

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.
Minutes for the Meeting of February 22, 2016
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

- I. Call to Order – President Steigerwalt at 8:47 pm**
- II. Roll Call VP Temple**

<p><u>Members:</u> Logan Steigerwalt, President Jessica Johnson, VP of Student Affairs Michael Farah, VP of Financial Affairs Jenna Temple, VP of Internal Affairs Aimee Albright, VP of Campus Outreach Rachel Lawler, Parliamentarian Sarah Arpino , Speaker of the Senate</p> <p>Wendy Leitera, Business Manager Dr. Pease-Hernandez, Faculty Advisor</p> <p>APSCUF Representatives Dr. Meztli</p>	<p>Senator Barrett Senator Kaputa Senator Choma Senator Kite Senator Dzurisko Senator Kline Senator Foster Senator Kramer Senator Fugh Senator Pasquale Senator Fuller Senator Popowski Senator Giacalone Senator Quan Senator Girton Senator Sarver Senator Hartmann Senator Sedon Senator Henkle Senator Welsh</p> <p>Senator Hernandez Senator Holub Senator Hovis Senator Kapsar</p> <p>Excused:</p> <p>Late:</p> <p>Unexcused: Senator Kaputa</p> <p>Guests: Warren Geither, Josh Nelson, Emily Shorr, Michael Rupert, Emily Murasso, Catharyn Burton, Aaron Carr, O’Dell Richardson, Evan Zombek, Matt Bronahowsh, Kylie Turner, Chris Gordon, Brandon Quinn, Rebecca Weintraub, Brandon Cannon, Jake Miller, Justin Wanner, John Beckage, Kyla Calhoun, Renee Schmitzer, Desire Holena, Elizabeth Bigley, Justin Stewart, Caleb Studt, Stephen Zombek, Logan Leon, Alexis DeSanti, Celina Souders, Megan Kasperski, Lexi Green, Jenny Lake, Michaela Thomas, Ashton Smith, Paige Hargrave, Rebecca Sheriff, Adam Falkosky, Dan Meehan, Timmy Samec, Jenelle Slodki, Megan Nelson, Leah Romano, Kaitie Loebig, Lauren Vidmar, Mackenzie Schley</p>
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- III. Guest Speakers**
 - a. Provost Way**
 - i. Working to make student and academic affairs a cohesive unit**

- ii. New degree programs in Petroleum Engineering and Homeland Security as well as some other programs at the bachelor's and master's level
- iii. There is a financial plan to go along with the new academic programs
- iv. Looking for a Director of Service Learning and a Director of Student Leadership
- v. Will incorporate student input into these decisions and interview process
- vi. Facility in Harrisville to house the new Physician's Assistant Program
- vii. Currently 14 employees in the police force; one vacancy and one out on sick leave
- viii. Hiring a third individual for the Suite development center
- ix. Miller Auditorium and West Gym will be renovated in 2018 potentially
- x. VP of Student Success search committee has been chosen and should be starting within the next week
- xi. Old Union being converted into the Center for Student Success in Fall of 2018
- xii. Bigger area for OMD, RockOut, Woman's Center, and the Veteran's Center

b. Dr. Mohammadi

- i. Administration is engaged with the University
- ii. Working hard to maintain sustainability
- iii. Sustainability Project awarded to Honeywell - \$3 million savings

c. Deb Pincek

- i. Dining/Food Services is an auxiliary and receives no financial support from the University
- ii. Last year, 5 fee increase requests were presented to SGA and then to Council of Trustees, and this year there will only be one free increase (Dining/AVI-contract)
- iii. Fee has been increased based on CPI Index (2.56% increase)
- iv. Most meal plans are being increased approximately \$40 per plan

d. Colleges against Cancer

- i. April 9th from 10 am – 10 pm in Morrow Field House
- ii. Register at relayforlife.org/pasru
- iii. \$10 per person to register
- iv. Contact add1005@sru.edu or jxl1038@sru.edu

