

SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2024

Call to order - President Bloom

This formal meeting was called to order by President Ella Bloom at 5:03 pm on Monday, March 4th, 2024.

Roll Call – VP Bell

Executive Board

- a) Ella Bloom – President
- b) Sydney Rezzetano – VP of Finance
- c) Braydon Godfrey – VP of Student & Academic Affairs
- d) Robbi Austin – VP of Outreach
- c) Hunter Bell - VP of Internal Affairs
- f) Liz Hood – VP of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
- g) Ezeck Warren – Parliamentarian
- h) Emily Steele - Speaker of the Senate

College of Business

- a) Senator George
- b) Senator Johnston
- c) Senator Wolfe
- d) Senator Wallace

College of Education

- a) Senator Cessna
- b) Senator Gable
- c) Senator Ecklund

College of Health Professions

- a) Senator Bradeis
- b) Senator Krizmanich
- c) Senator Steele

College of Engineering & Science

- a) Senator Schmidt
- b) Senator Snyder
- c) Senator Kuth

College of Liberal Arts

- a) Senator Czerniewski
- b) Senator Mortensen
- c) Senator Isenberg

Commuter

- a) Senator Double
- b) Senator Snyder

Residence Hall

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Carbone

Transfer

- a) Senator Hale

Veteran

a) Senator Snodgrass

International

a)

Athlete

a) Senator Delcoco

First-year

- a) Senator Maharg
- b) Senator Pavlicko
- c) Senator Sennett
- d) Senator Williams

Graduate**At-Large**

- a) Senator Caroff
- b) Senator Ogoreuc
- c) Senator Fabo
- d) Senator Siatkosky

Advisors

- a) Patrick Beswick
- b) Wendy Leitera

APSCUF Representative

a) Dr. Sararose Lynch

Excused: N/A

Absent: N/A

Guest Speakers:

Paul Novak: After discussing with Dr. Wilmes, we feel it is important to have student input on the University's Safety Committee. We are hoping to re-establish this committee as it was disbanded due to Covid-19. Environmental Health and Safety Management and The Slippery Rock University Police work closely together when approaching overall campus safety and emergency preparedness. This oversees all forms of safety on our campus. Very rarely do we have the opportunity to come in contact with students regarding health and safety on campus. Joint-Emergency tabletop training. This can be requested by faculty, deans, and more. We are also looking to implement a joint university emergency assessment team. This is for addressing emergencies on campus. Not only do we have 8,000 students, but approximately 1,000 employees. We would only meet approximately twice per semester, so this would not be a very large time commitment.

School shootings have doubled since 2021. We tried school walkouts and policy changes since 2016-2018 but clearly, it is not enough. This is why we feel student input is extremely important when discussing these topics. The goals of this committee are to establish the weaknesses we have on campus regarding these issues. If we could get a representative to voice student concerns, this would help change procedures in upper management of the university.

University Programming Board (UPB): Director of Concerts. UPB is in charge of placing two concerts per year. I was told the UPB concert takes away the “general functioning” of the Student Center. We feel this decision is misguided and should be presented to SGA.

- UPB is a student organization
- Every SRU student is required to pay the Student Activity Fee
- Our concert obligation cannot be fulfilled without the ballroom for smaller concerts.
- Students pay a fee for the student center.

Miller Auditorium, Morrow Field House, and The ARC are all inappropriate for a smaller fall concert. This decision feels arbitrary and unfair as the student center is meant for students. If the university rents out the student center to outside organizations, they should not be giving actual student organizations this much trouble.

Panhellenic Council: On behalf of Greek students at SRU, we feel uncomfortable with the proposed fee increases to the student center as many sororities felt negatively treated by student center staff. They yelled at several members during sorority recruitment events for simply moving chairs to allow other prospective Greeks to sit down. They even took a screenshot of security footage and sent it to our council, berating other sisters. The student center needs to change before any of us feel comfortable paying a potential fee increase to the student center.

Rockstar of the Week: Active Minds at SRU

This group is focused on preventing the stigma of mental health. We hope to bring in more educational materials as well as events to help prevent this stigma.

Officer/Committee Reports:

President Bloom – Green Fund Update – we are working with the biology department to put native plants on campus to help the local pollinator populations. The Biology Department is currently working on the budgeting and environmental aspects; First Year Orientation – April 13th and 27th at 9:00 am. We are looking for SGA representation at orientation; Dine with the Directors on March 25th from 5-7 pm in the SSC; Meeting with Dr. Riley - ; Borough Meeting - ; Office Hours and Contact Information listed below.

VP Godfrey – SAA Committee meets at 3:30 in SSC 325; Student Life Survey – March 18th; Campus Crawl part 2 – April 19th (tentatively); Dean Meetings; Office Hours and Contact Information posted below.

VP Rezzetano – Finance Committee meets on Wednesdays at 11 am in SSC 319; Office Hours and Contact Information listed; Finance Report – These are all standard new initiative requests by organizations that went through the appropriate steps towards approval.

