**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of February 26th, 2018  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 8:45 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Sarver

Senator Marvin

Senator Miller

Senator O'Hora

Senator Rockefeller

Senator Sorch

Senator Smolinsky

Senator Tupper

Senator Vickers

Senator Zeni

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| Members:  **Rachel Lawler**, President  **Scott Vogelgesang,** VP of Student and Academic Affairs  **Riley Keffer,** VP of Financial Affairs  **Dallas Kline**, VP of Campus Outreach  **Sophie Sarver,** VP of Internal Affairs  **Josh Jenkins**, Speaker of the Senate  **Brennan Smith**, Parliamentarian  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  **Lauren Moran**, Advisor  **Dr. David Kershaw,** Faculty Advisor  APSCUF Representatives  **Ms. Bishop**  **Dr. Smeak** | Senator Ben  Senator Burdick  Senator Campbell  Senator Damato  Senator Downey  Senator Dunlop  Senator Gordon  Senator Hazelett  Senator Hernandez  Excused: Senator Kostelnik, Senator Glover, Senator Dawodu, Lauren Moran  Late:  Unexcused:  \*23 voting members present |

1. **Guest Speakers**

**Scott Albert, Paul Novak and Chief Mike Simmons: Student Safety**

* Paul Novak
  + March 21st – SSC Ballroom 7:45 speaker Miss Lisa Hamp, Virginia Tech Shooting Survivor is coming to SRU. Her message is about emergency response and her experience during the Virginia Tech shooting.
  + Mr. Novak then talked about safety at SRU. He discussed the Life Safety and Security plan that SRU is developing as part of the Master Plan. Some of this plan includes fire security with detection & suppression. In light of recent events, wanted to take the opportunity to expose students to access control and proposed security measures.

* Chief Mike Simmons
  + In the years of 2008 to 2010, grant funds from PEMA were dispersed colleges. With these funds from PEMA, SRU added in a lockdown system at all academic buildings. A Risk Management Survey done throughout the campus in 2012 resulted in a consolidation of all campus camera systems. Future focus is classroom safety. They are looking into manual door locks where a push button on the inside will allow to an individual to lock the door simply and quickly. Also exploring electronic door stikes and locks as options.

* Scott Albert
  + On March 6th during Common Hour, a campus open forum with updates on master planning will be in SSC Theater.
  + In 2015, security was an item that was included in the master plan process. This directive came from Administration.

1. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Lawler**

* Advocacy Day – State System Schools advocated for funding and support to the Pennsylvania State Government.
* Council of Trustees – sent two names to the Chancellor for President from the recent search. They sent Dr. William Behre and Dr. Rodney Hanley for consideration.
* Elections are coming up. On March 5th election packets go out.
* President Lawler provided words of encouragement on how the senate is doing this semester, and how we are achieving our goals.
  1. **VP Vogelgesang**
* Food Pantry is coming to campus and we are partnering with the Macoskey Center. They will be working with us on providing sustainability lessons, such as growing your own vegetables.
* There will be a campus wide safety drill on Thursday on April 19th at 8:00 am and then an Open Session for a debrief.
  1. **VP Keffer**
* Conference Grant applications are due March 2nd
* Budgeting ends March 9th
  + One on One meetings are mandatory and must have budget submitted by 4:30 on March 9th. Organizations must submit a paper copy with signatures and an online copy through CORE.
* Eight new initiatives request and one capital item to vote on tonight.
  1. **VP Kline**
  + Outreach committee meetings are now at 7:30 on Mondays.
  + COSGA – Recap and Thank You. We are doing a great job. We as an SGA, right in the middle and on the progressive edge comparatively with other schools.
  + “Secret Life of Henrietta Lacks” will be playing this weekend in collaboration with the Women’s Center.
  + Thank you for the active participation and involvement with the Presidential Search.
  + Creating a resource tab for the website.
  + Carpool karaoke will be coming up on the Happy Bus.
  1. **VP Sarver**
* Bonding will be on Thursday March 8th, at 7:30.
* For fundraising, we are working on getting ready for the Foundation’s Giving Day on March 26th.
  1. **Speaker Jenkins**
* Walking Campaign from the Commuter Senators will be coming up in April.
* The Building Senators are working on a project between them and ARHS and vacancies in A, D, and F.
* The Freshman Senators are looking for a place to have the end of the year banquet.
* The Graduate Senator is working on amendments for Graduate Senators positions with Parliamentarian Smith.
  1. **Parliamentarian Smith**
* Election season will be starting next week.
* We have been going over Roberts Rules in informal, and making great progress with it.
* The Rules and Policies Committee is reaching out to new clubs and organizations to start the recognition process.
  1. **Social Justice Chair Davis**
* Go with the Flow is the Social Justice Committee’s semester long advocacy project. They are working on providing menstrual products for people in need by working with Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe), based in Butler. This will be staring on April 2nd. Sign-ups are through CORE.
* As of last formal we have included the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion as an elected position for the fall. Contact Victoria Davis if you are interested in the position for the next academic year.

