

Dear Clarion University students:

As you are now aware, the bargaining unit that represents faculty has announced a strike that became effective at 5 a.m. today, Oct. 19, 2016.

The university has prepared for this event in the hopes it would not occur, but with the understanding we needed to be ready to continue to serve you, the students. We are ready to continue to provide quality interactions and services for our students.

You will see over the coming days a schedule of activities that are educational in nature, as well as expanded recreational activities for our students. The list of upcoming events can be found on the attached documents – please review the appropriate list based on your campus location. You can also find more information at www.clarion.edu/strikeinfo.

Not only will we monitor any activities related to negotiations and the strike, but we also will be closely monitoring activities for students and making modifications as needed to ensure that during this time you are provided with events and activities that enhance your educational, cultural and recreational experiences. We will also continue to provide the same high-quality services that make our campus a home for you. Your residence halls will have the same friendly faces ready and waiting to help, your meals will be warm and ready when you are, and the helpful staff in the library, Becht and Gemmell are here to help you with whatever you need.

We encourage students to take this unfortunate opportunity and make it a positive experience by interacting in what might be different ways with your friends, other students whom you may not know yet, and our professional staff. Our professional staff welcomes your feedback on the opportunities provided and on other possible opportunities you would like to see during this time.

We know you have been, in some cases, encouraged to support one side or the other in this time. We will not encourage you one way or the other but rather, we ask you to give reasonable thought to your positions on the current issues and make an informed decision.

Please continue to check your email accounts for regular updates from the university. We hope this situation does not last long, but regardless of duration, we are here to provide you with positive opportunities to engage on campus and make this time useful for you.

Several members of the administration will be in the upstairs rotunda of Gemmell today from noon to 1 p.m. to answer any questions you have at this point or to help with concerns you have. Please stop by so we can hear your voice.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time.

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