

# SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2022

## **Call to order - President D'Egidio**

A meeting of the SRSGA was held on November 27, 2022, at 5:03 pm.

## **Roll Call – VP Hood**

### **Executive Board**

- a) Hannah D'Egidio - President
- b) Nikole Husnick - VP of Finance
- c) Alexis Jones - VP of Student & Academic Affairs
- d) Samantha Shaffer - VP of Outreach
- e) Liz Hood - VP of Internal Affairs
- f) Alexis Gish - VP of Diversity & Inclusion
- g) Chris Thrasher – Parliamentarian
- h) Robbi Austin – Speaker of the Senate

### **College of Business**

- a) Senator Brinker
- b) Senator Donnelly
- c) Senator George
- d) Senator Kaufman

### **College of Education**

- a) Senator Austin
- b) Senator Froehlich
- c) Senator Learn
- d) Senator McLaughlin

### **College of Health Professions**

- a) Senator Moore
- b) Senator Reagle
- c) Senator Sarver

d) Senator Sones

**College of Engineering & Science**

a) Senator Resnick

b) Senator Sherwood Erculiani

**College of Liberal Arts**

a) Senator Bell

b) Senator Brock

c) Senator Blanchard

d) Senator Warren

**Commuter**

a) Senator Smith

**Residence Hall**

a) Senator Burchell

b) Senator Snyder

**Transfer**

a) Senator Oberg

**Freshman**

a) Senator DeBaker

b) Senator Hamzic

c) Senator Johnston

d) Senator White

**Graduate**

a) Senator Laudenslager

b) Senator Rismiller

c) Senator Sosa

**At-Large**

a) Senator Covey

b) Senator McLafferty

- c) Senator Senz
- d) Senator Steele
- e) Senator Snyder

**Advisors**

- a) Dr. Lauren Moran
- b) Wendy Leitera

**Apscuf Representative(s)**

- a.) Tricia Bishop
- b) Dr. Sararose Lynch

Absent: Senator DeBaker, Senator Learn,

Excused: President D'Egidio, Senator Sherwood Erculiani, Senator Smith, Dr. Lauren Moran, Dr. Sararose Lynch

Guest Speakers:

**Mohamad Khalaifa** – Hello. I am here to give you all an update on the presidential search committee. For the past few months, the committee has been searching for a new President. We have invited 10 applicants to interview with the committee. I am very excited for the committee to meet with four of the candidates this week. 2 sessions are being an open forum. I hope I can see you all there.

**Brooklyn Graham** – Good afternoon. I am the student trustee. I am here to say that it is the forums are really important. I wanted to say that I'm not sure how involved the last student trustee was, but I am an involved body. If you are passionate about something, bring it to me. I am with the people whom you may need to talk to. Please reach out to me. I'm a very fierce advocate. For the presidential search, please advocate for students to come to these.

Officer/Committee Reports:

**VP Hood (for President D'Egidio)** –

Miss you all!

I have one more meeting with President Behre next Tuesday

Please try to attend the open student forums for the Presidential search this Tuesday-Friday in SSC Theater at 5 pm

My office hours for Tuesday & Wednesday will be virtual; Thursday is TBD

Conference application closes Wednesday at 11:59 PM

THANK YOU for all your hard work this semester.

Office Hours:

Monday 3 PM-5 PM

Tuesday 12 PM-4:30 PM

Wednesday 3 PM-4 PM

Thursday 12 PM-2 PM/3 PM-5 PM

Friday 12:15 PM-2 PM

Email: hmd1009@sru.edu

Phone: 724-777-6233

**VP Jones –**

Welcome Back :)

BusWhere Promotion

Committee meetings: Thursdays 5-6 in SSC 325

Office Hours: T/W: 2-4 Tr: 2-5 F: 11-1

Email: amj1023@sru.edu

Phone: (412) 965-9940

**VP Husnick –**

Happy Week before Finals!!!

Committee will be in SSC 321 at 5!

No committee next week

Scholarship Winners!!

Finance Report!!!

**Senator** Brinker – Flag Football – For airfare, it will be \$342. For hotel, it will be \$321. For rental cars, it will be \$285.71. The total cost will be around \$6,530.84

Phone: (724)813-8702

Email: nih1001@sru.edu

**VP Shaffer –**

Helloooo!

No Committee this week!

Pop-Up Talk tomorrow Common Hour

Phone (724)-710-1877

Email: sns1011@sru.edu

Office Hours: T: 12-4 pm, W: 1-3 pm, TH: 8-11 am, F: 9 am-12 pm

**VP Hood –**

Hi friends!