1. **Open Forum**

* VP Keffer – Election Commissioner and Elections are coming up so please reach out to those people that will be elected tonight if you are interested in running for a position on next year’s Executive Board or Senate.

1. **Old Business**- **None**
2. **New Business-**

**Motion # 1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of February 12, 2018

**Tupper/Dunlop**

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 2 -** Senator Hazelett moves to approve the Theta Chi Fraternity New Initiative Request of $5,000.00 for speaker fees.

Senator Campbell seconds.

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Discussion:**

Senator Burdick commends Theta Chi for reaching out and collaborating with other organizations. He then says this speaker/event is a very good thing to see proposed from the Fraternity and Sorority Life community.

Senator Gordon motions to table this until the wording for eligibility for funding Greek organizations is finalized. This involves the upcoming change in policy that will be proposed to the Finance Policy at the next Formal Meeting.

Senator Downey seconds.

**Vote:** **Yes – Gordon and Donwey, Nay – 21 votes – MOTION FAILS**

**Discussion:**

Burdick – Request falls within policy due to speaker/event being open to all students.

VP Keffer – Precedence for funding has been set with Greek organizations, this will be clarified in the next two weeks.

**Vote - Yay – 18**

**Nay – 2 Gordon, Downey**

**Abstain – Keffer, Tupper, Miller**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 3** - Senator Tupper moves to approve the American Sign Language Club’s New Initiative Request of $4,000.00 for speaker fees.

Senator Marvin seconds.

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Discussion:** Tupper – American Sign Language Club was great at the Finance Committee meeting and that he supports this motion.

Keffer – Since a lot of majors deal with APA it will be good to support these students in a great speaker experience.

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 4** - Senator Marvin moves to approve the three New Initiative Requests for Women’s Club Volleyball of $5,575.90 for travel reimbursement and a national competition.

Senator Hazelett seconds

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Questions:** Senator Burdick ask how did the Club Volleyball team do at their previous competitions?

Club Volleyball answered that they placed second in all of the previous competitions. This puts them in a good place for going to nationals.

Senator O’Hora asks how many people are you sending?

Club Volleyball answers ten players

**Discussion:** Senator Gordon says that this is a great group to support and they are bettering themselves each time. We should support them in their journey to nationals.

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 5 -** Senator Gordon moves to approve the Ultimate Frisbee Club’s New Initiative Request of $1,085.00 for equipment and tournament fees.

Senator Miller seconds.

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Questions:** Senator Marvin asks how many members do you have?

Ultimate Frisbee answers 12 but can be up to 20

**Discussion:** None

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 6** - Senator Gordon moves to approve the Panhellenic Council’s New Initiative Request of $2,200.00 for speaker fees.

Senator Vickers seconds.

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

Discussion: VP Vogelgesang states that mental illness is all around us and since we are on a college campus, bringing this speaker is an awesome thing for the Slippery Rock Campus Community.

Senator Burdick says mental health and mental illness are big issues and he encourages the senators to see this speaker.

Chairperson Davis is excited to see that they are taking on a social justice issue and that they are not necessarily focused on it in their specific organization. She is very excited for the speaker to come to campus.

**Vote - Yay 21**

**Nay – none**

**Abstain – Sarver and Downey**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 7-** Senator Marvin moves to approve Club Golf’s New Initiative Request of $3,264.00 for tournament fees.

