

# SRSGA Formal Meeting Agenda/Minutes

October 21, 2024

**Call to order – Speaker Maharg calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm on October 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **Roll Call – VP Sennett**

### **Executive Board**

- a) Ella Bloom – President
- b) Jaeda Johnston – VP of Finance
- c) Annalese Isenberg – VP of Student & Academic Affairs
- d) Connor Pavlicko – VP of Outreach
- e) Emily Sennett - VP of Internal Affairs
- f) Mercedes Nearhood – VP of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
- g) Raegan Czerniewski -Parliamentarian
- h) Owen Maharg -Speaker of the Senate

### **College of Business**

- a) Senator Brown
- b) Senator George
- c) Senator Muhongerwa-Davis

### **College of Education**

- a) Senator Ecklund
- b) Senator Maharg
- c) Senator Williams
- d) Senator Panaiia

### **College of Health Professions**

- a) Senator Caroff
- b) Senator Sofranko
- c) Senator Ogoreuc

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

- a) Senator Carbone
- b) Senator Koch
- c) Senator Kuth
- d) Senator Schmidt

### **College of Liberal Arts**

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Kawata
- c) Senator Mortenson
- d) Senator Spradling

### **Commuter**

- a) Senator Pagnotta

### **Residence Hall**

- a) Senator Guerrero
- b) Senator Watkins

### **Transfer**

- a) Senator Beatty

### **Veteran**

- a) Senator Reed

### **International**

a) Senator Zaveri

**Athlete**

**First-year**

- a) Senator Burt
- b) Senator Corbin
- c) Senator Domingos
- d) Senator Hussien

**Graduate**

**At-Large**

- a) Senator Clemency
- b) Senator Hamilton
- c) Senator Lietera
- d) Senator Nees
- e) Senator Starkey

**Advisors**

- a) Patrick Beswick
- b) Wendy Leitera

**APSCUF Representative**

- a) Dr. Mark Shotwell

**Excused:** President Bloom

**Absent:**

**Guest Speakers:** E-sports!

Thank you, Connor (VP Pavlicko), for having us here, 20 events have happened so far this year, we've gotten a lot done. We have a new \$6000 new room, IT should be completely done by Wednesday. We have lots of events coming up now, today I was sitting in the esports room and we're doing new events and being asked each day to join new events. We spoke with Pitt-Bradford and want to overcome some hurdles to be more successful. We want our club to be well known. Thank you!

**Rockstar of the Week:** Heer Zaveri

VP Sennett: Heer is our rock of the week; she's done nothing but great work during her time in SGA so far. She's so helpful in committee, all homecoming week I swear every time I turned around, she was behind me with a paintbrush in hand and a smile on her face. Thank you so much, keep up the great work Heer!

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

**President –**

**VP SAA** – Committees are the same as usual, our committees are switching to room 325 in SSC. Safety week is moving forward as usual. Please email me if you have interest on the pillars. If you are a head college senator, please involve me in any conversation and group chat.

**VP Finance** – Thank you to all my committee members for working hard on the finance amendments and reserves information. Please look at the amended finance policy, we decided last year in committee that budgets will be based on clubs individual fundraising, and also that we won't be taking any late budgets. Everything else is small grammar errors!

**VP Outreach** – Headshots will be taken after this meeting! Buses to the polls on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> as well as an information table! If you want to help work the info session, please let me know, safe sex spooktacular.

**VP Internal** – Hi all. Please attend your committees! Reminder that next weeks Informal is a networking event with the Presidents Cabinet!

**VP DEIB** – Hi everyone, so if you have any questions about diversity event guidelines, please reach out to me! If you are still interested in doing a first-time voter interview, then please let me know we can try to schedule one. Kind closet is always a good option if you need help finding a business casual outfit. Also, please speak up this meeting so we can all hear!

**Parliamentarian** – Rand P have been working hard on a new code of ethics and dismissal policy, come with ideas we'd love to have you!

**Speaker** – Hey everyone, Ella couldn't be here she's touring law schools so I'm chairing the meeting. President Bloom is currently elected to be the vice chair on the board of student government presidents. Our next informal is a dinner with president Riley please dress business casual. Also shoutout to Rebecca Davis and Koch for going above and beyond for office units.

### **Commission Reports:**

#### **Rock of the Week:**

Senator Schmidt I move to suspend Roberts Rules to allow new applicants to discuss their positions.

Second: Senator Carbone

Senator Schmidt: I move to reinstate Roberts Rules

Second: Senator Zaveri

#### **Open Forum:**

Senator Reed: I'm the veterans senator, the SGA and veteran students have brought about concerns; we are looking for a full-time veteran affairs liaison on campus to help veterans students and military connected students. Lastly, the SVA is starting up a care package drive and we would love to have the SGA's support for this.

