**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of November 5th, 2018  
Smith Student Center Theatre**

1. **Call to Order –** President Kline **at 7:34 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Dunlop

Senator Herb

Senator Kilmer

Senator Kochis

Senator Lerman

Senator O’Rourke

Senator Pusateri

Senator Rockefeller

Senator Sciuto

Senator Tremel

Senator Walker

Senator Zeni

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| Members:  **Dallas Kline**, President  **Elizabeth Hernandez,** VP of Student and Academic Affairs  **Logan Tupper,** VP of Financial Affairs  **Chadwick Burdick**, VP of Campus Outreach  **Nicole Dunlop,** VP of Internal Affairs  **Kennedy Moore**, VP of Diversity and Inclusion  **Taylor Cochran**, Speaker of the Senate  **Eric Lehman**, Parliamentarian  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  **Lauren Moran**, Advisor  **Dr. David Kershaw,** Faculty Advisor  APSCUF Representatives  **Dr. Smeak**  **Dr. Kim** | Senator Baker  Senator Bash  Senator Ben  Senator Calvert  Senator Cribbs  Senator Desing  Senator Dunkelberger  Senator Garcia  Senator Graziani  Senator Hazelett  Excused: Lauren Moran  Late:  Unexcused: |

1. **Guest Speakers**
   1. Riley Keffer- SRSGA Board of Directors- Meeting on Wednesday the 14th at 6pm at the Alumni House.

* President Kline- There are two Student-at-Large positions on the Board, and one of those positions will be open for the next academic year.

1. **Reports**
   1. **President Kline**
      1. Paws for a Cause- Thank you for everyone who came we collected 30 items for the Butler County Humane Society, and we are still collecting donations which you can drop off in the SGA office.
      2. Dr. Behre’s Inauguration: November 9th 11am, Morrow Field House
      3. Mary Hennessey Updates from Academic and Student Affairs
         1. Counseling Center- Group sessions and later hours offered this semester
         2. Liberal arts- Debate Team has taken top honors at recent tournaments
         3. 3-5 more internal grant and scholarships currently offered
      4. Liter of the week is Senator Sam Kochis for organizing campus wide vigil
      5. This is a selfish plug but I am running the SRU student page so we are going to take a video, and it will be posted on twitter after the meeting.
   2. **VP Hernandez**
      1. Student Life Survey Results- The results will be uploaded onto our website and our CORE page.
      2. Campus Crawl is rescheduled for this Thursday, November 8th at 5:30pm. Campus crawl is an event when students walk around campus in groups in specific areas and look for any safety issues or concerns.
      3. Co-chair position is still available so if you are interested please apply.
   3. **VP Tupper**
      1. Love Your Mellon - $327.00 – First time funding
      2. Black Action Society - $5,000.00 – Transportation, fees, food
      3. Marching Pride – $20,800 – Bus Rental
      4. Committee Co-chair is Senator Kaitlyn Hazelett
      5. SGA Scholarship due this Friday. To apply you need a 3.0 GPA, 500 word essay, and a letter of recommendation.
   4. **VP Burdick** 
      1. Movie this weekend is “Christopher Robin”
         1. Showing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
         2. Our movie was cancelled this weekend due to sound issues so we apologize for the inconvenience
      2. Committee Co-Chair is Senator Cale Walker
   5. **VP Dunlop**
      1. Pumpkin sale for our self-support is over and we made $48 so thank you to everyone who either bought a pumpkin or worked one of the tables
      2. Committee Co-Chair is Senator Bill Herb.
   6. **VP Moore**
      1. Tomorrow is election day so everyone please make sure to vote. We are providing free transportation to the polls from 10am-8pm
      2. International Week
         1. It is from the 4th to the 10th of November hosted by the International Club
         2. International Dinner – Student tickets are $15.00, students are preparing international meals.
      3. Committee Co-Chair is Senator Maggie Calvert
   7. **Speaker Cochran**
      1. Next informal meeting is next Monday, November 12th at 7:30 in room 323 in the SSC
   8. **Parliamentarian Lehman**
      1. This week’s committee will have 3 clubs coming to have their constitution reviewed
      2. There are only a few new club applications left for review, and they will be finishing up within the next two weeks
      3. We will begin policy and constitution review once all clubs have been through committee
      4. Committee Co-Chair is Senator Kaitlyn Kilmer
   9. **Dr. Smeak (APSCUF)-** Works in the safety department on campus and is going to report what they are doing but there is nothing to report for this week. Appreciates Paws for a Cause. You don’t always have to adopt a dog to help out. Remember to recognize our veterans on the 12th.
   10. **Dr. Kim (APSCUF)-** Not much to report on APSCUF as well.
2. **Open Forum**
   1. Senator Walker- Rock Power Lifting Club- There were 8 lifters that competed in their first competition and they took home 7 medals. Strong man Saturday workout at 5pm. Wanted to let us know that they used the money SGA approved for them to buy equipment that they needed.
   2. Alaina Stroud- Music Therapy Club- Annual concert in Swope Hall, sign up on our google form to participate in our talent show.
   3. VP Hernandez- SOL- Day of The Dead is this Monday at 8:00 pm in Ball Room with Jam Rock
   4. Keisha Booker-Veteran’s Week events - 22 push-ups for the 22 veterans that die a day; Veteran’s Breakfast on Friday 11/9.
3. **Old Business**- none
4. **New Business-**

