Student Senate’s
RSO Survival Guide
Steps to Running a Successful Club
How to Recover Club Email, CU Connect password, and Gemmell mailbox

If you do not know your club email or have lost the password to the email and CU Connect account, then you will need to email Support System analyst, Virgil Daughtry vdaugherty@clarion.edu, for help accessing your account. If you need to know your RSO’s Gemmell mailbox number, please visit the help desk on the second floor in Gemmell.

Steps for Re-registering the RSO on CU Connect

In order for a club to be acknowledged and to receive proper funding, it must be re-registered once a year.

1. **Sign in** to your RSO’s CU Connect account, **NOT** your personal account. Change the view to *Manage View* by clicking on the small square in the top right corner of the page.

2. Click the Membership button.
3. Click the **Re-Register this organization** button and follow the on-screen steps.

![Re-Register button](image)

**Note:** When completing the registration a few key things are required to be in your CU Connect page.

- Current Constitution
- Updated Roster of current members only
- The club’s email as the primary email
- The school’s address in the first address line
- The club’s Gemmell mailbox Number in the second address line
Fundraiser Form

If your club would like to do a fundraiser you first need to submit a form to get the event approved. This form must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the fundraising event. Keep in mind that the submission for approval is not approved instantaneously and will take up to two weeks to be approved. Approval must be given (Sent by email to the club’s email address) before proceeding with the event.

Note: Event though the minimum is two weeks’ notice for the fundraising form, it is recommended that you submit the space request as early as possible to assure that you reserve the space which you need.

1. First make sure to be logged into you club’s CU Connect account. Once at the home screen, click the Forms button.

2. Once at the Forms page click the RUO/RSO Fundraising Form and complete the on-screen steps.
Add, Remove, and Change Officers
When club members join, leave, or are elected to an officer position it is required to update the roster. Having an updated roster with current Clarion students helps the club keep in contact with each member and will be a crucial part in the amount of funds received in the budget season by CSA (Clarion Students Association).

1. Make sure to be signed into the RSO’s CU Connect account
2. Using the square in the top right corner switch from Explore view, to Manage view
3. Click on the RSO’s button
4. Using the menu button on the top left corner, you can access all the tools in CU Connect. For managing the Roster, click on the Roster icon.

5. While in the Roster menu you can:

   - End memberships
   - Change the position of each member by pressing the pencil:
   - Invite new members by their Clarion email address (Make sure to use ONLY Clarion Emails)
   - Export a list of all members and their email addresses to an excel file for an easy mailing list
Change the Primary Contact to the RSO’s Email

If your club is already registered for the academic year, but the primary email is not RSO’s email address, it is vital that it is changed to the RSO’s respective email address. This will allow interested members to inquire about joining, as well as allow you to file space request forms, fundraiser forms, and yearly budgets.

1. Again, from the manage view, go to the CU Connect tools and click on the “about” button:

2. From here, all the settings of the RSO’s CU Connect page can be changed. Scroll down to the Contact information section and change the email address to the RSO’s email.
Adding Documents to a CU Connect Page

1. **Sign in** to your RSO’s CU Connect account, **NOT** your personal account
2. Access the action center from the main page, using the drop-down menu (the square) in the top right-hand corner of the page.

3. From the Action Center, click on the club you wish to add documents to. This will take you to a page that looks something like this:
4. From here, click the left-hand sidebar and navigate to the “documents” tab.

5. From this page, click on the “Add File” button in the top right-hand corner, and add whatever documents need to be added to your RSO’s CU Connect page. Documents which should be on the CU Connect page include:
   - Constitutions and Bylaws
   - Minutes (If you choose to make them public)
   - Etc.
6. Should you need to delete a file, click the three dots on the right side of the document’s name, and select “delete” from the drop down menu.
Service Hours

1. Sign in to your RSO’s CU Connect account, NOT your personal account.
2. Change the view to Manage View by clicking on the small square in the top right corner of the page.
3. Click on the RSO’s page.
4. Using the menu button on the top left corner, you can access all the tools in CU Connect. For managing the hours, click the Service Hours icon.
5. After clicking Service Hours, your screen will look like this.

![Manage Service Hours](image)

6. To add hours, click on “add service hours” at the top right of your screen. Your screen will then appear with a form to fill out. All the fields are required. You can select a date and time for the hours. Along with that you also enter the students email to assign the hours. After filling out the information you hit create (blue box in the bottom left hand corner of the screen).
How to Upload Photos to CU Connect

1. Sign into the RSO’s CU Connect
2. Change to Manage View by clicking on the square in the top right corner of the page.

3. Once on the Action Center, click on your RSO under My Memberships

4. Click on the sidebar, then select Gallery.
5. Click on the Create Album button and make it public.

6. From there, select the album you’ve just created, and use the “Edit Album” button to add photos.
Requesting an Event Space on Cu Connect

If your club would like to host an event on campus, you will need to reserve the location. This request should be submitted at a minimum two weeks prior to the event occurring. Just because a space request is submitted does not mean the space will be approved for your use. Approval must be given (sent through an email to the club’s email) before proceeding with the event.

