissions are due**

■ **March 11-22nd two weeks after spring break deliberations**

■ **March 15th release initial allocations**

- **March 18th** start appeals
- **March 22** appeals end
- **March 28th** proposal student council
- **April 4th** final vote
- Money for club budgets comes out of the Student Activities Fund (SAF), it will look different each semester
 - Programming comes out of that too
 - [Being used for a lot of other things](#)
 - This is for students. So they can have a life outside of academics. Depending on how much undergrad students there are, this can fluctuate the amount of money we have in SAF
 - The reason why we have midyear allocations is because of the fluctuations and we set the budgets in April previous, start with a pot of money and once people start classes, we have an understanding of how much money we have to allocate to the clubs.

❖ **Judiciary**

❖ **Student Life**

❖ **Grants**

→ **Old Business**

❖ [Midyear Allocations](#)

- Finance committee did a lot of work doing allocations. Some clubs have \$0 because we felt that their annual budgets were adequate. Met all of the clubs before we did any allocations and will talk to their committees for budgets. Midyears were 45 clubs and annual budgets are 110 clubs.
- Point of Inquiry: CURR
 - They still have not spent all of their budget, they have \$11,000. We all agree that CURR does a lot for this school. Annually, they get \$15,000, and they have \$11,000 left.
- **Motion to move into discussion: Caleb; Zach**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Motion to open speaker's list: Kel; Second: Stephen**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**
- Kel
 - It is solid. For all the clubs that did not get the funding, they have other resources such as grants. Thinks it was a fair process.
- Stephen
 - Read through everything, seemed solid. Only thing that they want to point out is finance committee only worked with \$65,000. They did everything

fairly.

- Gianfranco
 - The finance committee did a good job allocating everything. \$65k is hard to distribute across 45 clubs, and finance did it adequately.
- Caleb
 - Driving principle is equity. Finance asked questions to club about how they are using equitably, driving principle was that the money was not going to eboard. Made sure that funds went to the most amount of people as possible.
- Makayla
 - Everything looks good, glanced over it. Finance did an amazing job, they deserve a shoutout. Glad that money is going where it is needed. Glad that we are grown enough to say that you do not need money and other people need it.
- **Motion to close speaker's list: Ashley; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Motion to move into voting: Duncan; Second: Kaylene**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Motion to pass midyear allocations: Abigail; Second: Max**
 - **Favor: 24**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Against: 0**

→ New Business

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Gianfranco
 - Discussing re-evaluating transportation, the Clark Shuttle, move that to next semester. Meeting with Dean K and Domenica. Whoever wants to join them, please let them know.
- ❖ Stephen
 - Met with editor in chief with Scarlet who showed a lot of interest in publishing the newsletter. Will get in contact with communications directly.
 - Recently heard back from ODI, in talks of setting up a meeting in February when they have all the information from the campus climate survey.
- ❖ Kel
 - Plan next year is to come up with a proposal on how to figure out travel events. We need some type of regulation on how to fund it, could be a proposal.
- ❖ Makayla
 - Will be trying to work with Hall Council to fund new things to be added to Wright hall. Will meet with them next semester and work together closely with them.
- ❖ Landon

- Queer Politics Event will be moved to the spring. Will continue. This is an opportunity to get more outreach.
- ❖ Indigo
 - Looking to get a pool table for JSC. Already submitted the grant and will be happening in the spring. Talked with RLH, long as we get them money, we can get the pool table.
- ❖ ABigail
 - Meet with Dean Kamaro to go over advisory process for bias reports.

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Thank you for a wonderful semester!
- Don't forget to [add](#) your projects/initiative/external committees!
- I have a surprise reveal...of a [project](#) :)
- Not secret in a shady way, had to make sure it was plausible before presenting it to all of you.
- THIS IS NOT THE COMPENSATION PROPOSAL. IT IS NOT PAID.
- Student leaders on this campus do a lot of free labor. Are not recognized that what they are doing are beneficial to their careers and what they are doing is usually someone's job.
- This is open to everyone.
- Overarching goal is that any club on campus can do this.
- If you are in a department, and you think you can get a sponsor for your major / minor, you can get an academic credit.
- Invited BSU to join us
 - Felt that they have projects that they can link
 - Have not heard from them yet
 - Really hopes that they do; they do a lot of work for students and the campus
- If Lisa gets it approved, will be available in the spring
- Could petition for 5, could be one of your 4 classes, depends on you.
- Just being a general member does not constitute an internship. There are a few things that we need to do on the backend. Legitimizing processes and experiences that we have.
- You need to have 160 hours.
- Pursuing academic credit, will have to work with faculty advisor to decide that.
- If it were to be denied, and approach it as a resolution
 - Would be hard to get student population side, iffy opinions about student council and what we do. It would encourage more people to join CUSC. Marketing of it would be really important.
 - An outline that can be a framework for people to do individually
 - ◆ Everyone can do this CURRENTLY. Sammi is making it easier for all of us.
- Would a referendum work to sense what students think?

- Recommend BSU and ISA
 - Take framework and rework it on their own as a club
- Hall Council
 - Meet with Sammi if they are interested
- Something to consider is that this internship is open to all appointed positions and representatives
 - Undertake an extra project with pre-existing responsibilities
- **Motion for a round robin: Sam; Second: Landon**
 - **Favor: 22**
 - **Abstain: 0**
 - **Oppose: 2**
- Landon
 - Bravo Danielle and everyone that worked on this. Liked how Danielle said legitimizing.
- Zach
 - Have no problem moving forward with this.
- Abraham
 - Innovative and creative. Give Sammi props. Finance committee does a lot of unpaid work.
- Ashley
 - Addressing the free labor issue. This campus is student run and students do a lot of work on campus. So much wouldn't function at Clark.
- Stephen
 - Need more time to go over resolution.
- Roxie
 - Thinks it is very interesting. Never really thought about compensation or legitimizing. Feels like would need to talk to multiple people to see if it is a right for them personally.
- Sam
 - Need points of affirmation. This is fantastic. Applicable to every member. Woohoo!
- Hannah
 - Really excited about it. Academic credit is a good opportunity to get to know professors better.
- Makayla
 - This is a really good opportunity. A lot of work gets unrecognized sometimes and this is a good way to get this recognized. As a first-year, will have this in their resume.
- Abigail
 - This is a very good proposal. If you are a freshman or graduation is around the corner for you, it is good.
- Duncan
 - Awesome
- Annie
 - Really awesome. Been applying for internships and resumes are really

important.

- Indigo
 - Very excited for this. Thinking about internships today.
- Miles
 - A great idea for elections and finance.
- Kaylene
 - Thought it was really cool and that you can work with faculty member.
- Grace
 - Good idea.
- Max
 - 2 years ago, attended first council meeting for compensation proposal. Wants to thank Sammi, good opportunity for eboard and representatives to have on their resumes. Very supportive of this.
- Kel
 - Solid. Sammi is a genius. I support. How will that look like with grants chair and vice-chairs? Solid.
- Alexia
 - Really nice as an international student to get an internship. Having this is really nice.
- Gianfranco
 - Thank you Sammi. Agree with Max and remembered the proposal and was against it. This is a good way to compensate everyone. Looking forward to how that will look.
- Jessica
 - Love the idea. A really good opportunity for everyone.
- Luca
 - Look at the academic internship and see how this would work with first-years. The component of academic credit will depend on first-years.
- Josh
 - A great idea. Love that it is open to everyone and how it is difficult for someone to get internships.

❖ **Dahlia**

- Library is librarying. Shoutout Jessica. Currently researching Chinese universities and the way they allocate different resources. They are cutting edge regarding academic librarianship.
 - Acting like Clark Inc. and not Clark University
 - It's not vibey. Not slay.
 - Making sure that library funding is allocated especially when humanities are at risk.
 - Important to put money into degrees
 - If the library is your roman empire, join Dahlia. (I have to put these on the agenda)
 - Facilitator of all things that reps do, you should be extremely proud of yourselves.
- Have a great break and finally get some sleep!

❖ **Ashley**

- Meeting with E&I and International Reps about constitutional funding ideas
 - Meeting tomorrow
 - Initiatives constitutionally funding or new fund for programs happening during academic breaks
- Thank you all!
 - Get some rest!
 - You don't have to be academic weapons all the time

❖ **Najia**

- [Overview of remaining funds](#)
- Thank you to all of you. Finance committee is financing. Judiciary committee is judicious. Communications is communication. Elections is electioning. Grants is granting. Student life is student living.
- We got granted a midyear. We are at \$206. Our total right now is \$1,736. Office hours are 10 to 12 on Fridays.

❖ **Devlin**

- THANK YOU!
 - Echoing everyone's thank yous.
- Surprise letters

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

- Happy end of the semester! It has been a pleasure. The spring semester is like you get here and it is already April. It will fly. Over break, think about internship opportunities and let Danielle know.
- Late night breakfast on Tuesday, 10 PM to midnight
 - It is free
- Appreciates all the work you have been doing
- Good luck on finals and projects!
- Have a fantastic break away from Clark!

