

SRSGA Formal Meeting Agenda/Minutes

May 5th, 2025

Call to order - President Bloom at 5:04 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 Kato
- c) Senator Muhongerwa-Davis
- d) Senator A. Williams xxx

College of Education

- a) Senator Ecklund
- b) Senator Maharg
- c) Senator E. Williams
- d) Senator Panaiia

College of Health Professions

- a) Senator Caroff xxx
- b) Senator Sofranko
- c) Senator Thagard
- d) Senator Ogoreuc

College of Engineering & Science

- a) Senator Carbone
- b) Senator Koch xxx
- c) Senator Kuth

College of Liberal Arts

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Kawata
- c) Senator Mortenson xx

Commuter

- a) Senator Welford
- b) Senator Young

Residence Hall

Transfer

- a) Senator Beatty

Veteran

a) Senator Reed

International

a) Senator Zaveri

Athlete**First-year**

a) Senator Burt xx

b) Senator Corbin

Graduate**At-Large**

a) Senator Adegbulu xx

b) Senator Freilino

c) Senator Hamilton

d) Senator Leitera

e) Senator Mathie

f) Senator Starkey

Advisors

a) Patrick Beswick

b) Wendy Leitera

APSCUF Representative

a) Dr. Mark Shotwell

Excused: VP Isenberg, Mortenson, Burt, Adegbulu

Absent:

Guest Speakers:**Rockstar of the Week:****Officer/Committee Reports:**

President – I'm Ella bloom I'm your president for about one more hour. I met with Dr. Riley today, tractors up at I'm fields so that's exciting. We have a turf meeting tomorrow and that's exciting. Election results are out, there's a music recital tonight so go and have fun! Thank you all for this experience, I'm grateful for this and proud of you and all your work that you have done. Go rock!

VP SAA –

VP Outreach – Hi everyone, just a quick thank you for a great year I'm excited about it. Ill post the newsletter tomorrow, shout out to Senator brown for making it.

VP Finance – Hi everyone happy last week. I have a couple things for you all, all the papers in front of you are finance reports, we have the usual report, rugby's request is for nationals, about 1000 didn't go to senate as. Next we have the stipend report, so on there you can see the proposed semester year and reduction, these come from vending and we do have operation costs for these, the prices are not sustainable so stipend cuts had to come. The rocket had a cut as they have more positions, we gave them the choice of removing pay from assistants, they decided to cut two position and reduce the rest. The next thing I wanted to talk about is athletics outstanding travel expenses, these are typically included in their regular budget, this request is from a larger 60,000 total they didn't pay, this is also in addition to their post season request, they are not allowed to budget for this so that why the sum is so large, they projected their teams will make it as for as possible. These are to be approved separately, do not approve it as read.

VP Internal – Hi everyone, just wanted to thank y'all for a great year and tell the remaining members to watch out for emails from me. Also, good luck on finals!

VP DEIB – if you haven't completed your commission report requirement do so today!! We also wrote a report for the rocket so check it out good luck on finals.

Parliamentarian – Good luck on finals!

Speaker – My contact info's up there, good luck on finals. Shout out to everyone for a fantastic year.

Commission Reports:

Senator Panaiia: I sit on disability issues committee, throughout the semester we talked about a lot of things post federal election. The accessibility map was a big project this year, the goal was to target accessibility issues around campus.

Senator Leitera: I am on the president's sustainability commission, we advise the president have been in communication with the professors how sit on the commission and this could serve as an important developmental opportunity for the university to learn and grow with sustainability. This is not required for rock studies and is believed should have that as a requirement for degree completion.

Rock of the Week: everyone!

Open Forum:

Senator Muhongerwa: Hi I wanted to share a quick summary with the business dean meeting, we talked about the college supporting through internships and exploring different fields through capstone and field trips. We want concerns to be escalated to professors!

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the April 14th, 2025 meeting.

First – Senator Zaveri

Second – Senator Carbone

Motion passes

Motion #2: I move to confirm the 2025-2026 Stipend Budget.