**Motion #1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of the October 22nd, 2018 meeting

**Zeni/Tremel**

**Motion Passes unanimously**

**Motion #2 -** That SRSGA approves Love Your Melon’s First-Time Funding Request of $327.00 for travel expenses.

**Garcia/ Kilmer**

VP Tupper- They are a somewhat new club and are looking for reimbursement for two trips. Recommendation of approval

Club- Even with being new they have gone on three trips. Traveled to UPMC on behalf of the organization and represented at the St. Jude Walk in Pittsburgh.

**Questions**: Senator Kochis- How many people went? 12 people went with the club, others drove separately

Senator Kochis- Will those that traveled on their own be reimbursed? No

Discussion: None

**Motion passes with one abstention (Senator Lerman)**

**Motion #3-** That SRSGA approves Marching Pride’s New Initiative Request of $20,800.00 for transportation.

**Baker/Cribbs**

VP Tupper- They were invited to march in a parade in Ireland this Spring, and they are asking for travel to the airport in Philadelphia.

Club- They are competing at the parade as well. They do fundraisers every three weeks and a larger one each semester to help cover the cost. Each participant will fund about $3,500 for the trip.

**Questions**: Senator Lerman- What buses are you taking? Campbell’s

Senator O’Rourke- How many days will you be there for? 10 days

Senator O’Rourke- Does this cost cover both ways? yes

Senator Kochis- What other bands will be participating? The bands that have represented in the past include Purdue University. Also international bands from Japan and Germany, and there will be a variety of bands from traditional to bagpipes.

Senator Lerman- There are 120 people, and the bus fits 50 people each so why 5 buses? Due to the instruments, being temperature sensitive, they need to be spread out among the buses and we need extra space for that.

President Kline- Why are you flying out of Philadelphia? It is actually cheaper.

**Discussion:** SenatorKochis- I will be abstaining due to going on the trip. It is a large amount of money but a once in a lifetime opportunity. We are getting world recognition and will open up the name of Slippery Rock University.

VP Moore- Will this be coming out of the capital budget or budgetary reserves? Budgetary

Senator Lerman- Are we paying for the entirety of the buses? Yes but we are only paying a small amount of their total cost

Senator Lerman- This will be taking a huge chunk out of our budgetary, do we have a process for when we run out? VP Tupper- yes we do have a process we will have that discussion in finance committee.

Senator Kilmer- I support this and you guys are awesome.

**Motion passes with two nays (Senator Lerman, Scuito), and one abstention (Senator Kochis)**

**Motion #4 -** That SRSGA approves Black Action Society’s New Initiative Request of $5,000.00 for transportation, fees, and food.

**Tremel/Garcia**

VP Tupper- This is for their annual cultural trip. Recommendation of approval

Club- Every year they plan Black History Month events and include a cultural trip. Last year they had to shorten their trip due to funding issues (overnight instead of weekend). Looking for extra funding to make this trip possible for our students.

**Questions:** VP Moore- What will you be doing for food? They do one group meal and they cover that meal. Fees include museum admission and others events.

Senator Cribbs- Why did you choose Memphis, Tennessee- The culture.

Senator Scuito- Any specific plans? African dance class and other cultural events

VP Burdick- What exactly are the fees being requested for? They are to cover an attraction, whether it is the Civil Rights Museum or something else along those lines since SGA cannot pay for the hotel. They try to cover some of the other costs such as transportation and fees and food with the SGA budget. If we cannot get the cost of travel and admissions/events covered we cannot go to this.