IV. Officer Reports

a. President Steigerwalt

- i. #InvestInMe campaign to be launched to call attention to the lack of funding state funding to support the state system universities
- ii. Courageous Conversation February 25th in the Ballroom from 11-3 pm
- iii. Liter of the Week: Dallas Kline

b. VP Temple

- i. RUN SRU shirts are sold out
- ii. Rising Star – individual nominations are due Friday, March 5th at noon and group nominations are due Friday, March 25th at noon to the SGA Office
- iii. Applications found online at srsga.org
- iv. Suite calendar is in the works by Jaclynn Choma

c. VP Farah

- i. Budgeting One on Ones are happening now
- ii. First Time Funded organizations receive up to \$500
- iii. Budgets due March 4th at 4:30 pm

d. VP Johnson

- i. Looking into convenience items in bookstore
- ii. Student Safety Week March 21st – 25th

e. VP Albright

- i. UPB, ARHS, and Hope Peer Educators are teaming up for Springfest

f. Parliamentarian Lawler

- i. Theme for elections is RUN SRU
- ii. Election packets are available on March 14th

g. Speaker Arpino

- i. Planning end of year Senate Banquet: Gatsby theme

V. Old Business- none

VI. New Business

- a. **Motion #1 That SRSGA approve the minutes from the February 8th Formal Senate Meeting
Kite/Sedon
Motion Passes**
- b. **Motion #2 That SRSGA affirms the proclamation acknowledging the achievement of the
blood drive hosted by the National Residence Hall Honorary.
Welsh/Choma
Motion Passes**
- c. **Motion # 3 Vice President Farah motions that the SRSGA commission President Logan Steigerwalt
to write a letter of support to the trustees in regard to the AVI Meal Plan increases for 2016-2017.
Farah/Sarver
Motion Passes**
- d. **Motion #4 Senator Giacalone motions that the SRSGA approve the New Initiative Request
of \$5,000 for Flute Choir for equipment purchase.
Giacalone/Barrett
Senator Kapsar opposes
Senator Hovis and Senator Foster abstain
Motion Passes**
- e. **Motion #5 Senator Choma motions that the SRSGA approve the New Initiative Request of
\$7,331.04 for Swim Club for entrance fees, transportation, airfare, and lodging.
Choma/Holub
Motion Passes**
- f. **Motion #6 Senator Welsh motions that the SRSGA approve the New Initiative Request of \$1,486 for
Students Engaged in Living Fashion for equipment, DJ fees, and additional supplies.
Welsh/Giacalone
Senator Choma abstains
Motion Passes**
- g. **Motion #7 Senator Sarver motions that the SRSGA approve the New Initiative Request of \$875 for
Triathlon Club for entrance fees, airfare, and lodging.
Sarver/Choma

Vice Farah friendly amends the motion to read “travel reimbursement” in place of “airfare”
Sarver and Choma approve friendly amendment
Motion Passes**
- h. **Motion #8 Vice President Farah motions that the SRSGA approve the 2016 Spring Conference
Grant winners with the following funds:
Paranormal Rock \$300
Music Therapy Club \$500
American Marketing Association \$500
Psi Chi \$500
Model NATO \$400
WSRU-TV \$300
WSRU-TV \$200
Farah/Johnson**

Motion Passes

- i. Motion #9 That SRSGA opens the floor for Commuter Senator Elections.
Sedon/Girton**

Warren Geither: Transferred from IUP last fall, is a math major and involved in FLSP. He describes himself as a true commuter. Believes having a club or organization to promote commuters would benefit this population.

Joshua Nelson: Fell in love with the campus and the students. He describes himself as a true commuter. Believes having a class like FYRST Seminar for commuters to raise concerns would benefit this population.

Motion Passes

President Steigerwalt swears in Warren Geither and Joshua Nelson.

VII. Open Forum

- a. The date for Springfest has been set for April 28th**
- b. The Color Run is on April 10th from 8 am -12 pm**
- c. ARHS will be hosting Sober Saturday and a Zumbathon**
- d. Winter Guard qualified for Nationals and earned Bronze**
- e. Western Equestrian show this past Saturday at SRU; placed first in the afternoon show**
- f. Cupcakes for a Cause is tomorrow in the Ballroom at 6:30 pm**
- g. Zumbathon this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Theater for Alpha Xi Delta**
- h. Invest In Me campaign will be launched March 2nd**

IX. Advisor's Comments

- a. Wendy Leitera**
 - a. Discussion with Provost Way needs our attention
- b. Dr. Pease-Hernandez**
 - a. Did a great job tonight representing the student body
 - b. Don't be afraid to use your voice
- c. Dr. Meztli**
 - a. Interact with international students
 - b. Talk with township supervisors about protecting the people in the township

X. Adjournment

Motion #10 That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 11:09 pm.

Foster/Fugh

Motion Passes