

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.**  
**Minutes for the meeting of September 29, 2014**  
**Robert M. Smith Student Center Theatre**

- I. Call to Order** – President Hill at 8:45 pm
- II. Roll Call** – VP Coulter

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| <p><u>Members:</u><br/> <b>Katie Hill</b>, President<br/> <b>Vanessa Dufford</b>, VP of Student Affairs<br/> <b>Baylee Childress</b>, VP of Financial Affairs<br/> <b>Anthony Plumberg</b>, VP of Campus Outreach<br/> <b>John Coulter</b>, VP of Internal Affairs<br/> <b>Jessica Johnson</b>, Parliamentarian<br/> <b>Megan Burr</b>, Speaker of the Senate</p> <p><b>Brad Kovaleski</b>, Advisor<br/> <b>Wendy Leitera</b>, Business Manager<br/> <b>Dr. Pease-Hernandez</b>, Faculty Advisor</p> <p>APSCUF Representatives<br/> <b>Dr. Meztli</b></p> | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Senator Albright<br/> Senator Bayer<br/> Senator Black<br/> Senator Bone<br/> Senator Farah<br/> Senator Garrow<br/> Senator Giacalone<br/> Senator Gove<br/> Senator Horgos<br/> Senator Kramer<br/> Senator Moody<br/> Senator Morgado </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> Senator Morgan<br/> Senator Murasso<br/> Senator Neitert<br/> Senator Pitcairn<br/> Senator Preston<br/> Senator Sarver<br/> Senator Stanley<br/> Senator Squires<br/> Senator Steigerwalt<br/> Senator Temple<br/> Senator Vandergrift </td> </tr> </table> <p>Excused: Dr. Lynch, Senator Robinette</p> <p>Guests: Mark Turnley, Laura Ordaz, Kevin Squires, Adrian Rivera, Alexander Wenrich, John Beckage, Rebecca Weintraub, Amber Cannon, Sami Passarello, Christine Aley, Gabriella Lyons, Tyler Prevade, Jaclyn Choma, Kelsey Phillips, Art Link</p> <p>Late:</p> | Senator Albright<br>Senator Bayer<br>Senator Black<br>Senator Bone<br>Senator Farah<br>Senator Garrow<br>Senator Giacalone<br>Senator Gove<br>Senator Horgos<br>Senator Kramer<br>Senator Moody<br>Senator Morgado | Senator Morgan<br>Senator Murasso<br>Senator Neitert<br>Senator Pitcairn<br>Senator Preston<br>Senator Sarver<br>Senator Stanley<br>Senator Squires<br>Senator Steigerwalt<br>Senator Temple<br>Senator Vandergrift |
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- III. Guest Speaker**
  - a. Mark Turnley, CPA  
-Presentation of Fiscal Year Audit Results
  - b. Anthony Plumberg  
-Announces Resignation effective immediately  
-Has submitted a Commuter Senator Application

- IV. Old Business**
  - Motion #1**-That SRSGA untables and approves the minutes from the meeting on September 2, 2014.  
Stanley/ Murasso  
**Motion Passes**
  - Motion #2**-That SRSGA untables the motion to approve the addition of credit card readers to campus vending machines, at a cost of \$5.95/month/machine and 5% of each transaction.  
Black/Bayer  
**Motion Passes**

**Motion #3-**That SRSGA approves the addition of 40 credit card readers to campus vending machines, at a cost of \$5.95/month/machine and 5% of each transaction.  
Stanley/Sarver

-President Hill explains we had to untable the motion first, then vote on a new motion with the actual number of readers to approve (40) since they were not listed in the original tabled motion.

-VP Childress explains this motion was further reviewed and discussed in finance committee and the committee recommends approval.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #4-**That SRSGA untables the motion to approve a convenience fee for credit card purchases in campus vending machines.

Squires/Morgado

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #5-**That SRSGA approves a convenience fee of \$.10 per transaction for credit card purchases in campus vending machines.

Albright/Garrow

-President Hill explains we had to untable motion first, and then vote on a new motion since the convenience fee amount (\$.10) was not included in the original tabled motion.

-VP Childress explains this motion was further reviewed in finance committee and the committee recommends approval. A convenience fee is standard in the vending industry.

**Motion Passes**

**V. New Business**

**Motion # 6-**That SRSGA approves the minutes from the meeting on September 15, 2014.

Bayer/Horgos

-Motion to table, the minutes have not yet been edited and distributed for review.