**Note:** Should you require technical assistance in planning your event (chairs, tables, microphones, music, etc) please contact the current auditorium manager (ccallenburg@clarion.edu as of spring 2020).

1. First make sure to be logged into your club’s CU Connect account.

2. Scroll down on the CU Connect homepage and select “Space Requests (25Live)”. 
3. Sign into this program as your organization.

4. Select the “Event Form” to begin your space request.

5. For the first section of the application, place the name of your event and the name you want the event publicized as, they can be the same name. Then use the down arrow to select the type of event your hosting, which organization is hosting it, and the expected headcount. We recommend you estimate above your expected head count will be because it is better to be more overprepared for guests than underprepared.
6. In the next section you will put your event description. Be as detailed as you can about your event.

![Event Description](image)

![Date and Time](image)

**Instructions**
Select the Start Date, Start Time, End Date, and End Time for the event. Please use the **ACTUAL** start and end times for events.

If additional time is needed for setup, takedown, or for mingling before or after the event, click down arrow on the additional time and add the appropriate number of minutes or hours desired so the space usage can be accurately reserved.

- **Tue FEB 25 2020**
- **11:00 am**
- **To:**
- **12:00 pm**

![Additional time](image)

7. If set up is needed for your event. Please include the additional time required for set up and tear down here.
8. Next, you will need to select the location of your event. You will use the scroll down menu to select the building and then use the additional options provided to select the area of the building for your event.

9. Under “Resources” you will select if you need additional help from dining, facilities, or public safety for your event. For example, UAB usually has public safety at their Drag Show because it is a high capacity event.

10. In the “Contact Roles” section, please include your name, your advisors name under additional contact, day of contact and whomever is coordinating your event.
11. Under “Requirements” please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible.

12. Your event should be approved or denied in approximately 10-14 days. If you have questions, please contact Conference & Events Services (mgatesman@clarion.edu as of Spring 2020).
Making an Event on CU Connect

If your RSO wants to advertise when you will be having meetings or hosting an event, then creating an event on CU Connect will help you get the word out. Also using the Corq and check in apps require that an event be posted on CU Connect. Before starting this step make sure to have your event scheduled on the space request application, Live 25. You will need the reference number that corresponds with space request. In addition to this you will need a Image to post with your event (Usually it looks like a flyer you would hang up).

1. Sign into the RSO’s CU Connect Page.
2. Change the screen to the manage using square icon in the top right corner.

3. Select the RSO under “memberships.”
4. Select the Events tab from the menu on the left side of the page

5. Now select the “Create Event” button to start creating an event. Follow the on-screen instructions. Once you have completed all the tasks you will be sent a confirmation email when approved.
Requesting for Funding

1. Determine if your club/event is eligible for funding
   - You can find the requirements on clarion.edu under CSA Forms and Policies

2. Fill out the proper form
   - You can find the Supplemental Request form at clarion.edu under CSA Forms and Policies, the link for each RSO and RUO can be found there
   - An example of each form is on that page for reference

3. Turn in Supplemental Request as soon as possible so there is time for your request to be reviewed and funded before the money is needed.
   - Email request to csa@clarion.edu and ssac@clarion.edu

4. Once the request is received, allow the Appropriations Committee 2 weeks to review the request.

5. After the request is reviewed you will receive an email from the ssac@clarion.edu stating your request has been reviewed and is awaiting approval. The email will also tell you to attend a Senate Meeting Monday night at 7:30 to describe the request and answer questions
   - Senate members will vote on whether to allocate funds

6. If the funds are allocated, they will be transferred to your organization’s account
## STUDENT SENATE
### RSO SUPPLEMENTAL Appropriations Request Form

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**Date Submitted:** 04/01/25

This Request is for: The More Information Than Your Brain Can Handle Conference

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**Name of Organization:** CUP Student Senate

**Number of Members:** 35

**Verified to CU Connect Roster:** X

**Advisor:** Mr. Shawn Hoke

**Phone:** 814-393-2714

**Email:** shoke@clarion.edu

**Campus Address of Advisor:** 251 Gemmell Complex

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**Annual Amount Due per Member:** $15.00

**Supplemental Amount Requested:** $2,505.00

**Round Trip Y/N:** 1

**Round Trip Amount:** $38.50

**Appropriations Committee Recommendation:**

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**IF THIS REQUEST IS FOR A CAPITAL PURCHASE:**

**Item Requested:**

**Life Expectancy of Item:**

**Contact Individual For Request:**

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**IF THIS REQUEST IS FOR A CONFERENCE, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM THAT**

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E-mail this form to csa@clarion.edu or deliver hard copies to the CSA Office at 278 Gemmell Complex. If passed by the Appropriations Committee, representatives of your group are **required** to attend the next Student Senate meeting for the request to be considered for approval. Failure to attend the Student Senate Meeting will result in tabling the motion to approve.

