

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.
Minutes for the Meeting of December 5, 2016
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

- I. Call to Order – President Steigerwalt at 8:55 pm**
- II. Roll Call VP Arpino**

<p><u>Members:</u> Logan Steigerwalt, President Sarah Arpino, VP Internal Affairs Abby Fugh, VP of Student Affairs Brian Welsh, VP of Financial Affairs Sammy Hovis, VP of Campus Outreach Rachel Lawler, Parliamentarian Elizabeth Hernandez, Speaker of the Senate</p> <p>Wendy Leitera, Executive Director Dr. Pease-Hernandez, Faculty Advisor Lauren Moran, Advisor</p> <p>APSCUF Representatives Dr. Jordan Ms. Bishop</p>	<p>Senator Bahrieni Senator Banks Senator Burdick Senator Eberhardt Senator Fields Senator Fissore Senator Foster Senator Giacalone Senator Hartmann Senator Heffelfinger Senator Jenkins Senator Keffer</p> <p>Excused: Senator Fields</p> <p>Late: Senator Bahreini</p> <p>Unexcused: Senator Quan, Dr. Jordan</p>	<p>Senator Kerecman Senator Kite Senator Kline Senator Miller Senator Montgomery Senator O’Connor Senator OHora Senator Quan Senator Rebmann Senator Richardson Senator Sedon Senator Smith Senator Vickers Senator Walker</p>
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- III. Guest Speakers**
 - a. President Norton**
 - i. Good luck on finals
 - ii. Happy Holidays
 - b. Dr. Wilmes**
 - i. Presented proposed updates to the Student Code of Conduct**
 - 1. Updated verbiage to help students better understand
 - 2. Included FAQ’s as a PDF
 - 3. Added appendixes
 - 4. Made more accessible to students
 - 5. Effective in January if COT approves
 - c. SR STARS**
 - i. “Stand Together Against Racism and Sexism”
 - ii. Phoebe Hopkins- assistant field hockey coach speaks on behalf of the organization
 - iii. Offers support to SGA’s up and coming civility pledge
 - iv. Plans to host an open forum next semester to kick start the organization
 - v. Meeting December 7th at the Ginger Hill Unitarian Universalist church
 - 1. Meetings are open to community and will be held on and off campus
 - vi. Requested an SGA representative to serve as a liaison between SGA and SR STARS
 - 1. Contact: Phoebe.hopkins@sru.edu for more information

IV. Officer/Committee Reports

a. President Steigerwalt

- i. Building B elections and 2 Graduate Senator positions open in the spring
- ii. COT is meeting on Thursday and Friday
- iii. Board of Directors- Open student position, term beginning next year (May)
- iv. Good Luck on finals
- v. Liter of the Week - Kevin Kite
- vi. Review of Semester
 1. Campus Wide Social Cause
 2. BSGP Conference
 3. Communication with administration
 - a. Link Serve and regularly attended meetings
 4. Commuter Safe Houses
 - a. Commuter Senator Project
 5. Finance
 - a. Expanded funding to clubs and orgs
 - b. Approved new clubs
 - c. Increased our self support
 6. Student and Academic Affairs
 - a. Increased student life survey participation
 7. Internal Affairs
 - a. 3300 votes in the Homecoming election
 8. Connecting with Students
 - a. Increase 10% of our twitter followers
 - b. Increase from 100è 120 students at Thanksgiving dinner this year
 - c. Harvestfest collaborative event
 - d. DEAR WORLD
 - e. Brand new website
 - f. SGA Snapchat

b. VP Arpino

- i. Holiday Party December 8th 7:30pm Building F Greater Room
- ii. Purchase RUN SRU shirts for \$12 in the bookstore

c. VP Welsh

- i. Good turnout for club budgeting info session, geared toward newly recognized clubs
- ii. Budgetary reserves: \$89,967.42

d. VP Fugh

- i. Starting safety conversations for next semester
- ii. Thank you all for a wonderful semester
- iii. Semester Recap
 1. 300% increase in participation in the Student Life Survey
 2. Better and more interesting topics for Student Safety Week
 3. Administration and police officer participation in Campus Crawl
 4. Door handle on Vincent more accessible
 5. Working on implementation for larger trash cans at Weisenfluh

e. VP Hovis

- i. "Did You Know" campaign
 1. Highlighting aspects of SGA people might not be aware about
 2. Movie for this weekend- "Don't Breath"
 3. Committee is cancelled

f. Speaker Hernandez

- i. Commuter senators waiting to hear back about moving forward with Commuter safe house project
- ii. Building Senators working on residence hall picnic
- iii. Freshman Senators- snapchat