Thank you for an awesome Friendsgiving!!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES!

Good luck with finals!!

Committee meetings – 3:30 pm on Mondays in SSC 325

Office Hours - T/W/TH/F 5 pm - 8 pm  
Phone - (724) 766-3249  
Email - [erh1010@sru.edu](mailto:erh1010@sru.edu)  
As always, GO ROCK!

### VP Gish -

Social Justice Committee - Mondays 4 pm SSC 244  
Phone - (724)-614-0334  
Email - [ang1012@sru.edu](mailto:ang1012@sru.edu)



### Par. Thrasher -

Hello everyone!

Committee News: Rules and Policies has moved forward 1 new student organization for Senate vote this evening.

Motion # 4

Reminders: Rules and Policies Committee Meeting on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in SSC Room 324.

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Veteran's Center.

Thursday 11:30 to 12:30 pm on Zoom

Email for appointment.

Phone: (724) 584 - 9922

Email: [cmt7429@sru.edu](mailto:cmt7429@sru.edu)

### Speaker Austin -

Happy Last Formal!

Our next (and last!) informal will be on 12/5 at 5 pm in SSC 321

Thank you to everyone who attended our last informal:)

Office units are due Sundays at 5:00 PM, please get these in

Please reach out if you are struggling to meet units

Phone: (570)762-5517

Email: rca1004@sru.edu

Office Hours: M: 3-5 pm, F: 10 AM-1 PM

### Commission Reports:

Rock of the Week: Aiden Donnelly!

**VP Husnick** – So for a rock of the week this week, I gave it to this senator because they joined finance this semester. They helped a lot with going through the finance policy, and this is his last formal meeting.

**Speaker Austin** – Congratulations Aiden. You will be dearly missed.

### Open Forum:

**Senator McLafferty** – When we talk about switching over, where should students be going to be enrolled in the new BusWhere app?

**VP Jones** – You will sign in with your SRU information which will give you all the Slippery Rock routes. You can set routes that you'd like to follow.

**Senator McLafferty** – Will it be on the SGA website or the SRU website?

**VP Jones** – It will also be on the SGA website.

**Senator Brock** – Hello, fellow Senators and Eboard alike. I am gathered here today with my colleagues and peers. This semester we came together to work on issues we feel passionate about fixing on campus through our Professionalism, Advocacy, and Leadership Class in Physical Activity (PE 473) offered by the PE department. The issue that our group decided to tackle was the parking situation. This issue affects every student on campus in some way or another and is something that we feel has been swept under the rug and pushed off. This semester we decided to analyze the parking situation for ourselves after talking with police chief Kevin Sharkey.

**Brad Perrote** – Chief Sharkey has been an amazing help throughout this process and has shown us what the university has done in the past as well as what the university can still be doing to address this issue even more. We are aware of what the university is planning on doing in the coming years however this issue is still prominent until we reach a point where this is no longer an issue. As a group with the advisement from Chief Sharkey would like to propose the removal of the Staff spots located in the PT lot. This will free up 50 spots to give to commuter students on campus. These spots will be able to be moved from the PT lot and staff can park in other lots designed just for them.

**Casey Burke** – The PT parking lot is designed the closest spot to parking for students in Morrow Field House. Surrounding Morrow Field House there are multiple staff parking lots. We survey these lots and after a week of the survey found the following results: At 10 am on Mondays, there were found to be no commuter spots open however there were staff spots available

surrounding morrow and in the PT lot itself. At 9:30 am on Tuesday, there were found to be no commuter spots open however there were 10 staff spots open just in the surrounding lots of Morrow not including what was open in the PT lot. At 1 pm on Wednesday, there were no commuter spots open however there were 11 staff spots open surrounding Morrow Field house. At 9:30 on Thursday there were again no commuter spots but at least 12 spots open for staff surrounding Morrow Field House. On Friday at noon there were two commuter spots open and at least 8 staff spots open. In conclusion, by just looking at those times, we can see that staff had more spots open than students.