**PLEASE ALLOW TWO (2) WEEKS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE REQUEST!**

**E-Mail or deliver to:** Clarion Students’ Association Office

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Budget Request Form Fiscal Year:

Every spring semester your RSO is required to fill out a budget request form. The budget request form is used by CSA and Student Senate to determine how much funding your RSO will receive for the upcoming academic year. It is essential to fill out this form every spring semester. If your RSO does not fill out this form it will affect the budget your RSO is allocated.

Follow the steps below to find the budget request form:

1. Go to www.clarion.edu. Once you are on the home screen type in “RSO budgeting” in the search bar.
2. Click on the first link that says “Forms and Policies”
3. Scroll to the part of the page with the links for RSO forms, and click on the “RSO Budget Worksheet.”

![RSO Budget Worksheet](image)

4. An excel sheet (like the one pictured below) will download. On this first sheet you will fill out the information that is requested. Make sure all information required is filled out.
5. At the bottom of the excel sheet there is a tab that says, “Specific Budget Items Requested.” Click on that tab and fill out all the required information regarding the budget amount your RSO is requesting. This sheet will provide CSA and Student Senate with what the requested budget will be used for.

6. Save the budget request form and email it to smashokas@clarion.edu. Also a copy of the form must be printed and signed by the appropriate signatures and delivered to the CSA office in Gemmell Complex room 278.

How Budget Allocation Works

The amount of funds your RSO receives each year is 100% dependent on the number of students enrolled in Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Venango Campuses. The enrollment trend for the upcoming school year is the basis for that year’s budget.
If your RSO does not use all of its funding within the next school year, any remainder of your budget will roll-over into next year’s reserves. This enables us to distribute more funds in certain years. So, do not feel like if you do not spend all of your budget that you are losing money to the university because the money you do not spend goes back to being distributed to RSOs in following years.

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding the budget request form for the fiscal year, please do not hesitate to send us an email at ssac@clarion.edu.*
Van Policy

1. CSA offers two types of vans to use:
   - One (1) seven (7) passenger van (2014 Dodge Caravan)
   - One (1) twelve (12) passenger van (2012 Silver Ford)

2. How to get a van:
   - Call Anna Mills, 393-2138 to reserve a van.
   - The driver must come to the CSA Office (278 Gemmell) to complete the Commercial Drivers Questionnaire.
   - This form must be reviewed and approved by staff prior to issuing keys and driving instructions to the driver. Information needed to complete this form includes a valid driver’s license and personal auto insurance information.
   - CSA encourages groups and organizations to schedule the request for the vans as far in advance as possible
   - The driver will be issued a set of keys for the rented van, a Sheetz fuel card along with instructions and CSA Travel Waiver and Release form (yellow), along with instructions on properly completing paperwork. The CSA Travel and Release form must be completed by all passengers for that van trip.
   - First come first serve basis - but CSA reserves the right to bump organizations if an emergency occurs which requires the vans

3. After you get the van:
   - Can be driven by students as members of CSA or by faculty and staff of the university
   - The Sheetz fuel card is located in the vehicle key case. This card is for gasoline purchases only.
   - Prior to your trip, please record the beginning mileage, AND your name, organization and destination on the Van Mileage Log. When you have returned, please record your ending mileage.
   - Return keys to 278 Gemmell by the morning of the next business day or a $25.00 late fee will be implemented.

4. Rate on Vans:
   - 7-passenger van: $0.75 per mile with a minimum fee of $37.50 (includes gasoline)
   - 12-passenger van: $1.00 per mile with a minimum fee of $50 (includes gasoline)

5. “Organizations, groups, or individuals not funded through CSA will be billed independently to the department designated. If no department designation is given, those utilizing the vans will be asked to remit the estimated mileage fee in advance of travel.”
6. “Organizations which are funded through CSA can utilize their budgets for approved travel and will be issued a statement of billed activity monthly, or their CSA self-support funds for trips not approved through the funding process. self-support balances will be encumbered prior to travel and a statement will be provided at the end of the month.”

For more rules and regulations go to Clarion University's Website and search “CSA” and click on the first result.

Then click the tab “Transportation” for more information regarding use of the vans.
CSA Explained

The Clarion Students' Association (CSA) provides services that enhance student and community life through the stewardship of its members' activity fee and resources. They are also financially in charge of the RSO’s.

CSA Walmart Card

1. Head to CSA and ask an employee to use the Walmart Card. Make sure to mention what club you are using it for, and what you plan on getting!
2. You will be asked to sign a form which includes the card number. Sign the paper, date it, and list what club you are with. Remember that the card will be expected back to the CSA office within 24 hours.
3. When you check out at Walmart, hand the laminated card to the employee before they start scanning items, and ask to utilize a tax-exempt transaction. All the information they need will be on the card.
4. Have the President or Treasurer of the club sign the receipt and hand the receipt and card back into CSA. You will be asked to sign the same form you signed the card out with, to confirm that you brought it back.
5. For club records, remember to fill out a payment request form after your payment is taken care of. Remember to include the Account number of your club, what you bought, how much it cost, why you bought it, and have the correct signatures on the form!