

# SRSGA Formal Meeting Agenda/Minutes

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Call to order - President Bloom at 4:59 pm**

**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 Thagard
- d) 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
- b) Senator Wolford

**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 Adegbulu
- b) Senator Freilino
- c) Senator Hamilton
- d) Senator Leitera
- e) Senator Nees
- f) Senator Starkey

**Advisors**

- a) Patrick Beswick
- b) Wendy Leitera

**APSCUF Representative**

- a) Dr. Mark Shotwell

**Excused: Brown****Absent: Domingos, Hamilton****Guest Speakers:** Brandi Weber-Mortimer, Director of Graduate Admissions

Brandi Mortimer: Hi everyone thank you so much for having me, I am the Director of Graduate Admissions, as you all can see I've brought you all stress rocks as finals are quickly approaching. Just a brief overview of me and my department; Graduate Admissions offers 40+ programs including master's, doctorate, certificates and certifications. Currently, there are more than 1,500 part-time and full-time students enrolled in SRU graduate programs. Graduate Admissions offers program specific information throughout the semester during Common Hour

(on-site) and during the evening around 7:00 p.m. (zoom). You can find more information about graduate information sessions at [www.sru.edu/openhouse](http://www.sru.edu/openhouse). If students are considering graduate studies, it is never too early to start looking! There are several benefits to planning ahead: Undergraduate students can take up to 6 credits of graduate coursework at the undergraduate tuition rate if they have completed 90 credit hours, hold a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, and have permission from their adviser and the graduate coordinator. This can save students time and money if they are pursuing a graduate degree. Most graduate programs are 30-36 credits, except for some of the master's and doctoral health science programs. Some graduate programs have prerequisite coursework. Planning ahead ensures that prerequisite requirements are met to apply. Graduate Admissions can coach students on what most graduate programs require for admissions, even if SRU does not offer a program of interest. Graduate Admissions is located in North Hall and can be reached at 724-738-2051 or by email at [graduate.admissino@sru.edu](mailto:graduate.admissino@sru.edu). Feel free to email me anytime, I'm going to leave a few business cards up here for you all, thank you so much for having me!

SRU Marching Pride: Hi we're Alex, Elizabeth and Riley. We sit on the e-board for the SRU Marching Pride. Thank you so much for inviting us today, we have done so many exciting things recently, high school band day as well as alumni band day/ We have streamlined our marketing and media strategies which have proven to be very successful, you should definitely follow our Instagram! Thank you again for having us.

### **Rockstar of the Week:**

#### **Officer/Committee Reports:**

**President** – Hi all, green commission meet earlier this week, Senator Sofranko will discuss this more later during open forum. Turf project committee had a productive meeting, hoping it will be completed by spring.

**VP SAA** – Happy Safety week! Please attend the events, office units will be granted to those who are in attendance.

**VP Finance** – Not much of an update from me today, other than our reserves update \$65,329.42 remaining

**VP Outreach** – Attend Dine With The Directors 11.19 (5-7pm SSC Theatre). If you have any experience with website editing send me an email or let me know. If you didn't receive a headshot, please see me after the meeting!

**VP Internal** – Hi all, please attend safety week. Friendsgiving is next week, yay forced fun! I'm working on Spring Retreat planning, stay tuned for updates.

**VP DEIB** – Please present for commission if you have attended and haven't already.

**Parliamentarian** – Not much of an update from me this week, come to committee Wednesdays at 2 pm.

**Speaker** – Remember to submit office units on time folks!

**Commission Reports:**

**Rock of the Week:**

**Open Forum:**

Senator Beatty: I sit on Pillar 2, which focuses on maintaining and continuing the “aesthetic appeal” of campus situations. It was brought up that they’re negative feelings about parking and housing, data has been conducted to prove that there is enough parking on campus. The big gravel lot cannot be a parking lot due to safety issues and funding.

Senator Zaveri: The international dinner is back in motion and will be planned for some time next semester, I will have more updates for you all soon.

Senator Starkey: I sit on the wellness commission, they are looking for student representatives for a DEIB initiative. They also have lots of wellness events, check core for them.

Senator Sofranko: President Bloom and I both sit on the green fund, our last meeting was productive we discussed recycling and sustainability moving forward on campus.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.**

**First – Senator Schmidt**

**Second – Senator Burchell**

**Motion #2: I move to approve Indoor Percussion as a recognized student organization.**

**First – Senator Zaveri**

**Second – Senator Carbone**

**Senator Zaveri: What is this club?**

**Parliamentarian Czerniewski: This club will compete in competitions with other universities.**

**Motion #3: I move to approve SRU Special Olympics as a recognized student organization.**

**First – Senator Beatty**

**Second – Senator Hussien**

**Motion #4: I move to approve The Rock-appella Group as a recognized student organization.**

**First – Senator Caroff**

**Second – Senator Panaiia**

**Motion #5: I move to approve Wildcard Players as a recognized student organization.**

**First – Senator Zaveri**

**Second – Senator Carbone**

**Senator Beatty: What is this organization?**

**Parliamentarian Czerniewski: This club will center around arts and culture on campus, their name is just unique.**

**Motion #6: I move to approve The Flag Football Club's New Initiative request of \$7,500.**

**First – Senator Frielino**

**Second – Senator Nees**

**Motion #7: I move to approve The Mixed Martial Arts Clubs New Initiative request of \$750.**

**First – Senator Koch**

**Second – Speaker Maharg**

**Motion #8: I move to approve Alpha Kappa Psi's Conference Grant of \$500**

**First – Senator Sofranko**

**Second – Senator Guerrero**

**Motion #9: I move to amend the SRSGA Guidelines for Self-Support Accounts.**

**First – Senator Schmidt**

**Second – Senator Carbone**

**APSCUF Report:**

**Dr. Shotwell: The football team is doing well, they're moving to the playoffs you should go support.**

**Advisor Reports**

**Wendy- SGA will be paying for first 500 students at Saturdays football game since they made it to the playoffs!**

**Adjournment –**

**Senator Ecklund: I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:59 pm**

**Second- Senator Williams**

