

# SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2023

## **Call to order - President Bloom**

This meeting was called into order at 5:04 pm on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by President Ella Bloom

## **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 Stiles

### **College of Health Professions**

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

### **College of Engineering & Science**

- a) Senator Schmidt -
- b) Senator Snyder

### **College of Liberal Arts**

- a) Senator Atwood
- 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) Senator Bankosh -

**Athlete**

a) Senator Delcoco

**First-year**

a) Senator Maharg

b) Senator Pavlicko

c) Senator Sennett

d) Senator Williams

**Graduate**

**At-Large**

a) Senator Buchan

b) Senator Caroff

c) Senator Czerniewski

d) Senator Hervatine

e) Senator Johnston

f) Senator Ogoreuc

g) Senator Fabo

h) Senator Thrasher

**Advisors**

a) Patrick Beswick

b) Wendy Leitera

**APSCUF Representative**

a) Dr. Sararose Lynch -

Absent: Senator Bankosh,

Excused: VP Rezzetano, Senator Johnston, Senator K. Snyder, Senator Schmidt

**Guest Speakers:**

**Aramark Dining**

**Meet the Team** – contact information is below; New things happening; Boozel Express is open Monday through Friday now; Rocky's has a new Sandwich station – The Thread (popular with students); 2 new locations in Weisenfluh - Wild Blue (Sushi and hot bowls) and Clean Plate (allergen friendly station);

**Student employment** – Aramark employs 76 students (looking to hire over 100); A student manager program – allows for students to take on more responsibility and manage their location (pay increase and resume builder); \$11/hr., \$50 flex & free meals on shift; Lots of internship opportunities on campus;

**Sustainability** – we sponsor a bee hive on campus and use locally sourced honey in many of our campus dishes; work on demos with the Makosky Center with the produce stand and educational seminars; Most food waste at Boozel is composted at the Makosky Center; We

also help with Earth fest; Sustainable fish Fridays – Every Fridays in front of True Balance in Boozel – work with what fish are sustainably resourced and make tasters for students to try;

**Voice Of Consumer** – real-time, online surveys for students to take; they are found all over campus; both good and bad feedback is encouraged;

**Order Ahead Program** – uses flex – trying to utilize different payment methods; available at Rocky’s, Quaker Steak & Lube, Starbucks (Bailey), Butter & Honey, and Burgers & Fries (Weisenfluh); Touchnet Order Ahead (App)

**Upcoming Events** – posted outside of Boozel as well as on the Rock Dining website; Student Roundtable is occurring on November 28<sup>th</sup> in SSC Theater.

## Q&A

**Do you need a meal plan to get the employee flex?** – No

**Why do we not compost more at Rocky’s?** – We can give them some of our food, but we have not found a place yet.

**Have you looked into finding an alternative location?** – We have not but we can look into the Makosky Center.

## President Karen Riley, PhD

**Proclamation: WHEREAS**, The Slippery Rock Student Government Association recognizes Dr. Karen Riley as the 18<sup>th</sup> President of Slippery Rock University. **WHEREAS**, Dr. Riley assumed the role of President as of July 1, 2023; **WHEREAS**, The Slippery Rock Student Government Association is honored to welcome this individual as a part of our community and; **WHEREAS**, The Slippery Rock Student Government Association aspires to continue building relationships with the senior administrators of the institution in order to create a transparent and unified environment within the Slippery Rock University community; **WHEREAS**, The Slippery Rock Student Government Association encourages all stakeholders of the Slippery Rock community to welcome Dr. Riley and family to the SRU family. **NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Ella Bloom, President of the Slippery Rock Student Government Association, hereby declare recognition of Dr. Karen Riley as President of Slippery Rock University. **IN WITNESS WHERE OF**, I have unto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Office of the President to be affixed to this Proclamation on this day of October 30, 2023.

**Gift** - SGA presents a “You Rock” rock to Dr. Karen Riley

**President’s Remarks** - Thank you all; I appreciate everything you do on campus and we want to have good communication between admin and students; we had dinner at the President’s house before fall break and want to continue to have good dialogue; we want to listen to your questions and concerns; speak on behalf of the cabinet – my conversations with Ella and the rest of the board have been solutions-oriented (much appreciated); appreciate Aramark – it was a great dinner; if you all have any questions, please feel free to answer; I do sit with students at lunch on Wednesday and ask students what needs changed and not a whole lot has come up – that doesn’t mean we don’t have a lot of work to do to make sure this campus is as inclusive as possible; many students seem to be happy all-around.

