**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of October 14th, 2019  
Smith Student Center Theatre**

1. **Call to Order –** President Dunlop **at 7:31 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Graziani

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| Members:  **Nicole Dunlop**, President  **Khalil Harper,** VP of Student & Academic Affairs  **Kaitlyn Hazelett,** VP of Financial Affairs  **Kemoni Farmer**, VP of Campus Outreach  **Mia Graziani** VP of Internal Affairs  **Margaret Calvert**, VP of Diversity & Inclusion  **Matt Lerman**, Parliamentarian  **Joseph Sciuto**, Speaker of the Senate  Advisors:  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  **Dr. Lauren Moran**, Advisor  **Dr. Kershaw,** Faculty Advisor  APSCUF Representatives:  **Dr. Kim** | Senator Bash Senator Lindgren  Senator Burkhouse Senator Mennor  Senator Condon Senator Noonan  Senator Cox Senator Ohle  Senator Dovgan Senator Reilly  Senator Enterline Senator Reitler  Senator Gish Senator Walker  Senator Hilzendeger Senator Weeter  Senator Jones Senator Zoeller  Senator Kochis  Excused:  Late:  Unexcused: Dr.Kershaw and Dr.Kim |

1. **Guest Speakers** NONE
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Dunlop** - November 7th at 5pm in SSC Theater, Town Hall meeting on Mental Health, led by a panel of University faculty/staff. Reminder that committees and informal meetings are open to all students. Congratulations to Kemoni and Nacho for Homecoming royalty. Liter of the week-Senator Hilzendeger.
   2. **VP Harper** - Student Life Survey, 756 responses with plan to interpret the data over the coming weeks. Committee meetings are Wednesdays at 1pm in SSC 246. Looking into safety on Harmony Road regarding accidents.
   3. **VP Hazelett** - Budgetary reserves are $49,807.89 Capital Reserves $14,832.97. Two new motions tonight. Conference grant will be voted on and include 5 organizations (Student Non-Profit Alliance, Exercise Science Society, Percussion Club, SRU PCMEA, Music Therapy Club). SGA scholarship application open on CORE until November 8th at 11:45 pm. Three faculty and staff will review from November 11th-19th and Finance Committee will present recommendation to Senate for vote. Working with VP Harper to look at student life survey data. Using Excel to review the data in regards to funding. Continue working on endowed scholarship. Meeting with University CFO Molly Mercer, discussed plans for the semester. Committee time is Thursdays 12-1 in the SSC.
   4. **VP Farmer** - Mean Girls movie on October 3rd was a success. Blankets are being awarded to movie attendees. This week’s movie is “Detective Pikachu”. Utilizing the SGA website, promoting with giveaways. Student feedback regarding the Happy Bus has improved since last semester. Committee times are Tuesdays at 3:30 in SSC 325, possibly moving to Thursdays.
   5. **VP Graziani -** Homecoming was a success. Senate bonding on November 9th - Ice Skating.
   6. **VP Calvert** - Met with Dr. Behre, he is supporting the menstrual initiative. Starting a workshop with Graduate senators regarding accessibility. Stressed using the microphone during the meeting.
   7. **Parliamentarian Lerman** - Committee Report from Senator Condon. Two new student organizations are in process, not bringing them to the floor for vote right now. Continuing to review our constitution and working on a draft of bylaws. November 28th is the goal date for presenting the bylaws to senate.
   8. **Speaker Sciuto** - No report
   9. **Corinne Rockefeller (Restructuring committee) –** No report
   10. **Dr. Kim (APSCUF)** - Absent
3. **Open Forum** - VP Calvert - LGBTQ+ Month. The Rocket is printing its first LGBTQ+ History issue. Mental Health Discussion “It’s About Time” hosted by Gender Studies on October 15th at 7pm in the SSC Ballroom. FMLA is hosting Take Back the Night on October 30th in the Quad at the SGA pavilion.

Chadwich Burdick - Treasurer of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Notified about being denied for the SRSGA Conference Grant due to not paying back past grant. Apologies for the confusion.