**Motion to Table Passes**

**Motion #7-**That SRSGA opens elections for Building D Senator.

Nietert/Steigerwalt

**Motion Passes**

-Blake Kramer is present and has applied for the position. He is a Political Science Major; Tried Tennis Team; Trying for Green and White Society. Asked what 3 words describe yourself: organized, unique, responsible. Asked what kitchen appliance describes you: Blender – mix things up. Asked is there anything around your building that are issues: likes activities that are going on in the hall.

**Motion #8-**That SRSGA elects Blake Kramer for Building D Senator.

Squires/Sarver

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #9-**That SRSGA opens the election for freshman senators.

Black/Preston

**Motion Passes**

-Three freshmen are present and have applied for the position.  
-Mattie Morgan-High School Activities include Colorguard, Buddies, Buddy Yearbook, SADD, and Red Ribbon. Asked what kitchen appliance describes you: Oven Mitt – protects people. Asked what you want to overcome and/or achieve: College writing class and good grades. Asked what brought you to SRU: Sister is an alumnus.  
-Rachelle Gove-High School Activities include National Honor Society, Stand Tall, Student Council, Peer Mediators, Spanish Club, and Chorus. Asked what kitchen appliance describes you: Wooden Spoon – old fashioned. Asked what you want to overcome and/or achieve: Anxiety. Asked what brought you to SRU: Didn't want to be far away from family.  
-Tabitha Giacalone-High School Activities include President of SGA and her class. finance, outreach, and big house committee. Asked what kitchen appliance describes you: Microwave – effective and gets things done. Asked what you want to overcome and/or achieve: Physics 1 and 2. Asked what brought you to SRU: Close, but far enough away. 3 words: Reliable, kind, trustworthy.

**Motion # 10**-That SRSGA elects Mattie Morgan, Rachelle Gove, and Tabitha Giacalone for freshman senators.

Preston/Temple

**Motion Passes**

**Motion # 11**-That SRSGA opens elections for commuter senator.

Albright/Bayer

Motion Passes

-Anthony Plumberg has applied for the position. Asked what kitchen appliance describes you: Rubber spatula - Effective and doesn't scratch nonstick pans  
3 words: persistent, energetic, and competent. Asked what garden tool describes you: power saw. Asked what you would work on as a Commuter Senator: Happy Bus and bringing a dorm environment to campus apartments.

**Motion #12** -That SRSGA elects Anthony Plumberg for commuter senator.

Squires/Temple

**Motion Passes**

**Motion # 13**-That SRSGA approve the new initiative request of \$8,000.00 for the SRU Student Veterans of America

Black/Vandergrift

-John Beckage presents the new initiative request. He explains that UPB will cover the artist fees; new initiative will cover travel expenses. Continuing to proactively work to lead with student veterans.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #14**-That SRSGA approve the new initiative request of \$480.00 for SRU Winter Guard

Horgos/Nietert

-Representatives from Winterguard present the new initiative-Competing in a circuit; Won the past three years; SRU is a great role model at competitions

**Motion Passes**

**Motion # 15**-That SRSGA approve the new initiative request for \$75.00 for The Law Society  
Bayer/Nietert  
-Representatives from the Law Society present the new initiative-Advertising for practice LSAT tests

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #16**-That SRSGA approve the new initiative request for \$110.00 for The Law Society  
Black/Plumberg  
-Representatives from the Law Society present the new initiative-Travel to law school at Pitt Law School; Exposure to meet directors of admissions.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #17**-That SRSGA approve the new initiative request for \$43.00 for The Law Society  
Squires/Sarver  
-Representatives from the Law Society present the new initiative-Travel to WVU Law School; Information sessions regarding admissions  
-Senator Black recommends in the future that the initiatives be turned in earlier

**Motion Passes with one No Vote**

**Motion # 18**-That SRSGA approve the new initiative of \$354.15 for Amnesty International.  
Garrow/Steigerwalt  
-Gabriella Lyons from Amnesty International presents the new initiative-Vigil and Fundraiser for Michael Brown; Money asked to cover for personal spending on advertisements  
-Senator Moody asks that any money generated from sales at the vigil goes back to SGA  
-Senator Murasso asks how does it connect to Michael Brown?  
-National organization is in Ferguson and the vigil is for respect and putting a stop to police brutality  
-Wendy Leitera asks if there is any self support?  
-No-this is first semester active in three years, trying to get established  
-Senator Moody reports this was turned in four weeks ahead of time; Attended round table and it was a good event  
-VP Childress Seconds Moody's comments  
-Senator Garrow-Fundraiser?  
-Yes, food and candles will be sold and donations accepted