The next big thing to talk about with Ella is safety with the borough; looking forward to it.

## **Q&A**

**How are you getting along so far with your first semester?** – very well so far, there hasn't been anything that has surprised me - you never know until you arrive on campus; the things that I hope for are all occurring; you can't ask more than smart, dedicated people who are in line with the university's mission; everyone has welcomed myself and my family and we have thoroughly enjoyed being here; my husband and I have lived in Colorado our entire lives and we are enjoying the different seasons here; I don't always love my job but I always love my work – if you find a job like this, you will be in good shape.

## **Sports Management Alliance**

Student organization was invited by the NFL to work at the Superbowl this coming February in Nevada. They hand-selected the best members of their organization to represent this. Feb. 6, 2024 – Feb. 14, 2024 – working before the event and then going to Los Angeles to link with Alumni in the sports management field; They have done a lot of fundraising for this, but it is a very costly trip. This is an amazing opportunity; Financial breakdown listed below; This is a very rare opportunity as only a handful of universities were invited to attend this.

## **Q&A**

**Is the College of Business Helping?** – Not that I know of  
**The Superbowl is giving you money, How much?** – I believe it is \$18/hr. the week of and \$20 the day of. This money will be used towards the Los Angeles trip.

Rockstar of the Week:

Officer/Committee Reports:

**President Bloom** – Inauguration information; Office hours & Contact information; that is a gerbil on my slides.

**VP Godfrey** – The SAA Committee meets on Mondays at 3:30 in SSC 323: Meeting with Dr. Wilmes, Provost Zieg, and Dave Markley; College Head Senators - Send October Reports; office hours and contact information posted below; Safety week information coming soon.

**VP Rezzetano** – Finance committee is Wednesday at 1 pm in SSC 319; Office Hours; Finance Report; Contact Information.

**VP Austin** – Thank you for all who helped at the safer sex spooktacular; Any outreach ideas – Let me know; Outreach Committee meets on Tuesdays at 5 pm in SSC 324 (Zoom tomorrow); Office Hours and contact information posted below.

**VP Bell** – Name plates have been ordered – waiting for them to come in; New Senators – Please see me after the Formal; Friendsgiving is on! Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm in the Ski Lodge. More information will be sent out; Committee is on Mondays after Formal/Informal in

the SGA Office; If you have any ideas for bonding events, please feel free to reach out; office hours and contact information are below.

**VP Hood** – SJC Committee Projects – Social Justice Response plan from 2021 (thank you Janey and Abby), FMLA’s TBTN is this Thursday on 11/2 at 6 pm in the quad (SGA needs 5 volunteers – will count as an office unit); Reminder that there are two diversity events required per semester; Events going on this week; Committee meetings on Thursdays at 4 pm in SSC 325; Office Hours and contact information are below; Will be updating the DISHE calendar soon

**Parliamentarian Warren** – Hope everyone is doing well; The R&P Committee meets Wednesdays at 1 in SSC 324; Another club is up for approval today; dress code policy; office hours and contact information are below.

**Speaker Steele** – Please submit office units by 5 pm on Sundays; Remember to attend your assigned committee – Let me know if you are unsure of what your committee is; Career Office will be at the next informal so bring any questions you have for them; Office Hours and Contact information is below.

### **Commission Reports:**

Senator Ogoreuc – Presidents Commission on Women; Looking for members; Substance abuse was discussed and how to support students; HR Candidate is being searched for.

**Rock of the Week: Senator Cessna** – This senator has helped a lot in SJC this week and is always the first to help whenever (VP Hood)

**Open Forum:** N/A

**Old Business:** N/A

### **New Business:**

**Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 formal meeting.**

First – Senator Buchan

Second – Senator Braedis

**Passes**

**Motion #2: I move to suspend the rules to discuss Senator and judiciary candidates**

First – Senator Hale

Second – Senator Maharg

**Passes**

### **Senator Candidate Discussion - Speeches**

**Chloe Ecklund:** I'm an early ed and special ed major; want to get more involved on campus; held several leadership positions on campus; I really want to listen and advocate for students to help solve issues.