❖ **Mike**

→ **Adjournment: 8: 11 PM**

❖ **Annie; Second: Alexia**

❖ **Favor: 24**

❖ **Abstain: 0**

❖ **Against: 0**

[Funds Tracker](#)

Attendance Record:

Sammi Bosque

Dahlia Mella-Goris

Ashley Valois

Najia Lloyd

Devlin Geisler

Representative Council:

Landon Parr

Stephen Gibbons

Kaylene Criollo

Jessica Lam

Abigail Kouevi

Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu

Gianfranco Cornejo Gizzi

Caleb Howard

Annie Battle

Duncan Green

Kelechi Akabuogu

Miles Bell

Ashley Gast

Abraham Rahman

Grace Buckland

Roxie Frantz

Hannah Oh

Indigo Cadorette

Zach Powell

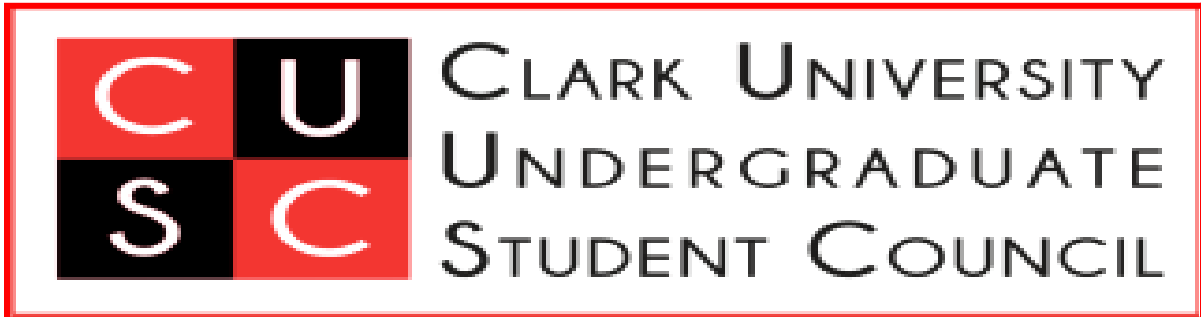
Makayla Towne

Sam Bazer

Max Rosenfeld

Joshua Jankowitz

Luca Kramer



**9th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, November 30

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:04 PM

→ Public Comment(s) (remind your constituents that they can come to these meetings)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

❖ **Motion: Ashley; Second: Stephen**

- **Favor: 22**
- **Abstain: 0**
- **Against: 0**

→ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Communications**

❖ **Elections**

- Discussed different events for engagement
 - Ballot booths out of cardboard (more interactive)
 - Possible location in library
 - ◆ Easier place to stop people
 - Raffle if they voted
- Candy from Devlin

❖ **Finance**

- Still meeting with clubs for appeals, so document might change
 -  Presentation Nov 30 2023
 - Appeals
 - ◆ Redistributed money to clubs that got \$0
 - Will be voting on Midyear Allocations next meeting
 - https://clarkuedu-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/icadorette_clarku_edu/Ee-K-WZOqR5Ao97ZhvidX2cBc81Wus0QoSrivC_x0_rEw?e=C6R081
 - Send out emails to clubs for final allocations
 - Take allocations very seriously
- CURR's funding
 - One of the conferences were eboard specific, trying to make it more equitable for all members
 - Annual budget increased by \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 this year, but also did not spend all money last year
- Why do some of the clubs have \$0?
 - During meetings, clubs answered that they can survive as a club without additional funding
- Reach out to any of the finance members if you have any questions

❖ **Judiciary**

❖ **Student Life**

❖ **Grants**

- [Grants Slate](#) (Make sure you are reading it thoroughly before asking questions)
 - Plantea Society
 - Literary Magazine
 - Diversity in Games
 - ASU
 - Dance Conference (cannot vote on it, grants committee did not bring it to council)
 - Dance conference technically isn't an approved trip (make sure

they can actually do that)

- Because this group is not a club, needs to meet with SLP
- There is no way for them to enter the event into engage
- Conference is in collaboration with dance department
 - ◆ DEI focused dance
 - ◆ Professor did a budget, but theater department cannot fund it
- Don't want to become a club because it is students that are interested, but do not have numbers to become an eboard
 - ◆ Have to do other things like becoming a dance club
 - ◆ Don't know if this would work in their favor

➤ **Motion to open speaker's list: Kel; Second: Hannah**

■ **Favor: 22**

■ **Abstain: 0**

■ **Against: 0**

■ Kel

- It was hard to make a decision for grants, Plantea Society is not asking for much, excited to fund magazine, Diversity in Games (excited for the event), ASU's event is good

■ Indigo

- ASU came to midyears and asked for LNY to be funded (suggested it come out of grants), Plantea is not very much money

■ Stephen

- Has no problem with about anything, the dance conference is a bit of a thinker, not sure of logistics, have not gotten approval → does not make sense to approve grant

■ Hannah

- Answered question

➤ **Motion to close speaker's list: Stephen; Second: Sam**

■ **Favor: 22**

■ **Abstain: 0**

■ **Against: 0**

➤ **Motion to change ASU's funding to campus programming: Ashley; Second: Duncan**

■ **Favor: 22**

■ **Abstain: 0**

■ **Against: 0**

➤ **Motion to increase Diversity In Games funds from \$1,250 to \$1524: Ashley; Second: Luca**

■ **Favor: 22**

■ **Abstain: 0**

■ **Against: 0**

➤ **Motion to vote on grants slate: Stephen; Second: Grace**

■ **Favor: 22**

■ **Abstain: 0**

- Against: 0
- **Motion to pass grants slate**
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Against: 0

→ Old Business

❖ Historian Proposal

- Concerns about lifetime appointment → create a strong impeachment outline for all positions on council including appointed positions (Historian, Chief of Staff, and Judiciary)
 - Go into next bylaw about appointed positions
- Lifetime position
 - Reaffirm the position?
- **Motion to move into voting: Stephen; Second: Annie**
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Against: 0
- **Motion to pass bylaw**
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Against: 0

❖ Bylaw 303 Changes

- If bylaw were to pass tonight, anything left in Special Allocations will go into next spring semester instead of going to be cumulative surplus
- **Motion to move into voting: Stephen; Second: Luca**
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Against: 0
- **Motion to pass bylaw**
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Against: 0

❖ Membership Bylaw

- Went into extensive discussion for an hour with Stephen
- Deleted out of Constitution purposely to be in bylaws (i.e. if a new residence hall gets built, future reps can add it into the bylaw)
- Highlights
 - Transfer reps
 - 4 off campus reps
 - 1 Clark apartment rep
- Amendment (judiciary and Stephen)
 - Folks can come into Clark with AP credits and college credits (will throw off class standing), reflect their time at Clark instead of their credits
 - First years now can enroll into Clark with 8 credits

- **Motion to move into voting for amendment: Ashley; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Motion to pass amendment: Makayla; Second: Duncan**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Motion to vote on proposal: Stephen; Second: Makayla**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Against: 0**
- **Motion to pass proposal**
 - **Favor: 21**
 - **Abstain: 1**
 - **Against: 0**

→ New Business

- New Judiciary: Vesper Holmes (they/them)
- **STATEMENT:** I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Indigo
 - Zach and Indigo had a meeting with Eden, hiring a CD and will be sending offer letter tomorrow
 - Talked about hand soap with lotion, said that cannot be a thing because of allergies and certain scents
 - Facilities mass orders things, but cannot get trash bins
 - Getting pool table for JSC, RLH supports it, just needs money
 - Game night in the spring and using Hall Council funding
- ❖ Ashley
 - Got some feedback from renovated bathrooms in Wright Hall
 - Feedback from dining
 - Will be bringing concerns to Dining Hall Committee
 - If your constituents have any questions or concerns, send them to Ashley
- ❖ Kel
 - Grant update
 - The amount of money we have leftover to spend is \$2,422
 - Not worried about that amount being spent, clubs will be asking for money
 - Will be rolling over yay :)
 - Reminder to look over funding tracker
 - Will make a lot of sense about the decisions that grants makes

❖ Ray

- Gian, Alexia, and Ray had a meeting
 - Emailed Sarah, global engagement, about funding for international students to go back home during winter break
 - Sending out a happy winter break to constituents

❖ Stephen

- In regards with attempts to meet with Scarlet, a meeting will be scheduled soon
- Looking to schedule a meeting with ODI about general campus climate

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Please fill out this [spreadsheet](#) if you haven't already (all our Special Fall folks!!!!)
 - Purpose is to help Duncan and Comms committee make a Meet the Reps post
- If you have not already started/joined an initiative or an external committee, COME SEE ME!
 - If you do, put it [here](#)!
 - If you don't have a project right now, you can join in on some of mine!!
- Dinner - PEPPERCORNS!
 - Tell me what you [prefer](#) (if you have any!)
 - Appreciation of everything you have done this semester

❖ Dahlia

- Reminder about appropriate uses of the CUSC office
 - CUSC business only
 - If you do have to have a meeting (fell out of the sky), you can ask eboard to use it
 - Make sure it is equitable for everyone
- Thank you so much for all the hard work and showing up despite the stressful time we are in.
- Working on something with Dean K. about the library

❖ Ashley

- [Attendance policy](#)
 - If you are going to miss any CUSC-related meeting (committees included), please let me or your committee chairs know at least 24 hours beforehand for an EXCUSED absence. If your absence was not communicated to us, it will be unexcused. You are free to share as much as you would like, we are just asking for communication. If there is an emergency, please let us know as well even after the meetings just so we can support you as best as we can.
- Additions to agenda, **EMAIL THEM TO ME**
 - Make sure it is before Tuesdays at 8 PM
 - Committee Chairs should also be sending me updates to put on the agenda
- Community Dinners
 - Went very well

- For both nights, there were quite a few extras
 - Gave extras to people who were still there and some to those in the library
- ❖ **Najia**
 - Have a good weekend!
- ❖ **Devlin**
 - [Input your office hours](#) for next semester (S24 Office Hours tab)
 - Due today by midnight!
 - If that changes because your class schedule changes, just let Devlin know
 - Go to your office hours!!
 - If you are not going to make it, please let Dev know beforehand so it can be posted and communicated with constituents

→ Advisor Updates

- ❖ **Danielle**
 - Want to shoutout Ashley for community dinners
 - Want to shoutout finance committee and cochairs for the work they have been doing
 - Want to share that we are getting co-sponsorship from grad organizations, upwards of \$2200 for transportation
 - Working with clubs to make things happen
 - If you have a project, please let Danielle know
 - Thank you to all first year students that have completed their survey, please do them
 - Hope you had a safe break
 - Update about feel good finals soon
- ❖ **Mike**

→ Adjournment: Motion: Ashley; Second: Jessica

Favor: 22

Abstain: 0

Against: 0

[Funds Tracker](#)

Attendance Record:

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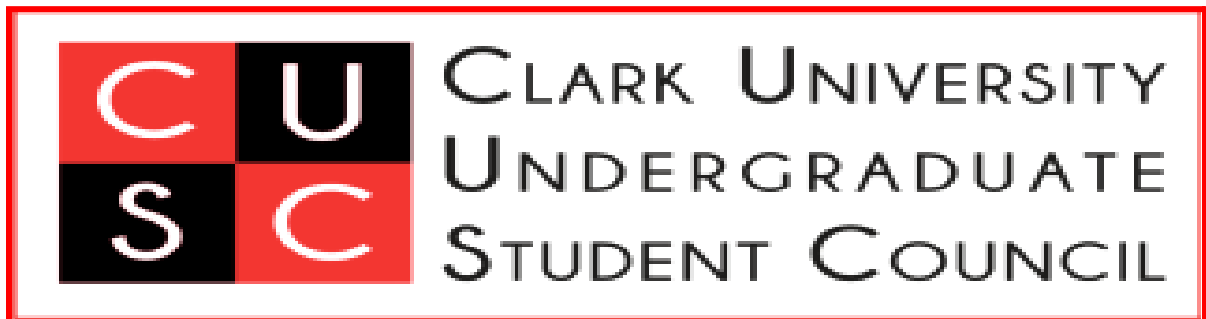
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Najia Lloyd

Devlin Geisler

Representative Council:

Stephen Gibbons
Kaylene Criollo
Jessica Lam
Abigail Kouevi
Aryadeep Ray
Alexia-Ana MARIa Popescu
Balaram Desasi
Annie Battle
Duncan Green
Kelechi Akabuogu
Miles Bell
Ashley Gast
Grace Buckland
Roxie Frantz
Hannah Oh
Indigo Cadorette
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8th General Meeting of the 113th Session

of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, November 16

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:02 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Caleb; Second: Ray (Favor: 23; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0)

→ Appointment of New Judiciary Member: Daniel Higgins (they/them)

→ STATEMENT: I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

→ Committee Updates

❖ Communications

- First meeting last sunday!
- Sent out 3 posts (REPOST THEM)
 - Campus climate (also make sure to do it yourself)
 - Mid years
 - Office hours
- Committee liaisons have been decided
 - Student life: Makayla
 - Elections: Jessica
 - Finance: Gianfranco
 - Grants: Roxie
 - Judiciary: Duncan
- Starting to begin work on the newsletter

❖ Elections

- Welcoming new members
- Working on engagement
 - Meet the candidates event
 - Spring elections
 - Various posters around campus
 - Limitations to posters
 - Tabling in the library
- Ballot booth?
- Creating a guideline (brochure) for what's good, what's not, etc.
 - Candidates

❖ Finance

- Met with 42/44 clubs for midyears
 - They would like to thank comms, finance committee, and all the clubs who took the time to meet with them
 - Doing calculations right now
- Initial allocations → Saturday, November 18

- To pass the budgets
 - Will be presenting to council on November 30
 - Voting on December 7
- ❖ **Judiciary**
 - [Bylaw 303 Changes](#)
 - Reach out to judiciary if you have any questions, comments, concerns
 - [Membership Bylaw](#)
 - Reach out to judiciary if you have any questions, comments, concerns
- ❖ **Student Life**
 - Approved 3 PCFs
 - One asked to cancel their request, date of event was very close
 - Two that were passed
 - Diversity in Games for catering (\$500)
 - MENASA for a speaker (\$250)
 - [Transportation Proposal](#)
- ❖ **Grants**
 - [Grants Slate 1](#)
 - Motion for speaker's list: Caleb; Second: Ashley
 - Caleb
 - MEA does good work
 - Happy to give money to update equipment
 - Same thing with volleyball
 - Landon
 - More access to menstrual products should be an easier process
 - Jerseys, who could say no
 - Ray
 - Grants are self-explanatory
 - ◆ Friends have expressed concern about menstrual products
 - ◆ Shows passion for volleyball games
 - Likes both grants
 - Makayla
 - Jerseys, "I agree"
 - ◆ We got sweatshirts, fair for them to get hoodies
 - There is a huge need for menstrual products
 - ◆ Would be very beneficial for campus
 - Gianfranco
 - Agrees with both of them
 - Clarification surrounding not using equipment fund
 - ◆ Jerseys will be used for multiple years
 - Not for just one person, will be passed down
 - They were not being personalized
 - Motion to close speaker's list: Ray; Second: Gianfranco
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0

- Motion to amend MEA's grants to add \$653: Landon; Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 23
 - Abstain: 1
 - Oppose: 0
- Motion to vote on grants slate: Makayla; Second; Sam
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- Motion to pass grants slate: Landon; Second: Luca
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- [Grants Slate 2](#)
 - Motion to go into voting: Sam; Second: Balaram
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
 - Motion to pass grants slate: Indigo; Second: Duncan
 - Favor: 24
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0

→ Old Business

→ New Business

➤ [Historian Proposal](#)

- Sammi
 - Been on council for 4 years, only have access to documents on eboards they were a part of
 - It is hard to keep track of documents and archives
 - Create a sound position where they can help with transition between eboards
 - Make sure that everything is being stored properly
 - They are not required to come to any CUSC meetings unless present archival updates
 - Lifetime appointment by President, Secretary, and Judiciary chairs
 - Purpose of categorizing previous work
- Suggestion to have reps look over notes
 - Emphasize that this is about their qualifications
 - But deliberations and any notes can be open to any reps
- Concerns about impeachment process
 - Ensure that it is a fair process
 - Written down
- Comparisons to grants committee
 - They have to re-apply every year

- Two processes
 - Lifetime appointment
 - Reapply yearly
- Longevity is vital to historian and judiciary
 - More familiar with relevant processes, job responsibilities, etc.
- Publishing CUSC Newsletter to the Scarlet
 - Comms is working on it
 - Put it out there for discussion
 - Proposed process
 - Comms will send newsletter to scarlet → editors approve and publish
 - Scarlet has repeatedly tabled sending a reporter but CUSC meetings are “boring”
- Robberies that occurred last week and help spread safety tips
 - 3 robberies over a two week period
 - Not trying to make people afraid of Worcester, just to send out friendly safety tips
 - Motion for speaker’s list: Ashley; Second: Stephen
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
 - Ashley
 - First years have been talking about it a lot, especially for people not from Mass
 - Put something out on social media pages, ask Scarlet
 - Make sure Clark resources are working
 - Roxie
 - Very important thing to talk about
 - Giving safety tips through comms tools
 - Knowing resources we have on campus
 - Zach
 - Agree with previous points
 - Conscious of how frequently they’ve been happening
 - Stephen
 - Issue that needs to be addressed
 - Send out information regarding resources
 - Go further with what we do
 - Clark Alerts
 - Under those is CUPD
 - Clark Ride
 - JD
 - Can get into routine of walking alone
 - Letting people know that there are resources where there are other options where you don’t walk alone
 - Motion to close speaker’s list: Ray; Second: Abraham
 - Favor: 22
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0

- Closing Remarks from Sam
 - Thank you for appreciating concerns
 - Making sure administration is aware of this
- Clark Ride
 - Extended
- RAVE Guardian App
 - There is an escort ability where you can tell UP
 - Turn your phone into a blue box
 - Alert UP
- Statement from CUSC
 - Contact your constituents
 - Be conscious of BSU's demands (contact them if you are interested in doing so)
 - Holding UP accountable of power dynamics
 - Must be presented to CUSC before releasing statement
- Queer Politics Event
 - There are queer people in all spaces, give a little info regarding event (SHARE WITH YOUR CONSTITUENTS)
 - November 20, 1:30 PM in Lurie Conference Room
 - Moderated by Dan. Hanley
 - Panelists
 - Abbie Goldberg
 - Rox Samer
 - Cyril Ghosh
 - More info regarding event will be shared
 - Teams
- FIRM Food Pantry Jeremiah's Inn Updates
 - Monday, meeting with CEV (Sam, Max, and Devlin)
 - Got some data back
 - 216 students that are currently using it
 - 100% are international graduate students
 - Graduate Student Council is also in communication
 - No undergrads are using it
 - Go forward with the survey?
 - Swipe Out Hunger
 - Application based service
 - 10 emergency swipes
 - As of Wednesday, they ran out
 - Data
 - 246 graduate
 - 6 undergrads
 - Sodexo donated \$1700 and emergency fund was also used, but both ran out
 - All relevant to new contactor
 - Possibility of swipes?

→ Representative Updates

❖ Gianfranco

- Meeting with Sarah, 3 PM in International Center
 - Issues surrounding international community
 - If you have heard anything from constituents, let Gianfranco and Ray know

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Robert Rules tips!
 - If at any point, instead of a speaker's list, you would like to request that I ask everyone to comment on the topic and go around the room, that is an option!
 - You can also motion for an unmoderated caucus for a set number of time and have a free period of discussion
 - "I'd like to motion to move into an unmoderated caucus for 10 minutes"
 - ◆ Purpose: working session, pause standard CUSC meeting structure
 - If you motion to open a speaker's list, YOU ARE THE FIRST SPEAKER
- [Accomplishment Tracker](#)
 - you all should have something on here by the end of the semester, even if it's prep work!
 - [Example of last year's](#)
- We want to get dinner for you for our last meeting! (Will start dinner at 6 PM, December 7th)
 - Will have to propose a grant
 - Let's vote! Then we'll send out a form for preferences and allergies, restrictions, diet, etc.
 - New China Lantern
 - Fantastic Pizza
 - Hacienda don Juan
 - Cafe Reyes
 - Peppercorns
 - Mint
 - Other suggestions?
 - ◆ RANK CHOICE VOTING?

❖ Dahlia

- Idea for a program where constituents can meet reps
 - People need to know who you are
 - Can talk to you about concerns
 - Know you as people
 - Painting event
 - Every single one of you have to be there
 - If you want to help plan this, let Dahlia know

- Free food?
- Will also need a grant
- ◆ COULD BE PCF

❖ Ashley

- Additions to agenda, **EMAIL THEM TO ME**
 - Make sure it is before Tuesdays at 8 PM
 - Committee Chairs should also be sending me updates to put on the agenda
- Community Dinners
 - Getting it constitutionally funded
 - Please let me know if you would like to work with me on that
- If you have to leave early, also let me know beforehand

❖ Najia

- Huge shout out to finance and grants – amazing work!
 - If you see a finance and grants committee number
- Confidentiality and sharing of CUSC info – financial-specific info
 - We are a transparent council
 - Aware of context that we are talking about club budgets
 - I.e. if you are at an event and people are like hey, what's x's club budget, take a moment to think :)
- Midyear Audit and Request
 - Go to Najia's office hours tomorrow
- Update on CUSC club budget
 - \$81 left, YIKES...but slaying?

