

SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023

Call to order - President D'Egidio

A meeting of the SRSGA was held on May 1, 2023, at 5:01 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 George
- c) Senator Kaufman

College of Education

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

College of Health Professions

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

College of Engineering & Science

- a) Senator Sherwood Erculiani

College of Liberal Arts

- a) Senator Bell
- b) Senator Brock
- c) Senator Warren

Commuter

- a) Senator Double

Residence Hall

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Snyder

Transfer

- a) Senator Oberg

Freshman

- a) Senator DeBaker
- b) Senator Hamzic
- c) Senator Johnston

Graduate

- a) Senator Laudenslager
- b) Senator Rismiller
- c) Senator Sosa

At-Large

- a) Senator Covey
- b) Senator Senz
- c) Senator Steele
- d) Senator Snyder

Advisors

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

Apscuf Representative(s)

- a.) Tricia Bishop

b) Dr. Sararose Lynch

Absent: Senator Oberg, Senator Senz

Excused: Tricia Bishop & Dr. Lynch

Guest Speakers:

Officer/Committee Reports:

President D'Egidio

Thank you all for a lovely year. I am very humble that I get to work with amazing individuals. I wanted to thank each & every one of you.

VP Jones

Thanks for a great year :)
Congratulations and good luck !!

VP Husnick

Happy Monday!

Budget Proposal

Stipend report

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VP Shaffer

Thank you for the last 3 years in SGA :)
Happy Graduation Week and/or Finals Week

VP Hood

Thank you all for an amazing year!
So blessed to have served as the VP of Internal for the past two years
If you are not returning next year, take your nameplate at the end of the meeting!
If you are returning, please leave your nameplate so it can be used next year!
As always, GO ROCK!

Par. Thrasher

I wanted to thank you, guys. See you guys soon.

Speaker Austin

Hello!

Thank you all for a great term! Please stay in touch!

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Office Hours: By appointment this week! Happy finals!

Commission Reports:

Open Forum:

Old Business:

Motion #1: I move to amend the SRSGA Constitution in Article 4 Section 3 to add subsection x to read: "For the president to must have served on the SRSGA for at least one full semester of any point of their undergraduate studies to be able to run for president."

First – Senator Brock

Par. Thrasher – Point of order – This motion needs to be unstable

Senator Brock – I move to untable the amendment.

Second – Senator Hamzic

Nay – Senator Snyder

Motion is untabled.

Senator Brock - I move to amend the SRSGA Constitution in Article 4 Section 3 to add subsection x to read: "For the president to must have served on the SRSGA for at least one full semester of any point of their undergraduate studies to be able to run for president."

Second – Senator Hamzic

Senator Brock – I did not mean when I said previously that you need to be a senator first. It is easy to feel like an outsider to our group when we want nothing more than to unite the student body. It wasn't until I became a part of SGA to know what we do. The motion that is being discussed is to amend the constitution to serve that someone can serve on the SRSGA for one semester. It does not matter how they do this. It should be done how they see fit. I have heard the backlash about this being a corrupt office. Students would not be forced to elect a corrupt senator. There are no requirements currently or a proposed amendment that would limit someone from running for a senate seat. I hope that one day we fill our senate to 100%, and that would still allow people to join committees. It is comparable to a

freshman coming in and taking the presidential seat. SGA represents all of our students at SRU. We can look at the past 5 years and all of the presidents have sat on SGA before becoming president.

Par. Thrasher – Since we had to table the motion, we needed to hold an open forum per our bylaws. Only 15 students were in attendance. The summary of the statements received was split: 50% agreed that the President should have prior experience and 50% disagreed that the President would not need any prior experience. This will not affect the new senate coming in. Ella Bloom will be the president for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

Senator Sherwood Erculiani – Just something very brief. In concurrence, Senator Brock said in that speech that the people vote for who they best see fit. I feel like this motion is very hypocritical.

Senator Hamzic – I want to remind our senate that a professor wrote the letter and not a student. This letter would carry more weight if it was from a student's point of view. I find the latter is rather unlikely. I must ask the senate today, why do we have qualifications to run for eboard? The president of the US does not require any previous government experience, and students do have the right to vote within reason. Not being a senator does not make you unqualified. Senators know how SGA operates, and the student body does not know that. To use Dr. Fredrick's words "It is arrogant and a bad idea to vote for someone who has no knowledge."

Senator Snyder – I wanted to thank Senator Brock for the clarification. Since serve could be taken in different ways, would there be a definition of serve?

President D'Egidio – The wording that is used would be put in there. You'd have to go back in to define that.

Senator Snyder – Creating this requirement is mute if they are already in a club that has similar experiences to this.