Senator Tupper seconds

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Discussion:** Senator Marvin asks how do tournaments work?

Answer – individual scores and the top five will be added together for teams.

VP Sarver asks are you working on a budget for 2018 – 2019 year?

Club Golf answered that they are working on it.

**Vote - Yay – 20**

**Nay – None**

**Abstain – Sarver, Keffer, Burdick**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 8 -** Senator Vickers move to approve the Rock Royalty First Time Funding Request of $500.00 for equipment and competitions.

Senator Marvin seconds.

Discussion: Senator Burdick fully supports this and it is going to a great new organization.

**Vote - Yay – 22**

**Nay – None**

**Abstain – Zeni**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #: 9** - Senator Smolinsky moves to approve the SAAAPA New Initiative Request of $5,436.56 for a national conference.

Senator Ben seconds.

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Questions:** Did any of you attend last year?

SAAAPA answers the first PA class went last year, and they are the second class.

How were you chosen?

SAAAPA answers with whoever wanted to go from the organization.

Is the graduating class all a part of the student organization?

Yes

Have you advertised on the main campus? (PA program is at Harrisville)

SAAAPA responds we tried.

**Discussion:** Senator Marvin is excited that all 8 of the attendees came to the formal meeting tonight.

VP Keffer is skeptical about how this was advertised to all students

Senator Burdick says just because you can say it’s open to all students, it doesn't mean that it was advertised well.

Chair Davis supports, because they have tried. She advocates for them due to their class being on a different campus.

VP Vogelgesang states that we need to stay consistent, UPB went to a conference that wasn't open to everyone.

VP Keffer says he will be voting against the request, it is not eligible due to the Finance Policies.

**Vote - Yay – 12**

**Nay – 6**

**Abstain – 5**

**Motion Passes**

Senator Burdick moves to reconsider the motion to approve the AAAPA request.

Senator Miller seconds.

**Vote - Yay 6**

**Nay – 16**

**Abstain – Sarver**

**Motion to reconsider fails**

**Motion #: 10** - Senator Rockefeller moves to approve the Men’s Choir Capital Request of $14,500.00 for a piano.

Senator Dunlop Seconds

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval of this request.

**Questions:** SpeakerJenkins asks why is the estimated timeframe for the life of the piano so large (between 30 and 50 years)?

Dr. Scott (advisor) answered that 30 years is on the low end, and with maintenance it will last up to 50 years.

President Lawler asks where will it be housed?

Dr. Scott answers Swope Music Hall for student and staff collaboration.

**Discussion:** SenatorMarvin says the number of people coming out for this one new capital item speaks volumes. This shows their passion and is in favor of approval for this motion.

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #11 -** That SRSGA approves Sophie Sarver as Election Commissioner for the 2018 SGA Elections

**Marvin/Zeni**

**Discussion:** Vice President Vogelgesang advocates for Vice President Sarver, saying she has been around many elections, and is well experienced. She can hold an unbiased opinion when needed, and is the best qualified candidate.

**Vote: Yay 22,**

**Abstain – Sarver,**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #12 -** That SRSGA approves the Election Committee and advisor for the 2018 SGA Elections

**Marvin/Campbell**

To clarify, Senator Marvin moves to amend the motion to strike “and advisor” (Senate approval not required).

Senator Miller seconds.

**Discussion:** The election committee shall include Senator O’Hora, Speaker Jenkins, and VP Keffer. The motion on the floor is to approve the Election Committee.

**Vote - Yay – 19**

**Nay – None**

**Abstain – Sarver, O’Hora, Jenkins, Keffer**

**Motion Passes**

**VII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-** Encourages students to run for SGA. She also explains the process for elections. She also gives a special acknowledgement to Finance Committee and their diligence from week to week and how seriously they take their jobs.
2. **Dr. Kershaw-** Excited about elections. He brought up security and the issues with drugs on campus and do we have Narcan? Consider very real scenarios**.**
3. **Dr. Smeak –** Recognized our new Student Representative to the Council of Trustees, Jarius Moore.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion #13 -** That SRSGA moves to adjourn the meeting **at 10:16 pm**

**Tupper/Gordon**

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**