❖ Devlin

- [CUSC Office Schedule](#)
 - You will be expected to schedule office hours nearly immediately after course selection is complete, **deadline is December 7th**, can change if your classes change before add/drop
 - **Reminder to not take a 7 to 9 PM on Thursdays** or you will have to resign
- Creating Inclusive Spaces Training Registration
 - [Creating Inclusive Spaces Training \(click here\)!](#)
 - It was emailed to you
- Gender and Sexuality Task Force - Wednesdays 3-4 about once a month next 12/6
 - If you are already serving on an external committee, do not feel pressured to take on another one
- Send me your campaign posters to print and hang

→ Advisor Updates

❖ Danielle

- All should have access to CUSC office
- Provide club budgets updates, including Eboard
- Bylaws and any legislation
 - Meet with Danielle, judiciary, and/or eboard
- Chairs

- We need agendas, especially regarding money
- They should be emailed to Danielle ASAP
- Campus Ambassadors will also have dinners in UC on Wednesday and Thursday of Thanksgiving break
 - There are free meals every single day that dining hall is closed
- Have a nice and safe break!

❖ **Mike**

→ **Adjournment: 8:52 PM Ashley; Second: Grace**

Funds Tracker

Attendance Record:

Sammi Bosque
 Dahlia Mella-Goris
 Ashley Valois
 Najia Lloyd

Representative Council:

Landon Parr
 Stephen Gibbons
 Jessica Lam
 Abigail Kouevi
 Aryadeep Ray
 Alexia-Ana-Maria Popescu
 Gianfranco Cornejo Gizzi
 Caleb Howard
 Balaram Desasi
 Annie Battle
 Duncan Green
 Kelechi Akabuogu
 Ashley Gast
 Abraham Rahman
 Grace Buckland
 Roxie Frantz
 Indigo Cadorette
 Zach Powell
 JD Cogliano
 Makayla Towne
 Sam Bazer
 Max Rosenfeld

Josh Jankowitz
Luca Kramer



**7th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202
7pm Thursday, November 9

Director and Assistant Director of Residential Life and Housing, Jess and Eden

- ❖ Overview of Department
 - Big thing that is happening → Main St. Project
 - Community forums
 - Hosted a few of those
 - More info about the project
 - ◆ Residential component
 - ◆ Community business component
 - Set for demolition in the summer
 - Opening in 2026
 - 500 people
 - Focus on accessibility
 - Layout
 - Singles, doubles, apartment styles
 - Hope is that it aligns with the rest of housing costs on campus
 - In design stage
 - Questions
 - A lot of buildings on campus need to be renovated...are there any talks or discussions about those?
 - ◆ Smaller projects that will lead to larger ones
 - Main St. project will give Clark flexibility to take a building offline
 - 5 and 10 year plan for housing
 - What's the next stage of a big renovation?
 - Dana and Hughes
 - ◆ Will it be a similar update like JSC?
 - ◆ Figuring out what makes the most sense
 - Updating signage and doorknobs

- important for accessibility
 - Elevators!
 - Bullock and Wright
 - ◆ Gender inclusive bathroom that isn't single user
 - ◆ Started on common area and kitchen upgrades, pilot programs
 - JSC, Dodd, Dana, Hughes
 - Suite updates in Maywood Hall
 - Maywood Houses
 - Doing necessary cosmetic updates
 - Dodd Hall
 - ◆ Has lots of kitchens...is there a better balance for common areas and kitchen space
 - ◆ Upper floors, what is the right combination
 - ◆ Historically has always been as the "women's hall"
 - Get a better sense of what folks see it as
 - Is naming it a women's hall really the most representative way of framing the hall
 - ◆ A lot of concerns about an elevator, more washers and dryers
 - Everything is in the basement (showers, laundry room, lounge)
 - Limitations of space
 - In the works of expanding
 - ◆ Making a lot of buildings accessible through an elevator is a priority
 - Chatting about it for the long term plan
 - Residential Curriculum, Programming
 - Moving towards a sphere of making sure that students are developing in the way we should be
 - 4 spheres
 - Self exploration
 - ◆ Focus on identity development and research development
 - ◆ Being given the tools to do that
 - Well being
 - ◆ How do I feel and communicate that with people?
 - Community
 - ◆ Cougar Chats
 - Global citizen
 - ◆ Skills about how to live independently in the world and creating a positive impact on the world
 - Programming that is intentionally targeting these areas, partnering with offices, bulletin boards
- ❖ Where we are at

- Not all buildings were designed to meet today's student needs
- A lot of spaces on campus were in a deferred maintenance
- Way over capacity that Clark is designed for
- ❖ Where are we heading
 - Residential involvement
 - Hall Council
 - National Residence Hall Honorary
 - Residential Hall Association
 - Living and learning communities
 - Affinity house
 - Hughes
 - How to take experiences and enhance them
 - Targeted programming
 - Residential Curriculum
 - A lot of plans
 - Happening in waves
 - Transforming experience for those on campus
- ❖ Waiver of fees for international domestic students for Winter Break
 - Will continue doing that
 - Working on long term goal to make sure that students will not worry about costs
 - Looking at how to incentivize staying on campus during the summer

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

→ Committee Updates

- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Elections
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ Judiciary
 - [Bylaw 303 Proposal](#)
- ❖ Student Life
- ❖ Grants
 - [Grants Slate](#)

→ Old Business

→ New Business

- [Historian Proposal](#)
- [Community Guidelines](#)
- Robberies that occurred last week and help spread safety tips

→ Representative Updates

→ E-Board Updates

- ❖ Sammi
 - Make sure that you are not using headphones of any kind during meetings (unless

you need them for sensory issues, please talk to us if this is the case)

❖ **Dahlia**

❖ **Ashley**

- Community Dinners, will probably present next week
- Read the agenda beforehand
- Additions to agenda, please **EMAIL** it to me
 - If there is an update, send it to me ASAP
- Committees should be sending me an email for their information to put on the agenda at 8 PM on Tuesday
 - If you do not, we will be skipping over it

❖ **Najia**

- Confidentiality and sharing of CUSC info – financial-specific info
- Midyear Audit and Request
- Office hours will end at 12 tomorrow, bc of lunch meeting from 12-1
- Update on CUSC club budget

❖ **Devlin**

-  CUSC Office Schedule
 - You will be expected to schedule office hours immediately after course selection is complete
 - Reminder to not take a 7 to 9 PM on Thursdays or you will have to resign
- FIRM task-force time change - Monday's 3-4 next 11/13
- [Creating Inclusive Spaces Training Registration](#)
- Gender and Sexuality Task Force - Wednesdays 3-4 about once a month next 12/6

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

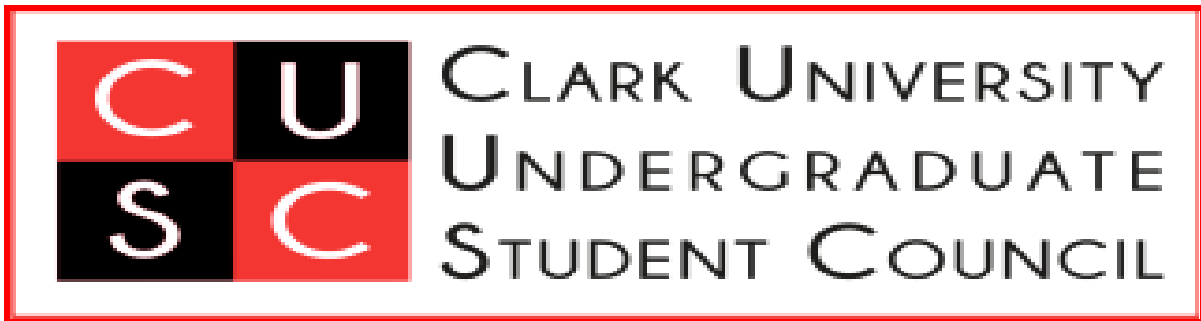
❖ **Mike**

→ **Adjournment**

[Funds Tracker](#)

Attendance Record:

Representative Council:



**6th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: Grace Conference Room

7pm Thursday, November 2, 2023

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

Center for Counseling and Personal Growth, Robin Dankovich (rdziczek@clarku.edu) and Justin Donovan (jdonovan@clarku.edu)

- ❖ UWill
 - Get credits for sessions
 - Has a chat feature
 - Go to app.uwill.com and log-in with single sign on
 - Choose from preferences and variability
 - Not a replacement of CPG, it is a supplement
 - Make waiting time a lot less
 - All included, paid for Clark
 - Have a 210 credit
 - Share it with constituents, it is another resource
 - Can utilize service when you go home, if home is not in Massachusetts
- ❖ Fresh Check Day
 - A requirement for the first time this year
 - Director of Wellness Educator was fairly new
 - Make sure that it is effective and efficient
- ❖ Accessibility
 - More plans to make building more accessible

- ❖ UHelp (extension of UWill)
 - Crisis intervention
 - Walk in hours at 1 PM everyday
 - Emergency cases
 - Will make time for them
 - 24/7 help
 - Very important service
- ❖ URise
- ❖ Peer Educators
 - Get involved with that
 - Rachel Brazie is coordinator with program
- ❖ Couples Therapy
- ❖ Therapists outside US
 - Not heard anything about it
 - Challenges with licenses carrying over states

→ **Call to Order: 7:27 PM**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

- ❖ Stephen: Thanks! (thumbs up)

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Caleb; Second: Makayla**

- ❖ **Favor: 17**
- ❖ **Abstain: 0**
- ❖ **Oppose: 0**

→ **Swearing in Elected Representatives**

- ❖ **STATEMENT:** I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

→ **Committee Updates**

- ❖ **Communications**
 - Repost stuff!!!!!!!
 - Midyears
 - Tomorrow, COVID Tests posts
 - This weekend, Climate Survey
 - Meeting Sunday
- ❖ **Elections**
 - Went over Elections and past engagements
 - Everyone was sworn in yay
 - Plan for next elections
- ❖ **Finance**
 - Form is now live
 - Clubs can start applying for mid-years (have a week to do it)
 - Workshops
 - Friday, 1 to 2 PM in Grace Conference
 - Sunday, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in ASEC 202
 - Gearing up for a very busy three weeks