- g. Parliamentarian Lawler**
 - i. Stuff-a-van during the Seasons of Giving Event
 - 1. December 8th 11-2
 - 2. Van parked outside bookstore patio to fill with toys for Toys for Tots
 - 3. Raffle for a \$50 bookstore gift card if you donate a toy- Penguin Pass
 - ii. Project Positivity with SPARK and UPB Community Service
 - 1. Monday December 12th in the library
- h. Social Justice Committee**
 - i. Discussed ways to help Islamic populations on campus in addition to other religions (programming coming in the spring)
 - ii. Recommendations for next year's chairperson will be brought up at the next meeting

V. Open Forum

- a. Matt Heffelfinger-representative on President's Commission on Wellness**
 - i. @sru_wellness
 - ii. looking to update/ relocate sand volleyball courts
 - iii. working on implementing 24/7 meditation/prayer rooms "Oasis Rooms"
 - iv. funding for table tennis and Active Minds guest speaker
- b. Elija Frazier-ARHS**
 - i. ARHS is hosting a stress less event in the ballroom Tuesday December 6th

VI. Old Business- none

VII. New Business

Motion #1-That SRSGA approves the minutes of November 21, 2016
Vickers/Jenkins
Motion passes

Motion #2- That SRSGA approves the new initiative request for \$2,200.00 for FMLA
Heffelfinger/Fissore

Victoria Davis speaks on behalf of organization
Funding requested for bus transportation to attend the Women's March in Washington, DC- January 21, 2017.

Motion passes

Motion #3- That SRSGA approves new initiative request of \$3,500.00 for the Student Government Association
Fissore/Heffelfinger

Brian Welsh speaks on behalf of the organization. Funding for the budgeting program for OrgSync. The university already purchased OrgSync to begin implementation/soft launch for SRU in the Spring. It is an all inclusive program for campus and student needs. SGA is requesting funding for the budgeting module to implement on trial basis with clubs and organizations to determine if program is beneficial.

Lauren Moran-OrgSync is a student engagement platform. One stop shops for students to go for involvement. It is Google docs, trello, Facebook, texting, etc. all in one.

Motion passes

Motion #4- That SRSGA recognizes Slippery Rock Parkour and Meditation Club as a newly recognized club
Kerecman/Hartmann

Ryan, a representative from the club speaks behalf on the purpose of the club. Purpose is to build a positive atmosphere through physical and emotional wellness. Club is open to everyone. Contact rlm1021@sru.edu for more information/to join.

Motion passes

Motion #5- That SRSGA approves the constitutional changes regarding article XIII-Vacancy (attached to these minutes).
Richardson/ Sedon

Parliamentarian Lawler: Change Section 8.1 and 8.2 to read: “If a vacancy occurs in an Executive Board Officer position it shall be filled by anyone who qualifies for and Executive Board position, and that receives the majority vote during the formal Senate meeting that follows the official date of vacancy. In addition, the applicant must attend one (1) formal SRSGA Senate meeting in its entirety, and must attend one (1) committee meeting before vacancy can be filled.”

Add Sections 8.4; 8.5; and 8.6 (attached).

Senator Richardson motions to friendly amend grammatical error “and Executive Board position” to “an Executive Board position”

Motion passes with one abstention (Montgomery)

IX. Advisor’s Comments

a. Dr. Pease-Hernandez

- a. Congratulations on fall accomplishments
- b. The video warmed her heart
- c. Happy Holiday Season
 - i. Gives each senator a Thank You note to hand out to non SGA affiliated person who really makes a difference in your life at SRU. A person we don’t usually thank.

b. Wendy Leiterra

- a. Stress relief and wellness- take care of yourself during the next two weeks
- b. Have a wonderful break

c. Lauren Moran

- a. Thank you for a warm welcome this semester
- b. Looking forward to starting fresh next semester

d. Ms. Bishop

- a. Really enjoyed first semester as an advisor
- b. Encourages real conversations and understand people different than yourself
- c. Happy to see SJC reaching out to Islamic population

e. Dr. Metzli

- a. Pledge of allegiance needs to begin the meeting, happen before roll call
- b. Thank you to students for their support during the strike

X. Adjournment

Motion #7- That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 10:10pm.
Banks/O’connor
Motion passes