

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.
Minutes for the Meeting of November 21, 2016
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

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

<p><u>Members:</u> Logan Steigerwalt, President Abby Fugh, VP of Student Affairs Brian Welsh, VP of Financial Affairs Sammy Hovis, VP of Campus Outreach Rachel Lawler, Parliamentarian Elizabeth Hernandez, Speaker of the Senate</p> <p>Wendy Leitera, Executive Director Dr. Pease-Hernandez, Faculty Advisor Lauren Moran, Advisor</p> <p>APSCUF Representatives Dr. Jordan Ms. Bishop</p>	<p>Senator Bahrieni Senator Burdick Senator Eberhardt (late) Senator Fields Senator Fissore Senator Foster (late) Senator Giacalone Senator Heffelfinger Senator Jenkins Senator Keffer Senator Kerecman Senator Kite</p> <p>Excused: Sarah Arpino Ian Banks</p> <p>Late:</p> <p>Unexcused: Claudia Hartmann</p>	<p>Senator Kline Senator Miller Senator Montgomery Senator O’Connor Senator OHora Senator Quan Senator Rebmann Senator Richardson Senator Sedon Senator Smith Senator Vickers Senator Walker</p>
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III. Guest Speakers

a. Abby Fugh

- i. Reporting on Student Life Survey
- ii. 1,354 responses 15.4% of student population
- iii. 98% are proud to be SRU students, 96% would recommend SRU to others- great location, tuition, environment
- iv. Parking, strike, renovations – things students want to talk to administration about
 1. Goals: master plan for parking, new academic programs, increasing number of scholarships
 2. Parking on grass, living far away, living off campus
 - a. Suggestion: freshmen shouldn’t have cars and raising price for pass, PT parking lot is awkward (increase signs)
- v. Library
 1. Social media presence strengthening, hours increasing, great job addressing the issues students have, renovations are going well
- vi. Building Renovations
- vii. Bookstore
 1. 92% want books instead of e-books, want more healthcare related products
- viii. Arc
 1. 72% use the facility

2. Some don't use it because of schedule conflicts
3. Olympiad- group competition to provide open event for students
- ix. Health Center
 1. Most students know about the center and know their services
 2. Want more accessibility for handicap students
- x. Happy Bus and Vending
 1. Looking in to putting in signs of Happy Bus stops
 2. Looking to add more items in the Vending Machines
- xi. International Travel
 1. 12.13% have participated in international travel through the University
 2. Cost is a barrier
- xii. Diversity
 1. 84.86% believe SRU is a diverse campus
 2. 59% believe diversity issues negatively impact campus climate
 3. First Seminars should include diversity training
 4. Rebrand Women's Center to let students know about their services
 5. Senator O'Connor is interning in Women's Center and would love to hear concerns or suggestions
- xiii. Jenna Temple: Bookstore is open until 5, many students think it closes at 4. Personally feels it is a waste of money to be open that late. Worked a Saturday shift- only 3 costumers (ETC). Recommends more research to evaluate options for Saturday hours.

b. Blake Souders

- i. Update from Board of Directors meeting
 1. Annual Report from SRSGA auditor
 2. Approved Executive Director Contract of Employment
 3. Approved employee health care plan for 2017
 4. Elected Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs
 5. Announced open student position, applications will be available in the Spring

IV. Officer/Committee Reports

a. President Steigerwalt

- i. Update Harmony Road- attended Township meeting, two lights have been installed
 1. Board of Directors- open position at the end of the year, freshmen or sophomore, two student reps
 2. Liter of the Week- Senator Quan and Senator Cale for being referees at Dodgeball Tournament
 3. Quote: "What you do today can improve all of your tomorrows"

b. Internal Affairs

- i. Last Saturday was dodgeball tournament- Congrats on Club Baseball
- ii. Holiday Party Dec. 8th location and time TBD.

c. VP Welsh

- i. Budgeting info session in Vincent 114 at 12:30 on November 17th
- ii. Committee took part in a conference call with Orgsync
- iii. Budgetary Reserves \$99,967.42
- iv. Committee meets on Mondays at 3:30 SSC 319

d. VP Fugh

- i. In the process of forming a Graduate Student Association
- ii. Please see Abby for more information

e. VP Hovis

- i. Last week committee picked some movies for Spring
- ii. Collaborating with more President's Commissions
- iii. Creating a "Do You Know" handout about SGA

f. Speaker Hernandez

- i. SGA is sponsoring two children for project Christmas Elf; one from our self-support funds and one with \$3/Senator donations
- ii. Commuters are requesting to reserve a room in the student center to have a test run and see how many commuters use it next semester as a potential option if weather is a factor
 1. Also creating a list of on campus students who would be willing to host a commuter if needed
- iii. Building senators chose the Residence Hall Picnic for their project
- iv. Freshmen decided to keep the snapchat account within the freshmen senators and will also start to post more

g. Parliamentarian Lawler

- i. Second annual Thanksgiving dinner was a success
- ii. Post dinner survey provided good suggestions for next year
- iii. Seasons of Giving, partnering with UPB, Spark, Greeks. We are doing "stuff a van"- asking students to donate toys to put in the van Dec. 8th 11-2. Benefits Toys for Tots.
- iv. Project positivity- partnering with Spark, giving out treats in the Quad during finals week

h. Social Justice Committee

- i. Victoria Davis- thank you so much for helping with the Thanksgiving dinner, huge success.
- ii. Two committee meetings left in this semester- deciding on ways to address the campus climate post-election
 1. What we can do to help remedy the issue
- iii. Jenna Temple will be stepping down as co-chair, looking for a new chair for next semester