**Motion Passes with 3 Abstentions (Farah, Murasso, Dufford)**

## **VI. Open Forum**

-Senator Murasso-Third bus for Michigan game – pay your \$5 if on the list  
-Senator Nietert-St. Jude's awareness; Handing out candy; Wednesday kick off; Friday bonfire possible- Register!  
-Senator Horgos-Women's lacrosse first home game on Sunday  
-Senator Garrow-Walk a mile; Let her know by tomorrow.  
-Senator Squires-Room 302 in Spotts Book Drive  
-Senator Stanley-Quad event – Pikes on Bikes  
-Senator Pitcairn-Talent show for Sister to Sister in November

- Senator Bayer-Thanks for college colors week; Shout out to Kaci for pep rally
- VP Childress
  - Dr. Meztli – Voter registration
  - 354 subtotal
  - 400 votes goal
  - 34% Dem 29% Rep 37% No affiliation
- Dr. Meztli
  - Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet and Greet with APSCUF
  - Thanks Poli Sci Honor Society, SGA, and APSCUF Faculty Union
- Senator Temple-Website manager
- Senator Vandergrift-congrats to John for homecoming work!
- Dr. Pease-Hernandez-OMD and SOL Hispanic Latino Cultural Awareness 12:30-2 tomorrow in the CSIL
- Laura Ordaz-[LJO1001@sru.edu](mailto:LJO1001@sru.edu); Questions for her for Student Trustee

## VII. Officer's Reports

### President Hill

- APSCUF in the Quad
- Movie Series
- "Liter" of the Week – Jess Horgos

### VP Coulter

- Homecoming
- Bake Sale
- New Senators Contact

### VP Dufford

- Student Life Survey
- Fitness facility at Old Thompson
- The Suite
- Campus Crawl

### VP Plumberg

- Harvest-fest
- \* reserved for October 28<sup>th</sup>
- \* Save the date, be ready for sign ups
- Campus Outreach is at 5pm on Sundays
- After a slow start, movie attendance has picked up
- \* New sign ups will be coming out, please sign up
- \* We will schedule another training session for those who missed previous

### VP Childress

- Lots and lots of paper work and new requests
- All dates are set for budgeting and info sessions
- New initiative policy revision
- Club and organization trick or treating
- Budgetary Reserves: \$140,996.07

### Parliamentarian Johnson

- Advocacy Project will be November 18th-20th
- 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> = table in front of Starbucks at Common Hour
- 19<sup>th</sup> = workshop at 6:00-7:30pm

### Speaker Burr

- Commuter Project Next Week @ the Grove

## VIII. Advisor's Comments

### a. Brad Kovaleski

Four Week Policy Conversation

Thank you to senators on Student Success Committee (Tuesdays at 3)

Thanks to Laura Ordaz for coming, possible presentations in the future

Anthony stepping down, Jess has a full plate (30 day window); Market position to the entire campus

New late night policy interpretation related to Dr. PH's concerns Lainna's dinner – possible sponsor

### b. Wendy Leitera

Sending complete audit report, ask questions

Congrats to John for Homecoming

Anthony – stepping down was very brave and glad you were able to prioritize

### c. Dr. Pease-Hernandez

Credit to Anthony

Hispanic Latino Heritage Month

Journalist, Filmmaker, Dancing coming to campus

Rock Notes – Rocket, anyone can send in, event happening, printed in paper.

Rocket.letters@sru.edu

Boozel dining equipment complaints

Concerned about homecoming BAS party

Appoint an ad hoc group for student concerns for BAS party; Officer's

tone, amount of security concentration at dance; contact Corrine

Gibson and Yosh (president)

### d. Dr. Meztli

Perceptions put out from police and students

Anticipation of problems

“SRU on the Right Track” only Western PA PASSHE with an increase in enrollment

Make an effort to interact with international students. International

Breakfast? – similar to commuter breakfast November 8<sup>th</sup> – international dinner

## IX. Adjournment

### a. Motion #19-That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 10:27 pm

Nietert/Stanley

**Motion Passes with 1 Abstention**