**Discussion:** VP Tupper- Just to clarify they are using some of their budget. Everything falls within policy. If they do not spend all of this it goes back to their budget and if they don’t spend that then it comes back to us at the end of the year.

VP Moore- I did serve on their E-Board previously- They keep the cost down as much as possible. It will allow them to travel with this money.

VP Burdick- Fees fall into policy but seems to fall in that gray area, and he wants clarification.

Senator Calvert- One of the largest and well developed organizations on campus and it is important we support them.

**Motion passes with one nay (VP Burdick) and one abstention (VP Moore).**

**Motion #5 -** That SRSGA approves Comedy Club as a recognized organization.

**Kilmer/Calvert**

Parliamentarian Lehman- Committee asked them create a code of conduct, and they are very motivated.

Club- It will be an open mic comedy club. Benefit to Slippery Rock to have a club like this.

**Questions**: VP Dunlop- What year are you? Sophomore.

VP Tupper- Why do you want to be recognized? To get equipment and be able to book rooms for our open mics.

Senator Scuito- How are you handling the dark kind of humor? They made a code of conduct- included hate speech language.

VP Tupper- Question to Parliamentarian Lehman, what is the minimum number of people needed to start a club? 10 people

Senator Kochis- Would you use a budget to bring in speakers? Yeah, that would be great if you would give me money

Senator Kochis- Have you had a trial run (open mic)? No he’s just trying to get it started.

**Discussion**: Senator Kilmer- Took good constructive criticism in committee, and very willing to do whatever was asked to get recognized. He is very serious about the process.

Senator Kochis- In favor of the club, but thinks there should be a trial run to see if it will be successful or not.

Senator Lehman- This is one of the clubs that will thrive once they are approved

Senator Kilmer- It is hard for a club when you are not recognized to get up and running and book rooms and whatnot.

Senator Desing- Other current club members are freshman so this will probably not die out

Senator Graziani- This will help keep students here on the weekend

**Motion passes with one abstention (Speaker Cochran)**

**Motion #6 -** That SRSGA approves Paws of the Rock Club as a recognized organization.

**Cribbs/Hazelett**

Parliamentarian Lehman- New club and took all of our recommendations well. We have distinguished them from other clubs on campus.

Club- They want to be for everyone who has dogs and those who do not. Good for people who don’t have their dogs here but want to be in their presence.

**Questions:** Senator Desing- When would you meet? Sundays

VP Hernandez- What about the rules about having dogs on campus? They want to have a fence system.

VP Dunlop- What kind of process do you have to handle dogs that may be a risk of biting? They have a process written into the constitution and they would not allow the dogs back into the group.

Senator Kochis- How many people are interested- 20 people

VP Moore- Did you know you need to fill out a risk management plan every time you have dogs on campus. I guess we would just fill it out every time.

Speaker Cochran- Will you have owners show documentation about shots such as rabies? We did not include that.

**Discussion**: Dunkelberg- I rise to a question of privilege. Can we turn the heat on in here?

President Kline- No we would have to contact university police to do so.

Parliamentarian Lehman- Their constitution is well written, but there are points of confusion with the rabies concern that Speaker Cochran raised.

Speaker Cochran- Supports the idea but they need to consider how to handle vaccinations.

Senator O’Rourke moves to refer the matter back to Rules and Policies Committee. Senator Sciuto seconds.

Discussion: President Kline-this motion if approved would send the club back to Rules and Policies Committee to address these concerns before coming back to Senate for approval.

**Motion passes with 6 nays (VP Dunlop, Senators Herb, Calvert, Kilmer, Cribbs, Desing)**

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-**
2. For the SGA Scholarship-application requires an essay and a letter of recommendation from faculty, staff, or anyone else. Paper applications are due to our Cooperative activities in 238 in the SSC. It is open to all students, and SGA will not know the names of the applicants! Scholarship will be applied in the spring semester.
3. Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday. Dallas, Logan, Riley, and Brennan are the students who sit on the Board. If you are interested in how a non-profit organization works it is a great opportunity to get involved in a different way. This week we have our auditor presenting, and will go into the financing of the SRSGA.
4. **Dr. Kershaw**

Senator Lerman moves to return to new business and that SRSGA approves the Actuarial Science club as a recognized organization. Senator Desing seconds.

Parliamentarian Lehman explains they were originally on the agenda, but their president has been sick so no one is here to represent the club. Senator Lehman rescinds his motion.

**IX. Adjournment**

Senator Lermanmoves to adjourn the meeting **at 9:08 pm.** Senator Garcia seconds.

**Motion passes unanimously.**