V. Open Forum

- a. Senator Kline- Colleges Against Cancer is planning Relay for Life April 22nd. If you raise \$150 before Winter break, you will receive a t-shirt with "Hope Lives Here"
- b. Richelle Fuller- VP of ARHS- working with NRHH, Hope Peer Educators, and Active Minds for last event (Stress less) Dec. 6th during common hour 12-2
- c. President Steigerwalt- Tuesday Nov. 29th Courageous Conversations- talking about symbols and what they mean in our society, 6:00 pm in the Ballroom

VI. Old Business

- a. Senator Heffelfinger motions to untable that SRSGA pledge \$10,000.00 as a one-time contribution to assist Athletics in purchasing a new van
 - i. Second by Walker
 - ii. VP Welsh- untabling motion because Torry Rollins is here to represent Athletics and answer any questions

iii. Torry Rollins- Assistant Athletic Director

1. Presented this idea to Finance Committee about a month ago to get some help to purchase a new van, original van was purchased by SGA back in the day
2. Brought student representatives- 80% of the usage comes from tennis team
3. Gave details of the condition of the current van. Presented some numbers to show Senate the cost of it and records showing the van will not pass inspection
 - a. The cost of a bus would \$7,156 for the spring semester only which the team doesn't have in its budget
 - b. Walker- How much will the van cost in total?
 - i. \$25,705 new van, used van \$23,980
 - c. Hovis- Who will be using the van?
 - i. Tennis mainly, Track, Cross Country
 - d. Kerecman- who will cover the maintenance of the van?
 - i. University
 - e. Burdick- who will be funding the rest of the purchase?
 - i. Athletic department
 - f. Walker- where will it be stored?
 - i. Outside of the field house
 - g. Kite- What will you do with the old van?
 - i. Can't pass inspection, possibly donate it, give it over to the surplus area, won't keep it.
 - h. Foster- Did you only get those two quotes?
 - i. We did online shopping, we can get a state rate, we did our research
 - ii. Normally this would not be an issue but a few years ago the University went through a budget cut, not a lot of vans available, only two or three available now for the whole university.
 - i. Tennis Team (student)- stood out in the pouring rain to try to get our rackets, door would not open or close, to the point where we need a new van, floor has a whole in it.
 - j. Pay for itself in 3 years, if you helped us with the purchase the insurance would be under the University
- iv. Senator Heffelfinger restates the motion. President Steigerwalt calls for a vote.

Motion Passes

VII. New Business

Motion #2 - That SRSGA approves the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting.

Kite/Vickers

Motion Passes

Motion #3 - That SRSGA approves the constitutional changes regarding the vacancy policy

Jenkins/Richardson

Parliamentarian Lawler- we discussed the proposed changes during our last informal meeting. This article addition will allow us to have a formal process for when the President cannot preside over a formal meeting and/or if a President is removed from office or resigns.

Senator O'Houra moves to table this motion

Senator O'Connor seconds

Motion tabled

IX. Advisor's Comments

- a. Dr. Pease-Hernandez** – Congratulations on a successful Thanksgiving dinner. Great to see SGA represented at International Dinner. Happy you have intentions to collaborate with other clubs/organizations. Talked earlier with Sammy about collaborations for Black history month and Women's history month. Encourage all to attend Courageous Conversations- reach out to other students. Challenge all to ask your faculty to attend. Holidays around the world will be Dec. 6th. Leading intercultural communication spring break trip to Madrid.
- b. Wendy Leitera-** Thank you Abby for your presentation, results were great this year, taking in all of that data was no easy task, she shared it on our website as well. Blake thank you for presenting the Board of Directors Report. We will be electing a new student for a two-year term, great opportunity for a student or senator. Happy thanksgiving everyone!
- c. Lauren Moran-** Thank you for having me at informal, I really got a chance to see what you are doing, hearing really good feedback from Thanksgiving dinner. Each month we will encourage a collaboration between students, last Thursday of each month, starting in January. Dec. 13th during common hour end of the semester celebration in the Suite. A lot of changes and a lot of new faces.
- d. Dr. Jordan-** Dr. Norton and Dr. Shavitz have done a great job informing SGA on progress related to APSCUF and faculty strike. Going forward will serve as a liaison between APSCUF and Senate. If you have information that you would like to ask me or any issues you would like me to ask faculty please let me know, faculty is very interested and curious. Leading international healthcare systems Spring Break trip to Antigua, might be a fun time to go! Happy Thanksgiving.

X. Adjournment

Motion #4 – That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 9:38 pm.

Hefflefinger/Fissore.

Motion Passes