VP Austin – Senator Wallace and Senator Ecklund, please stay after today’s meeting for your headshots; Please remind your peers to be reading their SRU Communications emails each week;

Outreach Committee meets on Wednesdays at 5 pm in SSC 324; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

VP Bell – Working on Planning the Annual Banquet. If you wish to help out, please attend Internal Committee. We meet on Mondays at 4 pm in SSC 324; Another bonding event is in the works; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

VP Hood – Silent Witness – this program was created to help silently protest hate speech by the street protestors towards marginalized student groups. These witnesses will block the protestors so students can pass by. If you are interested in this, please let me know; Wheelchair simulation experience – informal on 3/18; Next meeting with Dr. Jones & Keisha – 3/25; Make sure you're attending your diversity events; SJC Committee meets on Mondays at 12 pm; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

Parliamentarian Warren – Rules & Policies Committee meets on Tuesdays at 1 pm in SSC 319; Club Constitutions; Remember to submit your election packets; Turning Point USA will be having their first event on March 7th. It is on Core. I would highly recommend attending if you are interested in keeping an eye on them; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

Speaker Steele – Office Units are due by 5 pm on Sundays; Next informal – 3/18; Have a great spring break; Reach out to me if you need anything; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

Commission Reports: N/A

Rock of the Week: Chloe Ecklund

VP Austin: This senator has always been participating in everything with SGA even before they were inducted into SGA. For being a freshman, they have taken on so many projects so willingly and I appreciate all their hard work.

Open Forum:

Eric Gondella: I have a few concerns addressed. I could not find the location for social justice committee, it just says the student center. There were a flurry of political surveys on campus and I have no idea who they are from. I have also had students being reached out by Campus Reform which is an extremist right-wing propaganda website. I have forwarded these emails to Dean Bauer. They are offering students payments to receive tips with “liberal bias” on campus. I do not believe the flyers were distributed by student organizations based on the violation of our solicitation policy. While this has been reported to Dean Bauer and Dr. Wilmes, I wanted to bring this to SGA's attention as this is quite concerning.

McKaylee Funk: VP of Communications of PanHel Council. I am here to address the concerns of the Panhellenic Council and The Interfraternity Council regarding the fee increases of the Student Centers. We were berraded for using the space improperly when we were simply moving chairs so people could sit down. (email her for a summary of the concerns)

Norah Spradling: I am currently running for a Liberal Arts Senator position. I am a Dance major and I wish to run because I believe it is important to represent the student body. I think it is important to invest in those issues.

VP Rezzetano: The vote from the Council of Trustees has not yet voted on the fee increases, but the fees will be for all students.

Senator Double: We have a formal meeting at the same time as dine with the directors. Would anyone be able to be excused to attend Dine with the Directors?

Pres. Bloom: I will get back to you on that.

Senator Wallace: If you are exploring a career in finance, there is a program being proposed by a professor to help get this certification but it keeps being blocked by the Provost.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the February 19th, 2024 formal meeting.

First – Senator Pavlicko

Second – Senator Caroff

Senator Pavlicko: We all read it, there were no issues.

Motion Passes

Motion #2: I move to confirm Norah Spradling as a College of Liberal Arts Senator.

First – Senator Isenberg

Second – Senator Carbone

Motion Passes

Motion #3: I move to approve The Early Childhood and Elementary Music Community Engagement Initiative at Slippery Rock University as a recognized student organization.

First – Senator Sennett

Second – VP Austin

Motion Passes

Motion #4: I move to approve BIPOC Performing & Visual Arts Club at Slippery Rock University as a recognized student organization.

First – Senator Snyder

Second – Senator Schmidt

Motion Passes

Motion #5: I move to approve the March 4th, 2024 finance report as read

First – Senator Wolfe

Second – Senator Hale

Abstentions – 1 (Senator Wallace)

Motion Passes

APSCUF Report: N/A

Advisor Reports

Patrick Beswick: The organization is doing a great job at addressing concerns. I would encourage you to advocate on not only your behalf but on the behalf of other students and organizations. There are CCTV cameras all over campus and the police have access to go live. Have a good spring break.

Wendy Leitera: This was a very good meeting with the presentations and concerns being brought up that we can take action. I would recommend fully evaluating these concerns before passing judgement. We have the mechanisms in place if you wish to move forward with these. Have a great spring break, we could all use a break to take time for yourselves.

Adjournment – I move to adjourn the formal Meeting at 6:14 pm

First – Senator Ecklund

Second – Senator Siatkosky

Debate & Discussion

VP Hood: If you are interested in Silent Witness, please come see me.

VP Austin: Please do not forget to stay after for headshots.

VP Rezzetano: Budgets close this Friday

Pres. Bloom: Please remember to turn in your election packets.

Senator Siatkosky: I hope you all have a great spring break.

Senator Snodgrass: There is a gallery from 5-7 pm in the Maltby Center.

Nay – 2

Motion Passes