- Google sheets for office hours, there are 2 new shifts for Finance Committee
- ❖ **Judiciary**
 - Went through filing system
 - Found older versions of Constitution, Bylaw system
 - Excited about new people joining judiciary
 - Looking at an organization system
- ❖ **Student Life**
 - Thank you to everyone who went and volunteered for Halloweeknd
 - No PCFs
 - Improvements for advertisement about Halloweeknd
 - Working on proposal written for lyft rides
- ❖ **Grants**
 - [Grants Slate](#)
 - Educational Studies Program
 - Clark Plantea Society
 - Figure Skating
 - Conflict of interest surrounding coaches paying themselves because they are a part of the club
 - Motion to move into discussion: Caleb; Second: Ray
 - Stephen
 - Biggest question is what kind of precedent in paying eboard members that doing the own work they are already doing
 - What questions does this lead to future amounts getting higher?
 - Gianfranco
 - Only concern is approving this without having enough information
 - Ideal to meet with club again to go over procedures about payment
 - Cut out coaches payment for request
 - Indigo
 - Cut out the coaches, part of the club
 - Doing more work since they are a part of eboard
 - Some talk about CUSc eboard getting paid
 - ◆ There is already a precedent about eboard members not getting paid
 - Ray
 - First two grants are straightforward
 - Figure skating feels a little shady
 - ◆ Should get actual certified coaches to ensure safety
 - Ashley
 - First two grants seem good and are clear
 - Paying them and should be paid for their labor
 - ◆ Certification, been doing it for 10 years
 - Weird dynamic that their pay is coming from CUSC in a form of a grant
 - ◆ Putting it in that way is an odd way to go about doing it
 - Motion to close speaker's list: Caleb; Second Ray

- Favor: 25
 - Oppose: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to move into voting: Ray; Second: Duncan
 - Favor: 24
 - Oppose: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to amend Grants Slate to take out \$75 → \$1,000: Indigo; Second: Gianfranco
 - Favor: 23
 - Oppose: 1
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to approve grants slate: Ray; Second: Miles
 - Favor: 23
 - Oppose: 0
 - Abstain: 1

→ Old Business

→ New Business

❖ Clark Website

- Have a video display Jonas Clark Hall or display 4 of each within a month along with a shift button option
- Some of the images are incorrect
 - Academic Commons displays second floor instead
- Motion to open a speaker's list for 5 minutes, 5 speakers: Zach; Second: Stephen
 - Favor: 15
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 10
- Ashley
 - Do not notice any major issues that there may be
 - Works for what students need for most of the time
- Kel
 - Could be better
 - For people interested in Clark, could be hard to navigate
 - Needs to be more accessible for current students
 - Like the colors
- Makayla
 - Images are incorrect
 - Mislead new students
 - Need more pictures of the campus itself
 - Pics of dorm rooms
- Max
 - Aesthetics look nice
 - Pictures are out of date
 - Always a work in progress

- When you scroll to the bottom, there is no structure
 - No access of knowing where to go
- Hannah
 - Videos of dorms
 - Having suites, singles, and doubles
- Motion to close speaker's list: Ray; Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 25
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- ❖ Kneller Center Hours (weekdays)
 - Last year, used to open at 7 AM, but now it opens at 7:30 AM
 - Motion to open speaker's list: Zach; Second: Stephen
 - Favor: 1
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 24
- ❖ Halloweeknd Debrief
 - Thank you to all the volunteers, especially to all the people that went above and beyond!
 - Will be getting feedback

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Gianfranco
 - Concerned about shuttle being shut down
 - Opportunities about how to figure out Worcester transportation
 - Meet with CEV to talk about how to get around Worcester
 - More information about when that meeting is happening will be coming out soon
- ❖ Ray
 - Ease people from transportation worries
- ❖ Grace
 - Cleanliness of bathrooms in the kitchen
 - Recommend reaching out to Community Director
 - Community guidelines and community support
 - RAs and CDs are aware
 - Meetings about this concern and people may be getting fined
 - Reach out to Hall Council
- ❖ Stephen
 - MEA
 - RLH is working with facilities to figure out where to put the hygiene waste disposal

→ E-Board Updates

- ❖ Sammi
 - [Community Guidelines](#)
 - How we show up outside of cusc
 - You are representing your constituents and CUSC

- When we are volunteering or in class with someone, you are always a CUSC member
 - ◆ BUT, set boundaries
 - Sometimes, to other people, the hat is always on
 - Have no control of how other people perceive you
 - If you are volunteering for an event or anything else related and are not treated well, let CUSC eboard know immediately
 - Feel free to add to the community guidelines or look over them
 - Sammi and Dahlia are also seniors and are trying their best
 - Robert's Rules
 - You cannot talk until Sammi calls on you.
 - Do not have back and forth conversations.
 - Point of information - providing context, not opinion
 - Point of inquiry - asking a question
 - Point of personal privilege
 - [Constitution is available](#) 😊
 - Send it to your constituents!
 - Available in the drive, on our website, and uploaded in engage
- ❖ **Dahlia**
 - Reminder about your responsibilities in the Constitution
 - You have responsibilities outlined in Section 2.1 Duty
 - You are all constitutionally bound to be at meetings, events, etc.
 - Please communicate with us otherwise or just let us know what's going on
- ❖ **Ashley**
 - Attendance!
 - Let me know if you can't make it to the meetings beforehand.
 - You are allowed 5 unexcused absences, but don't let it get to that point.
 - Also please make sure you are reading my emails, it has the agenda
 - You can email me things to add to the agenda before 8 PM every Tuesday
- ❖ **Najia**
 - Have a good weekend!
- ❖ **Devlin**
- **Advisor Updates**
- ❖ **Danielle**
 - Welcome to the new representatives!
 - Should have gotten an email about listservs and how to set it up
 - If you have any initiatives, set up time to meet with Danielle
 - Office is in ASEC, 2nd floor
- ❖ **Mike**
- **Adjournment:**
- ❖ **Motion to adjourn: Ashley; Second: Sam**
 - **Favor: 23**
 - **Oppose: 0**

➤ **Abstain: 0**

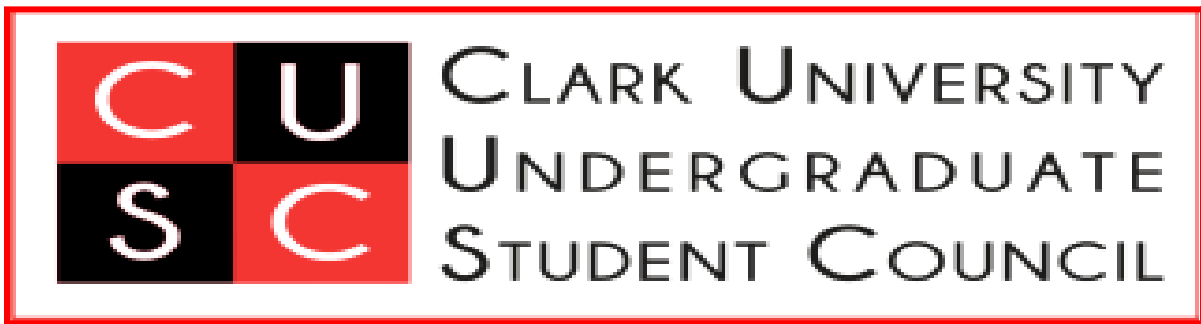
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**5th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, October 26

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:13 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Caleb; Second: Duncan

❖ **Favor: 14**

❖ **Abstain: 1**

❖ **Oppose: 0**

→ Committee Updates

❖ **Communications**

- Share Halloweeknd post
- Meeting time established → Sundays at 11:15 PM
- In contact with chairs about a Comms liaison for each committee

❖ **Elections**

- Going well
- Start October 26 at 12:00 PM to October 27 at 12:00 PM
 - **Make sure your constituents know**
- We will be tabling for that as well, free stickers!
- **Please vote :)**

❖ **Finance**

- Going well
- Working things out
- Editing form to publish → add to engage
- Work on timeline
- Set up a calendly so that clubs can meet with them
- Figure out workshop dates and times
 - All club treasurers

- Not every club has to do a mid-year audit

❖ **Judiciary**

- Filing updates
 - Found some things
 - 2009 edition of Constitution
 - Found by-laws system
 - Not a single folder in whole office
 - Do need organizational materials
 - Do not have scissors
- Case update, still in progress

❖ **Student Life**

- Sign up for Halloweeknd tabling
 - Make sure to do that
 - It is a big event, please do your part for council
- No PCFs this week
- Looking at proposal for transportation for winter break

❖ **Grants**

- Meeting time: Mondays at 7 PM
- Kel's office hours Mondays 3 to 4 PM
- Made an infographic on Grants Process
 - Will send to comms
- [Grants Slate](#)
 - Motion for 5 speakers, 1 minute: Caleb; Second: Makayla
 - Favor: 16
 - Oppose: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - Ashley
 - Grant looks very good and clean
 - Good idea to have food for people
 - Just a nice way to support Halloweeknd even more
 - Ray
 - Expectations for proposal is very clear
 - Nice way to help people out and maintain overall decorum of place
 - Balaram
 - Great initiative
 - Last year, they were waiting in line for a couple of hours and got hungry
 - Bistro was closed
 - Landon
 - Lines are very long
 - Excited to see Rocky Horror
 - Check it out
 - Makayla
 - Great idea
 - Having food will be very nice

- Waiting a long time
 - ◆ Encourage people to see it
- Motion to close speakers list: Ashley; Second: Sam
 - Favor: 16
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- Motion to vote on grants slate: Ashley; Second: Balaram
 - Favor: 16
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0

→ Old Business

→ New Business

❖ Halloweeknd

- [Schedule](#)
 - Starts at 9 PM
 - Eboard will be going to sexy bingo
 - Council presence is important
 - Saturday
 - Sabadao Giganto (price is right + family feud + make it Latinx)
- [Club event check-in Sign up](#)
 - **WEAR YOUR SWEATSHIRTS AT THESE EVENTS (THE CUTE RED ONES YOU GOT TODAY)**
- [Fallfest Sign up](#)

