

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.**  
**Minutes for the meeting of November 3, 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>John Coulter</b>, VP of Internal Affairs<br/> <b>Jared Stanley</b>, VP of Campus Outreach<br/> <b>Jessica Johnson</b>, Parliamentarian<br/> <b>Megan Burr</b>, Speaker of the Senate</p> <p><b>Brad Kovalski</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> | <p>Senator Albright<br/> Senator Bayer<br/> Senator Black<br/> Senator Bone<br/> Senator Choma<br/> Senator Farah<br/> Senator Garrow<br/> Senator Giacalone<br/> Senator Gove<br/> Senator Horgos<br/> Senator Kramer</p> <p>Senator Morgado<br/> Senator Morgan<br/> Senator Murasso<br/> Senator Nietert<br/> Senator Pitcairn<br/> Senator Plumberg<br/> Senator Preston<br/> Senator Sarver<br/> Senator Steigerwalt<br/> Senator Temple<br/> Senator Vandergrift</p> <p>Excused: Dr. Lynch; Senator Moody</p> <p>Guests: Robert Watson, Kristen Klein, Amber Cannon, Gene Allison, Matt Meredith, Courtney Gallagher, Carla Corrochano, Tiffany Kollah, Kylee Woodman, Michaela, Steph Fortier, Anna Carpenter, Nina Barbano, Emily Munson, Amanda Neidig, Rachel Lawler, Istvan Kovacs, James Hathaway, Erik Breit, Cody Schrecongost, Tyler Rathke, Matt Stock, Jason Berkavich, Amy Kinzler, Michael Timo, Danica Rasicci, Matt Hauze, Alex Blauvelt</p> |
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- III. Guest Speaker**
  - a. Vanessa Dufford
    - i. Student Life Survey Results
- SGA
  - Representing students well
  - Things students want to see:
    - Advertisement
    - Leadership activities
    - More Grad Student programming
    - Bus trips
  - Awareness of meeting and committee dates and times
- Safety
  - Unsafe in parking lots and off campus areas
- Bus stops
- Borders surrounding campus
  - Lighting
  - Blue lights
- Campus Services
  - Library
- Hour utilization
- Popular areas
  - study spaces, printing, quiet floor
  - AVI

Very satisfied and moderately satisfied with all dining areas

Hours need to fit student schedules

More meal swipe options

#### Diversity

- Diverse experiences now will help after college
- Campus community supportive of diversity
- Ways to increase support for diversity

#### Ethnic food options

Advertise diversity awareness

#### Accessibility

- Accessibility to buildings
- More ramps
- Curb cuts
- Sidewalks

#### IV. Old Business-none

#### V. New Business

**Motion # 1-** That SRSGA approves the minutes from the meeting on October 20, 2014

Bone/Preston

President Hill moves to table, minutes were not distributed for review.

Murasso/Albright

**Motion to table Passes**

**Motion # 2** That SRSGA opens elections for graduate senator. The individual that receives the most votes will become elected as the new graduate senator.

**Sarver/Morgado**

-Alex Blauvelt

Works with JumpStart Program, pairs freshman with mentor and mentor meets with him to talk about transitioning.

Co-advisor of SUMA, multicultural outreach. Event - Red Ribbon Monologues

Words: Diligent, Daring, Abstract

**Motion Passes**

**President Hill swears in Alex Blauvelt.**

**Motion #3-** That SRSGA approves the proclamation declaring Veterans week November 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bayer/Coulter

**Motion Passes**

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Slippery Rock Student Government Association recognizes millions of veterans who have served the people of the United States of America in past or current combat and

WHEREAS, Slippery Rock Student Government Association acknowledges the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have worn the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces and

WHEREAS, Slippery Rock Student Government Association believes all should be reminded freedom is not free and these soldiers have overcome many challenges and obstacles to return to civilian life and

WHEREAS, Slippery Rock Student Government Association especially pays tribute to the students of Slippery Rock University who have bravely defended our nation and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Katie Hill, President of the Slippery Rock Student Government Association, hereby dedicates the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> of the year 2014 to all the men and women who have safeguarded the honor and citizens of these United States of America and Slippery Rock University will recognize this week by hosting veterans for breakfast, bringing Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell to campus, as well as holding a care package drive for troops.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Office of the President to be affixed to this Proclamation on this day of November 3, 2014.

**Motion # 4-** That SRSGA approve the new initiative of \$13,000 for Student Government Association

Vandergrift/Horgos

-VP Stanley Presents the New Initiative

Evening route trial period

The rest of this semester and half of next semester

-Wendy Leitera

Ridership was declining

Warm spring could have been the reasoning

Daylight Savings Time as a time frame

Darkness and Weather

-VP Childress

Thinks it's a great idea because ridership is going up and it will be a harsh winter

-Senator Plumberg

Agrees that evening route should be brought back

-VP Stanley

Marketing plan is ready to go as soon as a schedule is finalized with Campbell Bus

**Motion Passes with one abstention**

**Motion #5-** That SRSGA approve the new initiative for the \$127.00 for the Law Society.

Bayer/Murasso

-Senator Black

Transportation to Ohio State School of Law

**-VP Childress**

Currently do not have a budget but are working hard towards one, for next budget year

**Motion passes with one no vote**

**Motion # 6** That SRSGA elects Larry Brink as a nonstudent voting member of the SRSGA Board of Directors.

**Nieter/Black**

-Larry is a SGA Alum; PASSHE BOG; currently a Lease Specialist for UPMC.

