

SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2024

Call to order - President Bloom

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2024 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
- d) Senator Ecklund

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
- 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: Senator Snodgrass**Absent: Senator Double****Guest Speakers:**

Rockstar of the Week: Recreational Therapy Club – Lots of events coming up: horseback riding, Adaptive Sports Day; Recreational Therapy Club Day Workshop – a large fundraiser coming up which provides great networking opportunities for our students. We were able to support several students going to the National Recreation Therapy Conference using these funds.

Officer/Committee Reports:

President Bloom – Speed Signage (will not be moving forward with those) and Two-Hour Delay policy; Meeting with Dr. Riley; Turfing the IM fields with the ARC; Green Fund – looking for implementing more native plants in green spaces to help pollinator populations in the area; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

VP Godfrey – SAA Committee meets on Mondays at 3:30 in SSC 325; Student Life Survey – Completed Question draft and looking to release on March 4th-8th; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

VP Rezzetano – Finance Committee meets on Wednesdays at 11 am in SSC 319; Office Hours and Contact Information listed; Finance Report – Please look over all of the contents. The Capital Request is different from a new Initiative Request – this will not come out of our funding for clubs and organizations. While this ramp is expensive, this is very needed to allow our stage to be accessible for anyone using mobility assistance devices. All other requests were made within the usual order and approved by the Finance Committee.

VP Austin – Thank you to all those who helped with the involvement fair; Rock Star of the Week – Recreational Therapy Club has been doing a great job this semester; Lots going on this semester (SLS, Elections, etc.) that will be going up on the social media feeds; If you have any ideas or suggestions, let me know; The Outreach Committee meets on Wednesdays at 5 pm in SSC 324; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

VP Bell – Working on the SGA Banquet (catering companies); If you wish to assist in planning the banquet, come to internal; If you have any ideas for bonding events, please reach out to me; The Internal Committee meets on Mondays at 4 pm in SSC 324; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

VP Hood – Opening Commission positions: PCRED & GIESO; Meeting with Dr. Jones and Keshia on 2/12; No meeting next week; Office Hours and Contact Information Listed; Diversity events coming up this week:

- 2/7 in SSC Ballroom at 6 pm: BHM Keynote Speaker: Sunn m'Cheaux
- 2/15 in SWC 111 at 12:30 pm: Panel on the Attacks on Black History, literature, and culture
- 2/20 on Zoom at 12:30 pm: Black Pittsburgh & Digital History Panel Presentation
- 2/22 in SSC Ballroom at 8 pm: Family Feud hosted by BAS

Parliamentarian Warren – Rules & Policies meets on Tuesdays at 1 pm in SSC 319; Several Club Constitutions are in the approval process – Asping Future Command is up for approval this week; Constitutional Amendments will be tabled tonight to allow for student forums to take place; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

Speaker Steele – Please remember to submit Office Hours by 5 pm on Sundays; Reach out if you need anything; Office Hours and Contact Information listed.

Commission Reports:

Senator Caroff – President's Commission on Disability Issues

There are now inaccessible routes and touring by the tennis courts that will be worked on. They are also working on an accessibility map where there will be automatic door buttons, ramps, etc.

Senator Czerniewski – Academic Advising Commission

Looked over several different applications and it was amazing to see so many positive student comments. Philosophies are due on Valentine's Day, we will then meet on Feb. 29th to finalize candidates. Please let me know if you wish to sit on this committee and attend meetings.

Rock of the Week: Connor Pavlicko

VP Austin – This senator is a member of my committee, they are always being super helpful and are amazingly creative and make my job so much easier.

Open Forum:

VP Bell – the constitutions printed off are for you to keep and put in your senator binders to have a constant reference if needed, so please do not throw those away.

Parl. Warren – Anywhere where there are highlights in the Constitution represent changes being proposed to our Constitution.

Sen. Isenberg – I have been inside and outside of Residence Hall B where there are not accessible doorway buttons in the east and west wings. This was brought to my attention by students.

VP Austin – I will be meeting with my counterpart who is always looking for events to publish, so let me know.

Sen. Gable – Does the turfing include the football field behind Building F?

Pres. Bloom – It will be the MAC and the two sides of the softball field. It is behind the football field. So, I do not believe so but I can send a photo out to the senate.

VP Austin – Yes, that area will be included.

Sen. Siatkosky – The Watson Building near the residence corridor does not appear to have any accessibility button doors.

Senator Snyder – Building E has the buttons but this is a new feature. There is a plan to put one in every feature but it is going to take a while because of the process it takes. They are looking to wait until Spring or Summer break because this is a long process.

President Bloom – Does anyone have any thoughts on the 2-hour delay policy that I can bring to Dr. Riley as a concern

Sen. Sennett – there was a particularly horrible day with weather and there was no cancellation because the Provost did not implement a cancellation, what can we do in SGA?

Pres. Bloom – we can bring to her attention that this is unacceptable. During our talks with Dr. Riley regarding safety, we can discuss that it is much more dangerous to bring students into class with dangerous weather conditions.