Par. Thrasher – It would be how it is written right now, there would not be a definition unless you amended it.

Senator Brock – Parliamentary inquiry – Isn't that what our meeting minutes are for? They can look at what they're talking about.

Par. Thrasher – No. With his question, the definition would need to be proposed and amended.

Senator Brock – So they cannot look back at past minutes?

Par. Thrasher – It still could be taken differently.

President D'Egidio – Like our attendance policy says refer to the VP of Internal Affairs, it would be like that.

Senator Double – A good point was brought up by Senator Hamzic. Using the professor's own words, I want the current senate to think about the current requirements. This in itself limits the

pool. When we hold town halls, students do not show up. There is only so much we can do when we spread the word.

Senator Froehlich – Someone from a fraternity can come in and run and win president while someone who has been in SGA for 3 years and knows how it's run can run and lose. It is not limiting anyone that much.

Senator Warren – Why are we doing a roll call vote?

Par. Thrasher – The chair gets to decide.

Motion fails.

Yay – 16

Nay – 12

Abstention - 1

New Business:

Motion #2: I move to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023, formal meeting.

First – Senator Bell

Second – Senator Double

Senator Bell – You all had enough time to look them over.

Motion passes!

Motion #2: I move to confirm the spring 2023 election results except for the President by secret ballot.

Par. Thrasher – It would be to confirm. The last part is procedural by the Senate bylaws. The Senate is only responsible for presenting the rules, therefore with it being a confirmation, it does not need to be a secret ballot. We are just confirming the results for the next year.

Motion is struck down.

Motion #3: I move to approve the May 1, 2023 finance report as read.

First – Senator McLaughlin

Second – Senator George

Senator McLaughlin – It was presented to us today.

Motion passes!

Motion #4: I move that the SRSGA approves the creation of the ad hoc committee for recycling.

First – Senator Double

Second – Senator Burchell

Senator Double – Senator Sones has been talking about this for a week. I support it.

Senator Sones – Just for a general purpose, I want to establish a long-term plan for recycling. Down at COSGA, I got some good encouragement and ideas.

Motion passes!

Motion #5: I move that SRSGA approves Easton Sones as the Chair of the Recycling ad hoc committee.

First – VP Husnick

Second – Senator Warren

VP Husnick – This is like Easton's baby. He is fully committed.

Abstention – Senator Sones

Motion passes!

Motion #6: I move to confirm the spring 2023 election results.

First – Senator Double

Second – Senator Snyder

Senator Double – The elections were conducted fairly.

Senator Brock – I think I am speaking for a lot of senators who are thinking this deep down. I think that having incoming people completely bashing our organization as a whole should be considered. We had a student body that voted in a way that did not know all of the facts. I also think that Senator Froehlich said, it is a way of who can get the most votes the fastest and who can join the most organizations the fastest. She violated the Student Code of Conduct for chalking. If you need to see those images. I have them printed out. It was clearly labeled on the North Hall building. I had dance majors express their frustration with the chalking in their Miller Auditorium. We can also see in an online campaign that SRSGA has been bashed. I do not feel comfortable voting in favor of it.

Par. Thrasher – As the chair of that commission, it was already dealt with. All we are doing is confirming the new incoming executive board. We are moving the past of information. We are going to the point of a personal attack.

Nay – Senator Brock

Motion passes!

Motion #7: I move to approve the 2023 – 2024 stipend proposal.

First – Senator Double

Second – Senator Johnston

Senator Double – She discussed this with us.

Nay – Senator Brock

Motion passes!

APSCUF Comments:

a) Tricia Bishop:

b) Dr. Sararose Lynch:

Advisor Comments:

a) Dr. Lauren Moran: Hello everyone, my name is Lauren Moran. There is a question about the agenda. The agenda is a draft. It can be changed at any time. The agenda can change as you determine it. One thing I want to reflect on is the amendment. The conversation you all had was important, but this amendment felt like a personal attack. If you believe this, you should've done this months ago. 15 students came. That is 0.002% of your student body. Did you go out and talk to people? Congratulations to the elected senate.

b) Wendy Leitera: I wanted to explain what the point of order is. It is to stop something that is procedurally wrong or a person upfront. The only time to interrupt a speaker is a point of order. It is not debatable or amendable. To confirm except one person is not procedural. Your powers reside in publishing the rules around the election. That point of order is warranted. This was a very good example of how the rules of order work. I hope that helps explain a little bit. On the flip side, I wanted to congratulate you all on your work. My door is always open, room 237.

Swearing in of Ella Bloom.

Adjournment:

Adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm.

First – Senator Double

Second – Senator Snyder

Senator Burchell, Senator Double, Senator Snyder, and VP Husnick

Motion passes!