**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of February 12th, 2018  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 8:51 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Kline

Senator Kostelnik

Senator Marvin

Senator Miller

Senator O'Hora

Senator Sorch

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 Dawodu  Senator Downey  Senator Dunlop  Senator Glover  Senator Gordon  Senator Hazelett  Excused: VP Sarver  Late:  Unexcused: |

1. **Guest Speakers - None**
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Lawler-** Welcome to the Feb 12th meeting
      1. Presidential candidates are here this week. The first candidate Dr. Wubah was here today and gave a wonderful presentation. Recognized Malika Fields, our student representative on the search committee, and discussed open forums for the community and students daily at 4:30 pm in the Theater. Encouraged student attendance, ask the candidates questions. Next COT meeting March 23rd at 1pm, and they will vote to advance 2 candidates to the Chancellor for consideration. Trustee Richard Wukich clarified that the Trustees have scheduled a special meeting for Feb 23rd to recommend the candidates and their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting will take place on March 23rd.
   2. **VP Vogelgesang**
      1. Food pantry – reaching out to Feed my Sheep to collaborate, hoping to get in place by next fall, the sooner the better.
   3. **VP Keffer**
      1. Voting on 4 funding requests, and amendments to the Finance policy tonight. The funding requests are for ATA for travel reimbursement, SMA for a national conference, UPB for a national conference, and speaker fees for Men of Distinction.
      2. Finance Committee meets at 3pm on Wednesdays in the Student Center room 332.
      3. Budgeting is coming up soon, budgets will be due by 4:30 pm on March 9th
   4. **VP Kline**
      1. #MySRUPresident campaign to engage students to participate in the Presidential search
      2. Outreach Committee Meetings: Mondays at 7:30 pm, 3rd floor of the Student Center
      3. SGA will be participating in UPB’s Valentine’s Day Event
         1. Tuesday 2/13 from 11-2
         2. Giving away fruit-grams
      4. Club and Org Spotlight St. Jude Up til 2
         1. Money raised goes to St. Jude hospital in Memphis. For children in St. Jude Hospital, no family ever pays for treatment, housing, or travel
         2. Raised $20,590.61 this weekend
         3. Social media: @sruuptil2-Will be posting link to get involved for next year
   5. **VP Sarver**
      1. VP Sarver excused from tonight’s meeting, Senator Hazelett spoke on her behalf
      2. Working on bonding events
      3. Looking into participating in the Foundation’s Giving Day on March 26th
      4. Internal Committee Meetings are Fridays at 3pm
   6. **Speaker Jenkins**
      1. Focused on SJC changes to the Constitution during last informal meeting
         1. Senator Tupper also reviewed changes to the Finance Policy
         2. Office hours do not count from last week due to the snow day
   7. **Parliamentarian Smith** 
      1. Highlights from open sessions – a lot of committee work has been devoted towards establishing the Social Justice Committee and VP Position
         1. Rules and Policies Meetings are Thursdays at 5pm room 323
   8. **Social Justice Chair Davis** 
      1. Advocacy campaign – “Go with the Flow”. Partnering with VOICE, an organization who supports victims of domestic abuse and rehousing. Will be collecting menstrual products for those who do not have supplies needed – because of social taboo it is hard for shelters to get these products donated. Will also be educating campus on necessity of menstrual products, even if it is hard to talk about.
      2. SJC Amendment final lap, wants to say thank you to Senate, appreciates being able to sit up here with people who care about SJ and before people who care about SJ
3. **Open Forum**
   1. Victoria Davis – reiterates thank you to Keshia Booker who started the SJC as a graduate student and is now an Assistant Director at SRU, thanks SGA for letting her sit up here with us and thanks to Eboard, Senate, and Advisors, members of SJC for all their work. Long journey, almost 2 years of dedication. Addresses voting members of Senate to trust her.
   2. Jess Wolf – current member of SJC committee, a commuter. Stresses it is important that the potential new VP is an elected position, asks commuters to vote that way.
   3. Maggie Calvert- current member of SJC, also a commuter. Represents FMLA, agrees it is important for VP to be an elected position. If not elected than will not have a vote on Senate.
   4. Olivia Hughs – president of Queen’s Org– feels that either way minorities will be excluded. SGA is a popularity contest, asks how will SGA make sure that candidates are up to par or qualified rather than just a spot on a ticket or a way to vote? Thank you to Victoria and Keshia and all others for their work.
   5. Malika Fields – Presidential Search Committee student representative. The first candidate, Dr. Wubah, was here today. Thanks to those who came to student session today, please join us for the rest of the week for our student sessions at 4:30. Important to make presence known, want to hear what students have to say, use hashtag and ask questions, be active!
   6. Keshia Booker – Thanks SGA for what they do every day and for the work on these amendments. Encourages all to consider the amount of work going forward. Asks to consider stipulations of a title, a VP carries a lot of weight, and consider the message that you send if the work does not fit the title. Consider oppressions that students are dealing with that are not well known. Know this is not a race issue.
      1. Black History Month – Leon Ford program at 7:00 pm next Monday
   7. Travis Moyer - Parliamentarian for ATA. “Run Rock Run”, will be raising money for St. Jude. Mirrors event of “Run Rich Run” during the NFL combine, will be at the stadium on Sunday and filming people running the 40. Every dollar that we send will be matched by the NFL.
   8. Kemoni Farmer – President of NAACP. Celebrated founding day of NAACP and the history of those who came before us. Working on compliance with national organization. Planning an event on Wed – “Dating with a Twist”, at 7pm.
4. **Old Business** – VP Keffer moves to untable the motion that SRSGA amends Article 2 of the constitution to include the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion as an executive board position**.** SenatorMiller seconds.