Sen. Fabo – I think its important to remember that when its -13 degrees outside, we need to remember the impact it has on those who use mobility aids. This should be brought up in this discussion.

Sen. Czerniewski – Even if the campus is cleared, this does not mean the roads around us are clear. We have a huge commuter population, and this is a huge and dangerous issue. If the schools nearby are closed because the streets are unsafe, why do we have to still be on the roads?

Sen. Isenberg – As a resident, it can still be difficult to accurately predict the weather here in Pennsylvania.

Sen. Maharg – The groundskeepers do a great job at keeping the grounds cleared as quickly as possible but they are not going to have enough time to cover the campus in time for classes. Furthermore, the salt can cause people with mobility issues to have a greater level of difficulty.

Sen. Delcoco – The amount of times that we have had a delay yet classes have been cancelled because the roads are not safe is ridiculous. If they do not feel safe, why do we have to still come in?

Sen. Siatkosky – Whenever I am walking on campus, a lot of commuters will tend to speed. For those walking on the side of the road, this can be concerning. Is there a way we can put in a warning?

Pres. Bloom – we can look into putting more speed limit signs and yield to pedestrian signs.

Sen. Ecklund – What is the severe weather policy?

VP Bell – The current severe weather policy is that it is up to the discretion of the president and his/her designees. That is all.

Sen. Snyder – another option is to put in a virtual learning option.

VP Bloom – we are looking into a 2-hour delay policy because PASSHE has a limit as to how many days can be canceled or virtual. If we were to look into cancellation or virtual policies, this would need a PASSHE change.

Sen. Isenberg – Virtual options can very easily affect the quality as internet connection changes.

Sen. Sennett – There is sometimes an accessibility issue for virtual learning. Additionally, several students have approached me stating the Happy Bus is not stopping at Watson anymore. For many students, this can be a big issue.

Wendy Leitera – All students need to use the app. Watson and the residence halls have been an issue due to capacity. It cannot stop if it is full. You can either wait for the next bus on the app or go to the student center where many students get off the bus.

Sen. Schmidt – Are we able to suggest criteria for the 2-hour delay policy in order to have more consistency.

Pres. Bloom – Yes, that is something we can definitely do.

Sen. Kuth – Is there anything we can do for students struggling to get up the ramp as there were students struggling. Could we implement a policy to prioritize these areas?

Pres. Bloom – I am unsure but we can definitely look into that.

Sen. Delcoco – Can we get into contact with the local schools to see if they have set guidelines we can implement?

Pres. Bloom – that is something we can definitely do

Sen. Snyder – Is there a way we can change the times for the condensed schedules in order to help with potential exam days?

Pres. Bloom – I am not sure but we can look into that.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the January 22nd, 2024 formal meeting.

First – Senator Gable

Second – Senator Bradeis

Motion Passes

Motion #2: I move to approve Aspiring Future Command at Slippery Rock University as a recognized student organization.

First – Senator Schmidt

Second – Senator Burchell

Schmidt – this was approved by the Rules and Policies Committee and I trust their judgment.

Motion Passes

Motion #3: I move to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the SRSGA as read.

First – Senator Snyder

Second – Senator Sennett

Motion Tabled

Point of Information – Senator Snyder – please attend the student forums to get student feedback

Motion #4: I move to approve the SRSGA election timeline for Spring 2024.

First – Senator Pavlicko
Second – Senator Wallace

Motion Passes

Motion #5: I move to approve the Feb. 5th, 2024 Finance Policy as Read

First: VP Godfrey
Second: Senator Williams

Debate and Discussion

Sen. Isenberg – this is needed to provide accessibility without taking up space.

Sen. Schmidt – this is also an issue as to who else will buy it. We bought the stage, so it is our job to ensure proper accessibility.

Motion Passes

APSCUF Report:

Advisor Reports

Patrick Beswick: You have 32 days to submit your election packet. Please consider applying for executive board positions. Robbi, great song suggestion. I would like to shout out Ella and Sydney as they had a particularly challenging week both politically and financially and did amazingly.

Wendy Leitera: In the local schools, it is communicated via text messaging done the night before. The provost could easily be able to contact President Riley as they are a member of the Council of Trustees. The discussion was great today and this will give Ella a lot of information to take back to her meeting with Dr. Riley. I would love to shout out VP Rezzetano as she has done treasurer trainings for about 125 treasurers and met with the cabinet today. These are the types of opportunities you can have when in executive level positions. We want as many students running as possible as it allows for a great competition to give the students a choice and showing that we are connected to the student body. Reach out to VP Godfrey regarding information you would like to see in the Student Life Survey that can be implemented as they are finalizing everything.

Adjournment – I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:58 pm

First – Senator Maharg

Second – Senator George

Sen. Maharg – have a nice night everyone.

Debate and Discussion

Sen. Delcoco – This is the first year we have had an athlete senator. I am currently a senior and have been trying to reach out to students interested. If you know anyone, please let them know.

Motion Passes