Senator Ecklund: I just wanted to share the college of ed senators had our dean meeting, video software is being implemented soon, we received an award from the creditor, the dean is also interested in any SGA.

Senator Schmidt: college of science and engineering had our dean meeting and were working on updating curriculums, physics and math are getting an overhaul, biology is also getting updated.

Senator Williams: Toys for tots are looking for volunteers and possible monetary donations are encouraged as well; it helps out a lot

Senator Beatty: We have national transfer week this week and last, lots of events going on cookies and conversation as well as honors meeting, Senator Burt and I have a meeting and are looking for people interested in helping.

VP Isenberg: I just wanted to mention, next formal the provost is coming to formal to discuss student consultation hours please come with questions!

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting.**

**First – Senator Carbone**

**Second – Senator Burchell**

**Motion #2: I move to approve Renee Wolford as Commuter Senator**

**First – VP Pavlicko**

**Second – Senator Williams**

VP Pavlicko: Renee is very hardworking and passionate; she will do well here.

Senator Beatty: I've seen her helping out already, I think she will do well as a commuter senator.

**Motion #3: I move to approve Thomas Freilino as At-Large Senator**

**First – Senator Clemency**

**Second – Senator Carbone**

Speaker Maharg: Point of order, we are going to swear them in at the end, after we get through our motions.

**Motion #4: I move to approve the Men's Basketball Club as a recognized student organization.**

**First – Senator Ogoreuc**

**Second – Senator George**

Senator Ogoreuc: Rules and Policies did a lot of work; the constitution is good and followed all rules!

**Motion #5: I move to approve Rock N' Fusion Commercial Dance Club as a recognized student organization.**

**First – VP Isenberg**

**Second – Senator Watkins**

**VP Isenberg: they have it together, Raegan has overlooked this a lot, it looks great.**

**Motion #6: I move to approve Commuter Club as a recognized student organization.**

**First – Senator Zaveri**

**Second – Senator Domingos**

Senator Schmidt: I move to approve the finance report as read

Second: Senator Panaiia

Senator Schmidt: These are all pretty typical.

Patrick Beswick: Parliamentarian Czerniewski, please elaborate this.

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: Reading the finance report as read allows us to pass these all at once and not have to go through each individually.

Senator Dominogs: Finance committee worked really hard on all this to make sure this is airtight

VP Isenberg: If you do not have one, please get one afterwards from VP Johnston

**Motion #7: I move to amend the Finance Policy of the SRSGA as read.**

**First – Senator Domingos**

**Second – Senator Beatty**

Senator Domingos: Again, finance and Rules and Policies worked hard on all this to make it airtight.

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: This again is to just clarify that as read means approving all

Senator Kuth: does this mean that fundraising will need to change?

VP Johnston: Just proving proof of club fundings is enough, nothing will change.

Senator Beatty: Where does the fundraising money go to?

VP Johnston: All the money goes to the clubs, to help eliminate from us always taking from our reserves.

Senator Schmidt: your grid from 100-500, it skips right to the next thousand. So, say a club was 100 people we must fundraise 15%?

VP Johnston: a club of 100 would have to fundraise 7.5% to get 1000, I suppose 2001 would round up, your first dollar over would bump you up the scale

\*\*\*swearing in of new senators\*\*\*\*

### **APSCUF Report:**

Dr. Shotwell: Hi everybody, about a year ago I read this article that college students how school is not your job, some students treat college as their job. They see this as a way to complete tasks, please think of college as a way for your mind to grow and blossom. Take advantage of your professors, talk to them, they want to talk to you about everything. Take advantage of your college experience, we are not training you for the workforce.

### **Advisor Reports**

Patrick Beswick: on the 30<sup>th</sup> at the SSC is the safer sex spooktacular. Order of omega applications open today, check it out and apply! Thank you, Connor and Mercedes, for proving busses to the polls. Owen mentioned a caution earlier about next informal, please dress appropriately!

Wendy Leitera: Welcome new senators! If you have a meal plan or are experiencing dine with directors is on Wednesday this week, attend If you can that's your opportunity to discuss meal plan issues with Aramark. On the fundraising portion on the amendment is just asking all clubs and orgs that they provide evidence they're fundraising; it all goes to self-support we hold none of that it is theirs and helps them fund everything we can't help fund and to get them in the mindset of money smart tasks. Finance report as read has pros and cons, finance always reviews these requests. Look at the Finance report each week. Debate and Discussion is permitted and encouraged always. Come prepared next week to informal, have questions for cabinet members, it should be a great meeting.

### **Adjournment** –

Senator Ecklund: I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:51 pm  
Second: Senator George

VP Pavlicko: Reminder of headshots for today!

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: newly approved clubs please stay behind really quick for me!