**Natalie Bowman:** I am a secondary education English major; 4 years in student government and in Model UN; I'm looking to reach out and solve issues across the campus community.

## O&A

**Bowman – what is your leadership style?** – My leadership style is one that is personable and associate very well with people. I have made it a priority to reach out to others and be a very welcoming person to hear new ideas and perspectives.

**Ecklund – what is your leadership style?** – People-first; I always want to look out for other people and hear their opinions first.

**Bowman – could you expand upon your role in student government?** – I was not involved in the cabinet, but I ran every year; I was a very vocal member and coordinated as needed with other organizations for events on campus; I offered a lot of help in planning several events.

**Ecklund – what was your leadership experience in high school like?** – I was an E-Board member of my high school choir and helped arrange finances for different trips; cheer captain in my sophomore year in high school; rotary club newsletter.

**(Both) What would you like to do in SGA** – (Ecklund) I want to advocate for students because when I had issues and went to my student government, they did not seem to listen. (Bowman)

**Ecklund – could you expand upon your priority of safety?** – Both as a woman and as a student, I believe that safety should be a top priority on campus and is essential

**Bowman – could you expand upon wanting better overall education?** – You must meet with the Dean and speak with them. Perhaps speaking with the Dean and listening to students' ideas would help to foster a better relationship, and safer community and improve the overall well-being of students on campus.

**Both – How did you both hear about SRSGA?** – (Bowman) throughout all of campus but found out about the specific position with Senator Gable. (Ecklund) encouraged through Senator Williams.

**Both – What is your passion in life?** – (Ecklund) I have always wanted to help people and teaching is an outlet for that. (Bowman) I'm a humanitarian at heart and always want to help advocate for others. I feel very safe in this community and want to help improve where I can.

## Judiciary Candidate Discussion - Speeches

**Senator Czerniewski** – Currently an at-large senator and joined this year; as a new senator, I can bring a fresh perspective to this position; new voices are essential; I currently sit on the Rules & Policies committee which has helped me prepare for this position; I promise to uphold the integrity of this student government and stand for checking biases at the door and hearing all sides of an argument before making decisions; as a female candidate, I will bring more diversity to the currently all-male judiciary.

**Senator Gable** – I am also on the Rules & Policies committee; still new to SGA; I am hoping to go to school for constitutional law after graduating here; I may not be able to fill a diversity aspect but am very good at communicating with people and love to debate (fight for a sense of justice); I hope that I do not have to sit on the committee and make decisions as I have faith in this Sente; as an Eagle scout, I strive to achieve the best that I can.

**Senator Snodgrass** – I believe in justice and being good; I have raised 4 children to follow those teachings in life and wish to extend my knowledge on this field.

### **Q&A**

**Snodgrass** – **As a veteran, do you feel you would be affected in this role?** – I think this could be a benefit due to my experience as a veteran.

### **Motion #4: I motion to reinstate the rules of the SRSGA**

First – Senator Burchell

Second – VP Godfrey

**Passes**

### **Motion #3: I move to approve Chloe Ecklund as a College of Education Senator**

First – VP Hood

Second – VP Austin

Nay – 0                      Abstentions – 0

**Passes**

### **Motion #4: I move to approve Reagan Czerniewski & Carla Snodgrass as members of the Judiciary Branch**

First – Senator Sennett

Second – Senator Pavlicko

Nay - 0                      Abstentions – 1

**Passes**

### **Motion #4: I move to approve the Swifties Society at SRU as a recognized student organization**

First – Senator Williams

Second – VP Godfrey

Williams – I have heard a lot about this and am very excited

### **Debate and Discussion**

VP Austin – I have read this constitution, and it is a very purposeful and charitable organization

Nay - 0                      Abstentions – 0

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #5: I move to approve the Dress Code Policy as read**

First – Senator Sennett

Second – Senator Isenberg

**Debate & Discussion**

**Stiles** – dress codes are a very controversial thing across the country and not equitable so I will be voting no.

Senator Thrasher – who will be enforcing this?