→ Representative Updates

❖ Ray

- Transportation
 - Shuttle service used to take them around Worcester (it stopped happening)
 - Possibly write a resolution
 - Students weren't using it enough on the weekends

❖ Roxie

- Trying to gather data from constituents in Dodd Hall to see what residents want
- Make this Hall a Home Initiative

❖ JD

- Met with CD Shon for a ping pong table or foosball
 - Make a survey to gauge interest
 - Google form?
 - ◆ Can leave it anonymous
 - ◆ Copy link and attach it to email

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- WSGA Meeting (Next meeting is November 19, 1 to 2 PM)
 - Anyone interested can let Sammi know
 - Carpool yay!
 - Look at how other Worcester colleges run their student council

- Last meeting
 - Food insecurity
 - Every college has Sodexo except Worcester State
 - ◆ Chartwells that allows students to donate their swipes

❖ **Dahlia**

- Halloweeknd
 - Rocky Horror is not being shown with shadowcast, will be showing the movie instead
 - Will have goodie bags and fun times as usual
 - Search up “What do i do when i got rocky horror”

❖ **Ashley**

- Sweatshirts
- Make sure to keep track of [committee meetings attendance](#)
- [Complete Campus Climate Survey \(takes 15 minutes to complete, one sitting\)](#)
 - Eligible to enter a drawing for
 - \$25 Amazon e-gift card
 - \$25 dining dollars
 - \$25 for Campus Store
 - 2 movie tickets
 - Free parking decal for the 2024 - 2025 academic year
- Working on Community Dinners proposal

❖ **Najia**

- Have a safe, happy, and healthy weekend!

❖ **Devlin**

- Send your constituents an introduction email
- Choose office hours
 - Res hall reps will do them in respective res halls
 - Everyone else usually does it in the CUSC office or somewhere else that works better for you (Zoom too)
- INSTAGRAM- CHECK OUR ACCOUNT, SHARE EVERYTHING
- Check in for Maine friends
- MEA bingo - going as a group for all able, have products for you all to be eligible for the raffle if interested
 - Come see Devlin after

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

- Let Danielle know if there is anything wrong with your placards
- Initiatives? Projects? Book with Calendly
- Make sure that committee meeting are up in Engage
 - Will make sure that everyone has access
- VOTE VOTE VOTE

❖ **Mike**

→ **Adjournment: 8:06 PM**

Makayla; Second: Landon

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**4th General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: Lurie Conference Room
7pm Thursday, October 19

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

Vice Pres of Admissions and Fin. Assistance, Emily Roper-Doten

- ❖ Admissions
 - Recruitment
 - How to build an applicant pool (college fairs, testing agencies)
 - Process to evaluate applications, requirements
 - Enroll a class that meets institutions' goals
 - Works with a lot of offices (DOS, etc.)
- ❖ Fin. Assistance
 - Policy, compliance, guide and shape what they're doing in that space
 - Communicating with students about financial assistance
- ❖ Questions
 - How do you foresee Clark growing as a private institution to help support first-gen students?
 - Creating opportunities of "I see you"
 - Translation services
 - Put together a list of partnerships
 - Surveyed faculty and staff who are first-gen
 - Connect to first-gen organization
 - Clearer and transparent offer letters
 - College cost transparency initiative
 - Have you considered helping people navigate Massachusetts health insurance system? 8
 - Partner with folks across institution
 - How can we provide resources up front? I
 - How are you combatting the Affirmative Action ruling by the Supreme Court?
 - Settlement...so not law
 - Still receive information about race / ethnicity

- Fulfill federal obligation
 - Employ holistic admissions
 - Optional second prompt
 - Bringing back an overnight visit program
- How would you characterize Clark culture?
 - Learning from folks who are doing the work
 - How to describe a culture and population that thrives on being independent
- Any plans on how to expand the admissions process to more diverse communities?
 - Focused a lot of recruitment in the Northeast
 - Having folks in other regions of the US advertise Clark
 - ◆ Where are students learning about us? Being where students are
 - ◆ Niche
 - Expand amount of time traveling on the road

→ **Call to Order: 7:35 PM**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

- ❖ TIE Club - Hackathon
- ❖ Stephen, running for E&I rep
- ❖ Abigail, running for E&I rep

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Makayla, Second: Ray**

- ❖ **Favor: 13**
- ❖ **Abstain: 1**
- ❖ **Oppose: 0**

→ **Committee Updates**

- ❖ **Communications**
 - Will hopefully have a meeting time
 - Campaign flyer making workshop, 3 to 5 PM
- ❖ **Elections**
 - Meeting time: Tuesday at 7:15 PM
 - Had our campaign meeting
 - Wide pool of folks ready to start campaigns
 - Preparing for election day
- ❖ **Finance**
 - Met with Mike
 - Mid-years are coming up
 - Applications will start early November
 - **NEW CHANGE: No audits if you will not be requesting a budget**
- ❖ **Judiciary**
 - Deliberating on current case
 - Move forward with appropriate procedures
 - Meeting with Mike
 - Transparency

- Need a gavel
- Meeting time: Wednesdays at 6 PM
- Doing Judiciary interviews, on their way of being filled
- Physical copy of Constitution is available
 - Elections bylaw will be added soon

❖ Student Life

- Meeting time: Monday
- **Halloweeknd tabling sign up**
- MENASA PCF: \$350

❖ Grants

- Grants Slate
 - Note taker yay!
- Hackathon
 - Theme of accessibility
 - Meet new people and share your ideas and be innovative
 - \$3400 from Special Allocations (food, catering, etc.)
- Jam Club
 - \$500 from Equipment fund
- Total: \$3,900
- Motion to open speakers list (5 speakers, 1 minute each): Caleb; Second: Duncan
 - Ray
 - TIE club has prepared very hard for this
 - People confuse Data Science with Comp Sci
 - ◆ Avenue to work together
 - Main output of a hackathon is something that is tangible
 - Duncan
 - Likes this grant
 - One of roommates talked about hackathon
 - Landon
 - Really fun
 - Engage with larger Clark community
 - \$500 is good
 - Caleb
 - Friend who is a Data Science major
 - Drums are cool
- Motion to close speaker's list: Caleb; Second: Zach
 - Favor: 14
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- Motion to vote on Grants Slate: Ashley; Second: Ray
 - Favor: 14
 - Abstain: 0
 - Oppose: 0
- Motion to allocate \$3,900 to the grants slate: Makayla; Second: Hannah
 - Favor: 0

- Abstain: 0
- Oppose: 0

→ New Business

- ❖ JD, Maywood Hall Rep
 - Ping pong table or pool table
 - Meet with Community Director, Shon
 - Or talk to RAs

→ Representative Updates

- ❖ Email lists yay!
- ❖ If you want us to look over the email you send to your constituents, you can send it to us or on Teams

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Meeting with David Fithian, President of Clark University, as E-Board
 - Meet with him once a month
 - Student Climate
 - He is personally meeting with MENASA, MSA, Hillel, JStreet
 - ◆ What he can provide as support
 - Health Climate
 - How to navigate a healthy campus
 - Students are concerned about syllabi and attendance policies
 - Main St. Project
 - If the people in charge of that project are making themselves available enough
- [CUSC Newsletter!](#)
 - Cumulative surplus (up to \$100,000 can be used during the year)
 - Fall 2023 - Playground
 - Blackstone water fountain
- [Website updates and walkthrough](#)
 - What is CUSC? It's all there.
 - Include in email signature
 - Propose Historian position
 - Reach out to former eboard members and acquire old agendas
 - <https://www.downtownworchester.org/>
 - Yearbook
 - Digital copy?
 - We don't have a bookkeeper as of right now
 - Club transactions
 - Interviewing them right now
 - Embed into Clark University's website
- Constitution meeting the previous monday, next one is tomorrow!
 - Tell your constituents :)

❖ Dahlia

- [Halloweeknd schedule](#)

- [Volunteer and sign up for shifts here!](#)
 - CUSC will be hosting two events
 - **All reps are expected to sign up for at least 1 shift**
 - **If you have not reached out to me to discuss prior commitments, please do so ASAP. If you are unable to be at any of the events I ask you pick up 1 extra tabling shift**
 - Attendance will be taken at every event
 - ❖ **Ashley**
 - Elections Process (share with your constituents!)
 - Campaigning starts tomorrow up until October 26 11:59 AM
 - **Voting is from October 26 at 12:00 PM to October 27 at 12:00 PM**
 - Encourage people to vote!
 - We will also be tabling for voting day (free stickers, get excited)
 - I am keeping track of changes to Constitution and bylaws, will be uploaded in website
 - Chairs, make sure that you are updating [attendance](#) for committee meetings
 - ❖ **Najia**
 - CUSC club budget update – [Funds Tracker](#)
 - What we spent and how much we have left
 - Yearly: \$3,000
 - Are at \$655.94
 - Will be getting more funding through mid years
 - Midway checkpoint for club spending
 - Office hours will only be from 11 to 12 PM tomorrow
 - SLP is interviewing a candidate for bookkeeper position
 - ❖ **Devlin**
 - For COMMITTEE CHAIRS, see Devlin at the end of the meeting to be granted access to google drive
 - Campaign Poster Making Workshop, Friday 3 - 5 PM
 - Reminder to send a digital file of your campaign flyer
 - Print it out by tomorrow
 - Share the linktree (Instagram bio) https://linktr.ee/clark_cusc
- **Advisor Updates**
- ❖ **Danielle**
 - Impressed with committee work
 - Appreciate everyone's patience with listserv
 - If people aren't getting emails, let advisors know
 - Looking at all of the billing processes
 - Would love feedback for those processes
 - First-gen week is second week of November
 - Halloweeknd is one of our biggest events, \$15,000
 - Go out there and have fun!
 - Stay healthy and well
 - ❖ **Mike**

→ Adjournment: 8:39 PM, Ashley; Second: Caleb

Funds Tracker

Attendance Record:

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Ashley Valois
Najia Lloyd
Devlin Geisler