How do you feel SRSGA would benefit from your involvement on the Board?  
I have knowledge of SRSGA's organizational structure and operating units. I've been wanting to become more connected with SRU since moving back to the area a few years ago, and I think this is a great opportunity to do so. Also, I believe my past experience with the organization, in conjunction with the work that I've done in the education and business sectors following graduation from SRU, makes me an ideal candidate for the position.

-President Hill

These people will be helping us to make decisions, looking out for our best interest

-VP Childress

Search Committee has been established to review these candidates

They had gone over the candidates qualifications

-Brad Kovaleski

Only two term SGA president since I've been back

Active alumni with Cross Country

**Motion Passes**

**Motion # 7-** That SRSGA elects Linda Gill as a nonstudent voting member of the SRSGA Board of Directors.

Murasso/Morgado

-Retired Senior VP Mellon Bank

-How do you feel SRSGA would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

I am intelligent, organized and ask detailed questions in an effort to become totally informed on the topics under discussion. I am used to being in a leadership position and assuming a significant amount of responsibility. I think these qualities are very helpful in any organization.

-President Hill

Search Committee also recommends

Linked with Greek life and athletics

**Motion Passes with one no vote**

## **VI. Open Forum**

-Election day is tomorrow

-Happy Bus will be running 11-3 to both voting stations on a 20-minute loop

-November 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Carol – Come watch

-November 5<sup>th</sup> – SOL/Internations Week – Day of the Dead Fashion Show 8 in ATS Auditorium

-Veteran’s Week – Marcus Luttrell moved to Morrow Field House

-Collection Drive for Soldiers

-Tennis Club – Proposal

\$162,000 estimate will be closer to \$128,000

People come from all over to play tennis here at Slippery Rock

Funding – Grant with USDA up to \$20,000

In contact with Athletics and Physical Education Department

Jared - Who is responsible for this?

Athletics, Academics, and SGA

Baylee – Try to get as many people involved as possible in our committee

Cheney – Get information to me to be a part of the committee

-Credit Card Readers on vending machines – advertise!

Murasso – Estimated date on when they will be on all machines?

Wendy – 40 new ones installed; signage should be on it

## **VII. Officer’s Reports**

President Hill

- “Liter” of the Week – Sarah Arpino
- Title IX Committee
- Dine with the Directors –November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30
- Vote Tomorrow
- Out Wednesday-Sunday
- San Antonio

VP Coulter

- Bonding!
- Thanksgiving Dinner!
- November 20 Boozel (back left section)
- Something winter themed to come!
- Working on Mission Statement, A few drafts will be provided next informal to discuss
- Fundraisers
- Planning phase for next Bake Sale

Kickball Tournament next semester!

VP Dufford

- Campus Crawl postponed date: November 11 starting at 6:30 pm
- Workout facility, setting up meeting with all academic departments
- Suite renovations, still getting feedback from clubs and or
- Looking into things we can work on from the student life survey
- Bre is heading Suite Renovations – passing out survey

VP Stanley

- New Committee Time: Thursday @ 7 in the conference room
- Website Updates
- Advertisements
- Happy Bus New Initiative/ Marketing Plan
- Social Media Contests
  - Two weeks ahead of time for website advertising
  - Movie Series Sign up Doodle

VP Childress

- Set budgeting dates and timeline
- Lots of paper work, forms, and requests
- Finance meet and greet 11/18 after the President's academy
- Budgetary reserves: \$131,933.92
  - Trying different tactics to allow for more people to get budgets

Parliamentarian Johnson

- Advocacy Project:  
Planning for Paychecks, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Room 320 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Speaker Burr

- Commuter Project
- Commuter Breakfast
- Graduating this semester so applications will be going out for Speaker

#### VIII. Advisor's Comments

- a. **Brad Kovalski-** Thank you to Tennis Community for coming out  
Kudos to everyone continuing to actively pursue goals  
Check out Internations Week activities and engage them!
- b. **Wendy Leitera-** Pleased with votes tonight  
A couple positions are open so keep advertising – two year commitment hopefully
- c. **Dr. Pease-Hernandez-** Great work tonight  
Very excited about proclamation for Veteran's  
We do have access to grades, time to check
- d. **Dr. Meztli-** Thank you to Anthony and Wendy for putting buses together to voting polls  
Excited to see the votes tomorrow night
- e. **Dr. Lynch-** Excused

#### IX. Adjournment

- a. **Motion #8-** That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 9:42 pm  
**Sarver/Steigerwalt**