Parl. Warren – Essentially the entire E-Board but it will be going to the Judiciary and Internal

**Senator Thrasher** – How will you keep biases out of this dress code?

**VP Austin** – If you are comfortable, then it is fine. I would not go a man and say this is showing but I would feel comfortable going to a woman.

**Parl. Warren** – we are also here to make sure that there are no inherent biases which is why there is a great amount of leeway in this dress code

**Senator Double** – Also under 8B, there are plenty of exceptions to accommodate as many people as possible; We currently have a dress code, but this helps formalize it.

**Senator Ogoreuc** – I as well as plenty of other women helped build this and our voices were heard

**President Bloom** – it is important to remember that we represent the student body and that we have professional appearances as these are public.

**Senator Trasher** – In regard to 6, is there a designated style of standard or will this be at the discretion of the E-Board?

**Parl. Warren** – For a lot of this dress code, this is very informal, but we just mean more of a general cleanliness and common-sense issues. If we have issues, then I am more than happy to amend this document to be as equitable as possible.

Nay – 2 (Stiles and Cessna)

Abstention – 0

**Motion passes**

**Motion #6: I move to approve the Finance Report as Read**

First – VP Godfrey

Second – Carbone

**Debate & Discussion**

**VP Austin** – This should be broken down as individual things.

**Senator Maharg** – there is no real breakdown on where the competitive cheer team is using the money.

**VP Hood** – I can break this down as a prior cheerleader on campus; a lot of this has to do with hiring an individual choreographer, then to enter each competition, each cheerleader must pay individually before the team can compete

**Senator Snodgrass** – the choreographer is not actually a high price when you look into it. For SMA, this is a great, one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give to students.

**Senator Braedis** – Competitive cheer is using all of their self-support for this and fundraising



**VP Austin** – I am more worried about the international club’s equipment cost and not purchasing this equipment through student engagement as a rental. I think it would be smarter to do it this way.

**Senator Wallace** – I am close friends with many on the trip at SMA and they have put a lot of work into this.

**Senator Thrasher** – I am confused and wish for someone to explain the international club’s purchase?

**Senator Braedis** – it allows for the phone to be inserted for a

**Senator Isenberg** – I think this would be more beneficial for this to go through multiple orgs rather than one club.

**Senator Double** – I am concerned that they did not ask the College of Business for any funding. I would like to see if there is any way they can ask them for assistance as well. If they cannot wait, then it should be approved.

**President Bloom** – I just wanted to say that coming from experience, asking a college Dean for money is very difficult and they often do not give a final amount answer very soon; Also, if this motion does not pass, then we can do individual motions on each request.

**Thrasher** – What does this do to our remaining budget?

**Stiles** – I don’t have a specific number, but we will be going into reserves indefinitely

**President Bloom** – Just a reminder that we are here for the students, and this is what our budget is for.

Nay – 8

Abstentions – 0

**Motion Passes**

**APSCUF Report:** N/A

### **Advisor Reports**

**Patrick Beswick:** You can still sign up for the study abroad trip to Ireland; This is a first-come-first-serve trip that opens up on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.; If you signed up for volunteering at the inauguration, it will start promptly at 11:00 a.m.; I just wanted to not only extend a congratulations to Hunter for becoming the new VP of Internal, but also to Liz for taking on a tremendous amount of extra responsibilities in order to make everything run smoothly through Homecoming.

**Wendy Leitera:** Just a few options for what happened here – if you do not want to pass the finance report as-read, it can be failed so we can approve each individual one; we also can amend it as read or the first speaker can withdraw their motion – these are just a few different options, though everything you did was all fine; The SGA Endowed scholarship applications are now open – You must be at least a first-semester sophomore with a 3.0 GPA; The application is

on CORE where you must also answer a few prompts, submit an essay and provide a letter of recommendation.

**President Bloom:** This is just a final reminder – I know that this formal ran later than what is usually expected, but please refrain from using your cell phone as there are very important decisions being made here.

**Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn this Formal Meeting at 6:42 p.m.**

First – Senator Double

Second – Senator Caroff

Nay – 1 (Burchell)

Abstentions – 0

**Motion Passes**