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**3rd General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**
Location: ASEC 202
7pm Thursday, October 12

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

Domenica Perrone, on behalf of CEV, will be speaking at the beginning of our meeting

- ❖ Their office was moved to the Asher Suite
- ❖ After 3 years of vacancy, Domenica and Carla have joined the office as director and associate director, respectively
- ❖ Come to CEV to ask for guidance on where to bring supplies, where to partner
- ❖ GivePulse launched this year
 - A platform to see volunteering opportunities
- ❖ Recurring volunteer opportunities
 - Yes We Care food pantry (within walking distance)
 - 5 to 10 students
 - Fridays in October to November
- ❖ Follow them on Instagram @clarkiesinthecommunity
- ❖ Alternative Spring Break
 - Last year, social determinants of health in Worcester
 - Community partners came in for lectures
 - Service learning in the afternoon
- ❖ Prefer appointments (email community@clarku.edu)
 - Carla has drop-in times
- ❖ [Revamped website](#)

→ **Call to Order: 7:24 PM**

→ **Public Comment(s)**

→ **Approve Minutes from Last Meeting**

- ❖ **Ashley, Second: Duncan**
 - **Favor: 16**

→ **Committee Updates**

- ❖ [Committee Chairs Finalized](#)
- ❖ **Communications**

- Started on posts for special fall elections
- ❖ **Elections**
 - GIM was tonight, only 1 person showed up → Encourage people to run!
- ❖ **Finance**
 - Starting on mid-years
- ❖ **Judiciary**
 - If you know anyone who wants to join judiciary, encourage them to join
 - Case still in process
- ❖ **Student Life**
 - Volunteering for Halloweeknd
 - If you don't think you are going to be here, let Dahlia know now
- ❖ **Grants**
 - No grants tonight :)

→ Old Business

- ❖ **Constitutional Change Proposal** (will be doing info sessions to student body)
 - All documents to look over
 - **Amendment Idea: Instead of writing out the Equal opportunity policy, write this out instead with the [link](#) or this [one](#)**
 - **Motion to open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minute for each speaker: Ray**
 - Kel
 - Happy that is getting changed
 - It is an old document
 - Shoutout to eboard
 - Ashley
 - Appreciate the change → go judiciary!
 - Fixed our own problem before someone else said that we have to fix it
 - Makayla
 - Props to people that worked on it
 - Powers that were in there were scary, but now revised! Yay
 - Emphasis on equity
 - Ray
 - It's crazy that we did it
 - Did a great job in improving constitution
 - Max
 - Thank you to eboard and judiciary
 - Important for it to be a living document
 - Curious to know what changes need to be made to the bylaws
 - Curious of frequency of when constitution changes
 - **Motion to close speaker's list: Ray; Second: Ashley**
 - **Favor: 16**
 - **Motion to adapt amendment for the equal opportunity policy: Duncan; Second: Miles**
 - **Favor: 16**

➤ **Motion to vote on constitution: Makayla; Second: Miranda**

- **Favor: 16**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

→ **New Business**

- ❖ Space for recent updates in the Israel-Palestine conflict and Hamas
 - How do we, as representatives, want to support our students?
 - [Community Guideline](#)
 - Promoting events that are happening on campus
 - Refer constituents to CPG
 - Share information on our social media
 - Dahlia met with Dean K
 - Affinity groups / clubs that are directly affected by this will be reached out to
 - Encourage friends to join these spaces
 - Creating a list of resources and support
- ❖ Statements from student council
 - Have a unified statement from Worcester student councils
 - Could develop a timeline together
 - Important to note that we are a neutral body and that we should be consulting affinity groups before making a statement
 - Should be resource based and primarily about support
 - Mental health support
 - Mutual aid
 - Doctors without borders
 - Gofundme

→ **Representative Updates**

- ❖ Email lists (send urgent emails to Mike)
 - It takes a long time to update lists
- ❖ Add open positions to elections post

→ **E-Board Updates**

- ❖ **Sammi**
 - If there are any projects you need connections to, please come to my office hours on Monday!
 - ARISE Outreach - looking for interested students!
 - Please contact Arivot@ariseus.org for more information
 - *Advocacy for Refugee and Immigrant Services for Empowerment (ARISE)*
 - Also on GivePulse
 - <https://ariseus.org/>
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- ❖ **Dahlia**
- ❖ **Ashley**
 - **Encourage people to run for Special Fall Elections**
 - Campaign Meeting (required) will be on October 19, 6 to 7 PM

- Submission for Candidacy (also required) will be due on October 19 at 5 PM



- - Folks will need to meet with one of us during our office hours to go over GIM slides

❖ **Najia**

- Canceling office hours tomorrow, shoot me an email if you need anything!

❖ **Devlin**

- Follow the CUSC Instagram **@clark_cusc**
- You cannot use Point of Inquiry or Point of Information to insert yourself into speaker's list

- Has to be objective and concise

- Two hands up is 10 seconds left

- One hand up is 5 seconds left

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

- Enjoyed conversations that we had here
- Take care of yourselves
- Been begging CUSC to work on the Constitution for a really long time...Congratulations!

❖ **Mike**

- Tomorrow night is the talent show for Family and Friends Weekend
- Send an email to Mike if you want to send an email to your constituents

→ **Adjournment: 8:17 PM**

❖ **Motion Ashley and Ray**

❖ **Favor: 15**

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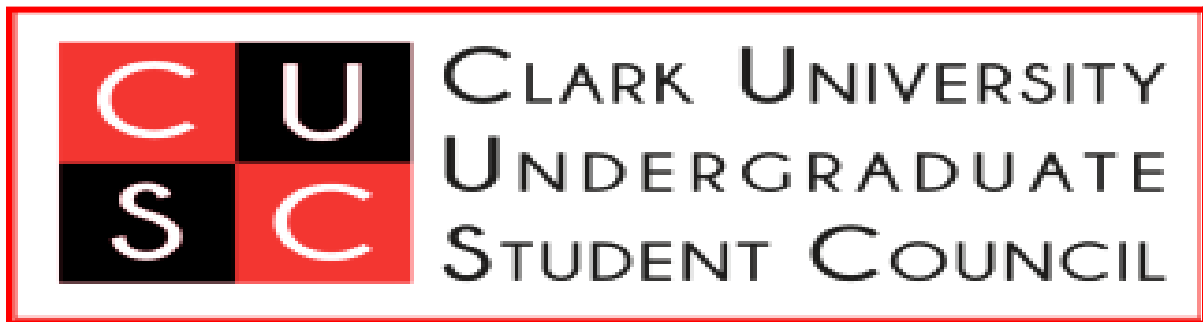
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**2nd General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, October 5, 2023

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:06 PM

→ Public Comment(s)

→ Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

❖ Caleb

- **Second: Ray**
- **Favor: 18**
- **Oppose: 0**
- **Abstain: 0**

→ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Communications**

- New posts will be coming
- Keep sharing

❖ **Elections**

- GIM next week,

❖ **Finance**

- Great

❖ **Judiciary**

- Case still in progress

❖ **Student Life**

- No updates

❖ **Grants**

- [Grants Slate](#)

■ **Plantea**

- Don't really have a budget right now
- \$50

■ **Mock Trial**

- Major issues with transportations and accessibility
 - ◆ Delay funding for different tournaments they have
 - ◆ \$2,250

■ **CAIC**

- Advocates for athletes
- Athletes Appreciation
 - ◆ Asking for \$1,410

■ **Motion to move into discussion and open speaker's list for 5 minutes, 1 minute for each speaker**

- Ashley
- Second: Miles
- Kel
 - ◆ All grants are pretty clear
 - ◆ Likes how Mock Trial is investing in accessibility for members
 - ◆ CAIC
 - Good that they are getting word out
 - Investing and starting early
- Grace
 - ◆ Believe all were really clear and good uses for spending money
 - ◆ Not just throwing it away on misc. Stuff

- ◆ Happy for athlete recognition
 - Nice that D3 athletes are getting appreciated
 - Ray
 - ◆ Sounds good
 - ◆ Mock trial has been struggling through transportation
 - ◆ Good to help support athletes
- **Motion to close speaker's list**
 - Caleb
 - ◆ **Second: Hannah**
 - ◆ **Favor: 19**
 - ◆ **Oppose: 0**
 - ◆ **Abstain: 0**
- **Motion to move into voting**
 - Makayla
 - **Second: Duncan**
 - **Favor: 19**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**
- **All those in favor of allocating \$3,010 to the grants slate**
 - **Favor: 19**
 - **Oppose: 0**
 - **Abstain: 0**

→ Old Business

❖ [Petitions Proposal](#)

- Create events where constituents can meet candidates
- Motion to open speakers list for 5 minutes, 1 minute for each speaker
 - **Caleb**
 - **Second: Miranda**
 - Indigo
 - Great proposal and glad that they are getting done
 - Really intimidating for students to go up to people to ask signatures
 - When they don't hit signatures, they drop out of the race
 - Caleb
 - Optimistic about competition for race
 - When you are forced to find them, you are forced to talk to them
 - Doesn't like the system as it is, having a system where you can meet constituents
 - Zach
 - The most valid reason to remove petitions is where it can be hard to get signatures
 - QR code was difficult to work with
 - Ashley
 - Asking for a signature is really weird

- There is the accessibility issue
 - Felt really awkward
 - When asking for petitions, it was hard to talk about issues
 - Campaigning was easier than actual petitioning
- JD
 - Hesitant to vote against petitions
 - Non-barrier
 - Forced them to meet with constituents
 - Ridding ourselves of a mechanism that forces us to meet with constituents
 - Getting rid of it entirely feels a little unnecessary
- Motion to extend speaker's list by 3 people, 1 minute each
 - Caleb
 - Second: Ray
 - Favor: 18
 - Oppose: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - Landon
 - Last year, ran in spring special fall elections, was off-campus representative
 - ◆ Standing in parking garage
 - ◆ Very difficult
 - ◆ There are 11 vacancies on council
 - ◆ If we want to engage more on constituents, start setting up events to do so
 - Kel
 - Eliminating petitions would be really good
 - ◆ Different demographics would be more reachable and willing to join
 - ◆ Make CUSC a lot more diverse as a unit
 - ◆ Get different demographics on campus a lot faster
 - ◆ Filling E&I spots
 - Miranda
 - Removing petitions would increase student engagement with student council
 - People want to run but petitions stop them from doing so
 - Really important in increasing diverse demographics in CUSC
- Motion to close speaker's list
 - Ashley
 - Second: Miles
 - Favor: 17
 - Oppose: 2
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion to make an amendment, extending campaigning period for half a week

- Makayla
- Second: Roxie
- Favor: 6
- Oppose: 9
- Abstain: 4
- Motion to move into voting
 - Max
 - Second: Sam
 - Favor: 13
 - Oppose: 2
 - Abstain: 4

→ New Business

❖ Constitutional Change Proposal

- All documents to look over
- Feedback form - send to your people! Fill it out or meet with us
 - If you would like to make a change, write down amendments ahead of time and present it next week
- Judiciary office hours, 6 PM on Fridays right now (not official)
 - Send them an email to ensure availability
- Presenting the Constitution through 2 presentations
 - Remind everyone that they're all members of student council
 - As long as you pay the Student Activities Fee, you are a member
 - ◆ Personal engagement!