First – Senator Freilino

Second – Senator Wolford

Motion passes by unanimous vote

Motion #3: I move to approve Athletics Post-Season Funding Request of \$61,625.75.

First – Senator Mathie

Second – Senator Sofrnako

Senator Mathie: So in the finance meeting, we went over how they cannot budget for this, what they don't spend will come directly back to us!

Senator Zaveri: What would happen if they spent more than this?

VP Johnston: this should be pretty accurate, they have an up to amount and quotes, it'd be up to them if they went over this amount

Motion passes by unanimous vote

Motion #4: I move to approve Athletics Outstanding Travel Request of \$32,382.65.

First – Senator Reed

Second – Senator Corbin

VP Johnston: I just want to reiterate some points; this is part of a larger sum, they have spent more than this, they're supposed to budget for this. This shouldn't be a lump sum meant to pass.

Senator Starkey: So just to clarify, we are not responsible to pay this money since they didn't budget for this?

VP Johnston: No, they did budget, they went over their budgeted amount.

Senator Ogoreuc: If this doesn't pass what would happen?

VP Johnston: They'd have to put the request through the university.

Senator Muhongerwa: Was this for all players or a selected amount?

VP Johnston: This was three specific groups, not the whole department.

Senator Beatty: I was just curious, if this does pass would this mean other sports can request it.

VP Johnston: So, athletics requests as a whole, that 85,000 goes to athletics and they delegate the money out.

Wendy: Thank you, I just want to clarify, those three sports are spring sports, even though they budget, they went over in the fall.

Senator Burchell: Does athletics have a self-support account they can pull from?

VP Johnston: They used to through the foundation, that money is now for scholarship due to policy change.

President Bloom: So, I want to make it clear I'm not a voting member, I want to remind you that this money is ours and these activities need to properly budget and not go 30,000 over budget. Please remember that. 507 students are student athletes, 1900 other students are covering the cost for them, think about the students who donate their activity fee to cover this expense.

VP Johnston: Just because it's here and is being presented, doesn't mean finance supports it fully, this is for you all to vote on. don't golden stamp this motion.

President Bloom: Remember I don't vote, I want you to know it's okay to not approve everything that comes through, its okay. I'm not trying to sway any votes just remind you all the process.

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motion fails

Motion #5: I move to approve the Slippery Rock University Symphony Orchestra New initiative request of \$926.01.

First – Senator Ogoreuc

Second – Senator Kawata

Bloom: I went to their concert, and I'm happy they will get this will be very good for them, I don't vote. I just wanted to share!

Motion passes

Motion #6: I move to approve the Men's Rugby Teams New initiative request of \$4359.00.

First – Senator Freilino

Second – Senator E. Williams

Senator Sofranko: I'm just curious, didn't this just happen?

VP Johnston: You can submit for reimbursement, its typical!

Motion passes

Motion #7: I move to confirm the results of SRSGA 2025-2026 Election.

First – Senator Starkey

Second – Senator Hamilton

APSCUF Report:

Dr. Shotwell: three things really quick, thank you for the plant I was a botany major in undergrad, I will be retiring, study as hard as possible for your finals you all will be wonderful! You will have an enormous sense of relief come Sunday Monday, that feeling will only last as a college student. So, savor that feeling.

Advisor Reports:

Wendy: I want to stand up here, I'm not retiring so you're all stuck with me. Thank you to this entire group, you made difficult decisions and I hope you all had some fun! Your work is appreciated. I'd like to invite you all to the suites tomorrow for a finals brunch. I also wanted to give the seniors a shoutout, thank you to Austin for four years, Mercedes came back and did wonderfully, thank you Ella for a great two years she's seen a lot and done a lot she been a great leader, a bit unconventional compared to the past, you all have a lot to be proud of. Thank you to the old e-board and the new one as well. Good luck to you all on your finals, feel free to stop by, we have some open seats so encourage your friends and peers to come and join, be an ambassador this summer! Thank you all!

Bloom: It's important to swear in our new president, so we are going to swear in Connor Pavlicko!

Swearing in of new President

Adjournment:

Senator E. Williams: I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:42 pm

Second- Senator Kuth

motion passes