Tabea Ohle - International Dinner November 23rd in the SSC Ballroom.

VP Farmer - President of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Denied the conference grant due to a lack of knowledge of the conference. Recommends that the senate amends the motion and include his chapter.

Senator Reilly - Musical Theater Society is holding the Fall Cabaret on October 17th & 18th. $5 admission fee.

Senator Walker - PowerLifting Club is hosting an obstacle course in the quad on October 24th during common hour. $1 entry fee

1. **Old Business**- NONE

1. **New Business-**

**Motion #1 -**That SRSGA approves the minutes of the September 30th, 2019 meeting.

Ohle/Bash

Discussion

Senator Lindgren – Moves to amend the minutes to reflect the correct spelling of his name. Second by

Senator Condon

Motion to amend passes with 1 abstention (Lindgren)

Motion to approve the amended minutes passes unanimously.

**Motion # 2** – Senator Bash moves to approve Ron Shidemantle for the SRSGA Board of Directors. Second by Senator Enterline.

Discussion

Senator Bash -The Search Committee conducted phone interviews and unanimously recommends Mr. Shidemantle for approval.

President Dunlop- The Board of Directors handles the business end of SGA, regarding the bookstore.

Senator Condon - The committee has spent a lot of time reviewing the candidates and fully supports him.

VP Harper - Point of Information - Is the Candidate able to come and speak to us about this position?

Senator Condon – The Committee feels that this is the best way to go about the process.

Motion passes unanimously

**Motion # 3** – Senator Hilzendeger moves to approve St. Jude Up til 2 New Initiative Request of $1,000.00. Senator Noonan seconds.

Discussion

VP Hazelett - Asking for funding for signage and food for their event this coming February. Food budget does fall within policy. Increased the budget since last year’s event. Committee sends this with a recommendation of approval.

VP Harper- (Asks a club representative) What is the event about? President Dunlop defers the question to VP Hazelett

VP Hazelett - A campus wide fundraiser for St. Jude involving games and food.

Parliamentarian Lerman – To clarify, questions will be addressed by the maker of the motion or committee chair. Trying a new system where we address the questions.

Senator Kochis When was this policy determined?

Parliamentarian Lerman - This was discussed at the retreat and it results in a less repetitive process of asking questions that were already answered.

Senator Walker - Why do we require a representative if they do not speak?

VP Hazelett - Still showing their determination for approval of the motion.

Parliamentarian Lerman - The discussion has to stay with the motion on the floor.

Senator Hilzendeger repeated the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion # 4** -Senator Ohle moves to approve SRU Men’s Club Volleyball New Initiative Request of $1,500.00 to cover mileage and official fees. Senator Mennor seconds.

Forgot to submit a budget last year.

Discussion

VP Hazelett – The club forgot to submit a budget last year. Committee sends with recommendation of approval.

Motion passes unanimously

**Motion #5** – Senator Reitler moves to approve the SRSGA Conference Grant of $2,500.00 with each of the following organizations receiving $500.00: Student Nonprofit Alliance, Exercise Science Society, Percussion Club, SRU PCMEA, and Music Therapy Club. Second Senator Weeter.

Discussion

VP Calvert- What does PCMEA stand for?

VP Hazelett- I will defer to Senator Kochis.

Senator Kochis-The organization stands for Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educators Association.

VP Farmer-I ask that SGA amends the motion to include my organization.

Parliamentarian Lerman - This motion is just for the $2,500 and it is capped per the Financial policy.

Senator Reitler - The committee kept the budget at the limit of $2,500.

Senator Walker - The amount approved has been raised in past years.

Parliamentarian Lerman -The motion will have to be tabled if a change to the budget is wanted.

Senator Walker moves to amend the motion to include that Alpha Phi Alpha be approved for the conference grant.

Discussion

Parliamentarian Lerman-The current motion is unconstitutional.

VP Calvert moves to send the motion back to committee.

Parliamentarian Lerman - This is the time for discussion, and I recommend tabling the motion since there are 3 motions within 1 motion being made.