❖ Motion to table to next meetings

- Roxie
- Second: Miranda

❖ Motion to proceed

- Indigo
- Second: Hannah
- Favor: 9
- Oppose: 6
- Abstain: 1

→ Representative Updates

❖ Ray

- Program and event where international students can mix and mingle

❖ Roxie

- Make this hall a home initiative
- Make a presentation to get funding
 - List of things that they want to do
 - Reach out to eboard for any initiatives you want to work on

→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Review Robert's Rules
 - Cornell's Cheat sheet (double the cheating!)

- External Committees ([again](#))
 - Everyone wants a representative - so much
 - Especially the dining committee

❖ **Dahlia**

- MOSAIC Suite
 - The MOASIC suite is up and running! Make sure to repost events from MOSAIC suite clubs. ISA will be hosting World Cup on October 22nd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dolan field. LASO will be hosting LatinXcellence on October 15th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Tilton Hall.
 - "Undergraduate Admissions is seeking volunteer overnight hosts for our Nov 5-6 event, Clark Expedition. Expedition introduces prospective students to life at Clark, as well as resources and spaces centering historically underrepresented voices and perspectives – including, LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and first-generation college students. All students who live on campus and are excited to introduce a prospective student to the Clark community are warmly invited to sign up to volunteer! Indicate your interest in hosting [here](#)"
 - Repost their posts on Instagram for their events
 - Especially our events

❖ **Ashley**

- Please get the word out that Special Fall Elections are happening soon. Encourage people to run!
- We are still looking for a Historian. Applications close soon!

❖ **Najia**

❖ **Devlin**

- Everything that MOSAIC wants shared we share on our IG

→ **Advisor Updates**

❖ **Danielle**

❖ **Mike**

- Listersv are coming soon!

→ **Adjournment: 8:42 PM**

❖ **Ashley**

❖ **Second: Grace**

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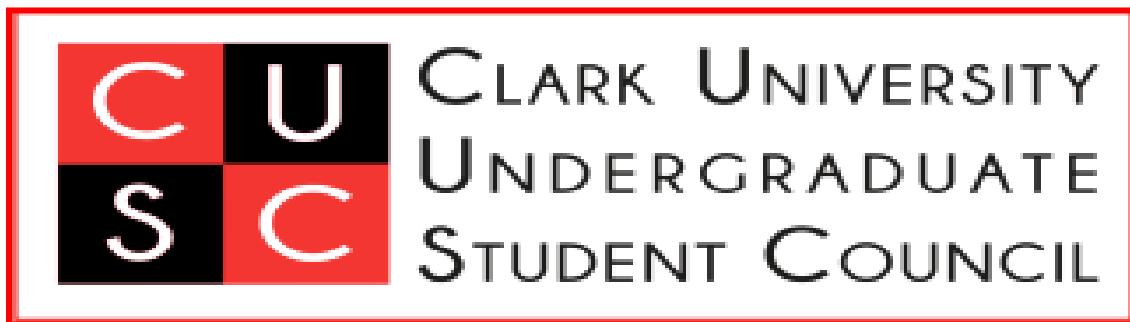
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**1st General Meeting of the 113th Session
of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council**

Location: ASEC 202

7pm Thursday, September 28, 2023

CUSC Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)

→ Call to Order: 7:16 PM

→ Public Comment(s)



→ E-Board Updates

❖ Sammi

- Swearing in all Elected Representatives and Chief of Staff
 - **STATEMENT:** I solemnly affirm that I will support and execute the Constitution and Bylaws of the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, that I take this obligation freely, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.
- Robert's Rules [Reminder](#)
 - They are also on the back of your placard
 - If you are making a point, use a finger
 - Pres or Vice Pres will call on you
 - If you are making a motion or voting, raise your placard
 - Sammi will say "I would like to entertain the motion to..."
- Committee [Assignments](#)
 - If you don't see your name, fill out [this form](#) asap
 - We are also still doing chair interviews
- [External Committees](#)
 - Every office wants you all so much
 - **One external committee per rep!**
 - It would be ideal if we have one rep per committee, but also choose what you would like to do

❖ Dahlia

- Halloweeknd
 - 2 food trucks
 - Sticker
 - Will hand out to a lot of people
- Fallfest - October 29
- [Community Guidelines](#)
 - Feel free to add to them
 - Please only use emails for CUSC-related things
- Playground project
 - We will be re-mulching the playground
 - Really important to the community
 - Sunday, October 1, 10 AM to 2 PM

❖ Ashley

- Campus Climate Task Force representative
 - Keep an eye out for the survey
 - Marketing through CUSC coming up
- Elections
 - Appoint chair, fill 11 spots vacant

- Later in agenda, proposal
- ❖ **Najia**
 - Planned Parenthood Taskforce
 - Just got the listserv
 - Grants
- ❖ **Devlin**
 - Communication
 - A lot of people shared out the orientation post, please feel free to repost those on your personal accounts
 - FIRM
 - A lot of stuff that will be going out with that
 - International reps and off-campus reps, if you are interested

→ Advisor Updates

- ❖ **Danielle**
 - Very excited!
 - Presenters will be coming in
 - Different campus offices
 - When you are working on initiatives and projects, let Mike and Danielle know so they can support you
- ❖ **Mike**
 - Email Etiquette
 - If there are multiple people for one constituency, email them together
 - Listservs
 - Include CUSC email
 - CC Danielle and Mike
 - Working on office access
 - New club applications will be up tomorrow

→ Committee Updates

- ❖ **Communications**
- ❖ **Elections**
 - Encourage your constituents to run
- ❖ **Finance**
- ❖ **Judiciary**
 - First official case of the year regarding wrongful termination
 - Future meetings with parties
 - Constitution changes
 - Getting ready to present the Constitution to the reps + student body
 - The constitution that we still have is still functioning
 - You can access the Constitution and by-laws in the Representative Files folder that should have been sent to you
- ❖ **Student Life**
 - Halloweeknd is a student council event (October 29, 12 pm to 4 pm, Sunday)
 - It is an expectation that you should sign up for at least one shift
 - A chance for you to meet constituents

❖ Grants

- [SLP Tech](#)
 - Rounded up to \$1,940
- [Clark Co-Ed Volleyball](#)
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Rounded up to \$1,945
 - Special allocations
- **Motion to open speaker's list and move to discussion**
 - Caleb
 - **Second: Duncan**
- **Motion to move into voting**
 - Caleb
 - **Second: Ashley**
- **Motion to allocate \$3,885 from Special Allocations to the Grants Slate (SLP and Clark Co-Ed Volleyball)**
 - \$3,885 from Special Allocations to both grants
 - Point of information: Special Allocations funds that are not spent will be moving into the Cumulative Surplus (if we do not use that money, it will be taken away)
 - **Caleb**
 - **Second: Ray**
 - Voting:
 - Favor: 20
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Passes**

→ Representative Updates

❖ Ray

- Connect everyone in international community
 - First-years are scattered
 - Interactive platform is a good way to start
 - ◆ Bring all years together

❖ Kelechi

- Fresh check day
 - Was good, other classes were also there
 - A little bit unorganized
 - Important to start conversation about mental health on campus
 - Felt overwhelming
 - First years were also required to attend
 -

→ New Business

❖ Fresh Check Day

- **Motion to discussion**
 - **Grace**

- **Second: Caleb**
 - Divide up people going by their navigator groups
 - People skipped some tables, there were a lot of lines
 - Solution: multiple check out tables
 - Ice cream truck people were getting overwhelmed
 - Solution: multiple trucks
 - Lines were really long
 - Solutions: split it up into two groups (Challenge and Change)
 - Doesn't know if they gained anything new about mental health
 - Next year, more informative topics and productive conversations surrounding navigator groups
 - Comparing it to the big club fairs
 - Invite Worcester organizations
 - **Motion to close speaker's list**
 - Ray
 - **Second: Ashley**
 - **Motion to extend speaker's list: Roxie**
 - Favor: 12
 - Oppose: 8
 - Abstain: 0
 - Passes
 - Felt very poorly advertised
 - Should have been more available in common spaces
 - It was well advertised, a lot of students just aren't looking at their emails
 - Also advertise on social media
 - Interactive sessions
 - **Motion to close speaker's list: Caleb; Second: Landon**
 - Favor: 16
 - Oppose: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- ❖ [Playground Proposal](#)
 - You have a week to contact Najia or Ashley to tell us any questions or concerns
 - October 1
 - Taking the \$1,500 out of CUSC budget
- ❖ [Elections Petitions Proposal](#)
 - **Motion to present elections proposal**
 - **Duncan**
 - **Second: Annie**
 - Favor: 11
 - Oppose: 2
 - Abstain: 0
- ❖ Breakout into groups to create a list of immediate concerns from your constituencies
 - Group 1: All hall reps
 - Group 2: Off-Campus, Transfer
 - Group 3: E&I, International

➤ Group 4: All class reps (senior, junior, etc.)

→ **Adjournment**

- ❖ **Motion to Adjourn: Landon**
- ❖ **Second: Caleb**
- ❖ **Adjourn: 8:26 PM**

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