**Angelo Marmo** – More staff spots are open compared to students because a lot of staff are remote, only working a couple of days a week or for selected hours. We also can see by looking at the parking map on the SRU website that staff is a lot closer to their needed locations than students are. While exercise is great, the feasibility of making a student walk from McKay to East while parking for a parking pass is crazy, and yes we know that a Happy Bus is an option, but it is not always working, reliable, or convenient when your running late and need to get where you need to be. By providing students with more spots on campus to park you ultimately prevent student ticket fees and you provide them with the same opportunity that staff has: feasible location parking. Staff are not here all day like most students are. -Angelo

**Senator Brock** – As a result of our survey and research, we stand before you asking for your help in tackling the parking issue head-on. We propose that SGA design a task force similar to the Ad-Hoc committee we had last year with the Food ad hoc committee designed specifically for parking and the issues that stem from it. As mentioned before parking is an issue that will be around forever and we need someone like Chief Sharkey who manages to park and analyzes what are the best solutions. Having an ad hoc committee who is designed specifically for students passionate about the parking situation will allow for the parking issue to be talked about and continue to be worked on. Within this committee, we propose the task force continues the data that we have started in other lots around campus, for example how many staff spots are taken at any given time compared to how many student spots are taken and then return to the senate with updates periodically. There are plenty of staff spots on the road coming into the campus by North Hall that Chief Sharkey says are never full. Students have little to no parking by Old Main. We also propose that SGA advocates that any visitors on campus who do not pay for a parking pass be directed and only allowed to park in East Lake Lot. This will help prevent visitors from taking both staff and commuter spots. We also propose that SGA challenge the administration with answering a question they haven't thought of yet. That question is: Since freshmen and sophomores are going to be required to live on campus, and freshmen already have a hard enough time finding parking with overflow going into the east lake, where are all the sophomores going to park? I remember as a freshman making the walk back to my dorm from the east lake and it was a scary walk to do alone. Four years ago, we still had cars parking in the east as overflow, that number is only going to increase when sophomores are required to live on campus. So, what is the university's plan for housing these cars being brought to campus? Are they going to keep the spots the same and hope for the best? Are they going to take commuter spots to give more resident spots? What happens when these sophomores become juniors and rejoin the commuters, where are they to park then if the overflows are going to the east lake for everything? It's a lot but it's not big enough to hold what we need it to. Not to mention it is the

only open lot on campus and is not in the best location. As SGA you should all be staying steps ahead to make sure that parking on campus stays fair to everyone. Lastly, pose a question on the Student Life Survey: As a student would you prefer to take an afternoon/early evening class for example fewer 8 and 9 am and more 2, 3, and 4 pm classes? We pose this question since communication with our deans seems to believe it is a matter of students don't want to take those classes however, we believe that it falls on the professors not wanting to stay and teach classes that late. We will never know how many students take mandatory classes offered at 3 pm until we try. We thank everyone for listening to what have to say and hope that SGA takes action on these issues.

### Old Business:

### New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022, formal meeting.

First – Senator Warren

Second – Senator Burchell

**Senator Warren** – We get those lovely minutes from Liz in the email.

Motion passes!

Motion #2: I move to approve the November 28, 2022 finance report as read.

First – VP Husnick

Second – Senator George

**VP Husnick** – We have the intermural flag football request. Their budget is going toward student workers. For SOTA, they are requesting a conference grant. It is covering a portion of their fees.

Motion passes!

Motion #3: I move to approve the following SRSGA Scholarship recipients, Amanda Brock and Julia Rismiller.

First – VP Husnick

Second – Senator Bell

**VP Husnick** – These were two amazing candidates that went through many different advisements, and they are more than qualified.

Abstentions – Senator Brock and Senator Rismiller

Motion passes!

Motion #4: I move to approve The Rock CAM Club as an SRSGA Recognized Student Organization.

First – Senator Froehlich

Second – Senator Donnelly

**Senator Froehlich** – They came to rules and policies to discuss the changes in their constitutions. It is focusing on storytelling through photography.

Motion passes!

APSCUF Comments:

a) Tricia Bishop: Not much to say. Hope you all have a good finals week and a great break. One thing to keep in mind is to change to evening classes, a lot of us have little ones, so that's why we teach during the day. We still go home and do another job.

b) Dr. Sararose Lynch:

Advisor Comments:

a) Dr. Lauren Moran:

b) Wendy Leitera: Hello everyone. I'd like to say to Speaker Austin thank you for doing a great job. We heard from Mohamad and Brooklyn. Spread the word and let students know that this is happening. You have the most powerful voice here on campus. There are 8,000 of you. Make sure you fill out the form with your thoughts and recommendations for the next president. Next Tuesday is Breakfast in the Suite. We want to open it up to all students. Please try and attend. In the pop-up talk tomorrow, the questions about academics are important too. That's another opportunity that you all can communicate with students. Have a great finals week, take care of yourselves, and enjoy your winter break.

Adjournment:

Adjourn the meeting at 5:

First – VP Gish

Second – Senator Resnick

**VP Gish** – No I just want to go home.

Opposed – Senator Donnelly

Motion passes!