VP Calvert rescinds her motion.

Senator Mennor moves to table the motion. Senator Zoeller seconds.

Discussion

Senator Kochis - Point of Clarification, sits on the Finance Committee and there was much discussion held during that time. It is the responsibility of the senators to read and review the motions provide in the Finance Report.

Vote

Yay - 5

Nay - 20

Motion to table fails.

Vote to amend for Alpha Phi Alpha

Discussion

VP Calvert-Why did this organization not receive the grant?

VP Hazelett- Committee did want to keep it competitive. The description was confusing and the organization only has 1 member. This could be appealed if it will help to grow the organization’s membership.

Parliamentarian Lerman - The motion is unconstitutional and there has been no progress with the discussion

Senator Walker - Point of Information for VP Farmer, what would this conference grant mean to you and your organization?

VP Farmer - This is a required event and will be discussing how to grow the organization’s numbers. There is no formal recruitment for the organization. This could help to benefit myself as my organization oversees both SRU and Edinboro’s chapters.

Vote

Abstain - Senator Mennor and VP Farmer

Motion to amend fails.

Senator Reitler restates the original motion to approve the Conference Grant.

Motion passes with 1 abstention - Senator Kochis

**Motion #6 –** Senator Cox moves to confirm Lorah Momyer as Building B’s Senator.  Senator Gish

seconds.

Lorah Momyer gave a 2 minute speech introducing herself and discussion of why she would like to

become a member of SRSGA. She feels that she can be a great voice for the students at SRU. SGA can

help to push her out of her comfort zone.

Debate and Discussion - NONE

Vote - Motion passes unanimously

Senator Momyer is sworn in as the Building B Senator.

**Motion #7** - Senator Walker moves that the SRSGA supports the renovation and expansion of the ARC.

Second Senator Ohle.

Senator Walker invited Karen Perry to discuss on the topic.

Karen Perry-The director of Campus Recreation since 2016, staff member since 1999. Clarification about the fact that the student population has grown and the ARC needs to adapt and grow with the university. Since opening in 1999, it has been one of the selling points of Slippery Rock University. Physical wellness is a priority on campus and there is no more space available. Feels as if student money is being used well. For example, built “The Mac” fields in 2010 funded with their own money. There is no interest in raising student fees or using bonds for the renovation. Just looking for support from SGA.

Debate and Discussion

VP Harper -Point of information- What does “supporting” entail from our end?

Senator Walker - Showing support means that we want to start a discussion and have a conversation about the topic  
Senator Sciuto - Has this gone through any committees?

Senator Walker - This has been discussed in in Student and Academic Affairs

Senator Ohle - Exercise is a big part of mental health

VP Calvert - Approving this motion means that we will push to the end of this to see it through, please consider when voting.

Senator Condon moves to table. Second by Senator Lindgren.

Debate and Discussion

Senator Condon - I feel that we need more information on the topic before moving forward

Senator Walker - We have been told to have more meaningful discussion in formal meetings.

Senator Kochis - We cannot have meaningful discussion without meaningful information.

Senator Walker - Point of Clarification-Karen Perry is here for discussion.

VP Calvert - Point of Clarification - We have been here for a long time and do not have meaningful questions. It would be better to table the motion

Senator Condon - Point of Clarification-Speaker Sciuto would there be time to discuss in informal

meetings?

Speaker Sciuto - Yes there is time.

Vote

Yay - 22

Nay - 3

Abstain - Ohle

Motion is tabled

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera -** Welcome to Lorah! The chairs in the back of the room are very uncomfortable. Almost every single senator spoke tonight. SGA scholarship is open and should be applied for! It will be awarded in the spring.
2. **Dr. Lauren Moran** - Welcome Senator Momyer and congrats to Kemoni Farmer. Homecoming was a success. Good use of Parliamentary Procedure. Tabling a motion does not mean fail.
3. **Dr. Kershaw -** ABSENT

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion #8 -** That SRSGA adjourns the meeting **at 8:55 pm**

Jones/Speaker Sciuto

Motion passes unanimously