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: unanimous – motion untabled, moved to the floor.**

**Discussion:**

Tupper – Should move this forward as this stands now, show that SGA takes this seriously

Burdick – Commuters spoke on behalf of this, we are voting for our constituents

Damato – VP title holds weight that Chair does not, important to the message that will be sent to administration

Burdick – Sometimes current chair is not welcomed into meetings without title

Downey – Due to serious concerns of the election process and the qualifications of a popular vote- will be voting no, in favor of appointed position

Glover – Will be voting no for concern of appointment

Gordon – Even if there is 100% turnout in voting – minorities will be overruled

Tupper – Either way we are putting trust into whoever elects this position

Davis – Diversity is more than race – women, color, veteran, disability, trans, etc. – if all of those people prefer one candidate they would become the majority

Sorch – From a freshman standpoint, this position may be domino effect to better the university

Miller – Elected position as VP, as we are in this president search, will send a good message for our new president

Campbell – Hope future SGA president candidates would select the correct person to fill this position

**Vote: ROLL Call**

Senator Ben - Yes

Senator Burdick – Yes

Senator Campbell - Yes

Senator Damato - Yes

Senator Dawodu - Yes

Senator Downey – Nay

Senator Dunlop - Yes

Senator Glover - Nay

Senator Gordon - Nay

Senator Hazelett - Yes

Senator Kostelnik – Abstain

Senator Marvin -Yes

Senator Miller - Yes

Senator O’Hora - Yes

Senator Sorch - Yes

Senator Tupper – Yes

Senator Vickers - Yes

Senator Zeni - Yes

VP Vogelgesang - Yes

VP Keffer - Yes

VP Kline -Yes

Speaker Jenkins - Yes

**18 yes, 3 nay, 1 abstention: MOTION PASSES - Constitution Amended**

VP Keffer moves to untable the motion that the SRSGA amends Article 4 of the constitution to add the Social Justice Committee as a standing committee of SGA. Senator Zeni seconds.

**Discussion: none**

**Vote – unanimous, motion untabled, moved to the floor.**

**Discussion** – Point of clarification, the Social Justice Committee does count towards Senator office hours, committee considered unilaterally as all other committees.

**Vote: ROLL Call**

Senator Ben - Yes

Senator Burdick – Yes

Senator Campbell - Yes

Senator Damato - Yes

Senator Dawodu - Nay

Senator Downey – Yes

Senator Dunlop - Yes

Senator Glover - Yes

Senator Gordon - Yes

Senator Hazelett - Yes

Senator Kostelnik – Yes

Senator Marvin -Yes

Senator Miller - Yes

Senator O’Hora - Yes

Senator Sorch - Yes

Senator Tupper – Yes

Senator Vickers - Yes

Senator Zeni - Yes

VP Vogelgesang - Yes

VP Keffer - Yes

VP Kline -Yes

Speaker Jenkins - Yes

**Vote – 21 yes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions MOTION PASSES – Constitution amended**

VP Keffer moves to untable the motion that the SRSGA amends Article 6 of the constitution to include the Duties of the VP of Diversity and Inclusion. Senator Marvin seconds.

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: Motion passes with one nay from Glover, motion untabled, moved to the floor.**

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: ROLL Call**

Senator Ben - Yes

Senator Burdick – Yes

Senator Campbell - Yes

Senator Damato - Yes

Senator Dawodu - Yes

Senator Downey – Yes

Senator Dunlop - Yes

Senator Glover - Nay

Senator Gordon - Nay

Senator Hazelett - Yes

Senator Kostelnik – Abstain

Senator Marvin -Yes

Senator Miller - Yes

Senator O’Hora - Yes

Senator Sorch - Yes

Senator Tupper – Yes

Senator Vickers - Yes

Senator Zeni - Yes

VP Vogelgesang - Yes

VP Keffer - Yes

VP Kline -Yes

Speaker Jenkins - Yes

**20 yes, 2 nay – MOTION PASSES - Constitution Amended**

1. **New Business-**

**Motion #1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of January 29, 2018

**Campbell/Vickers**

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #2** – VP Keffer moves to approve the duties of the VP of Diversity and Inclusion

Senator Tupper seconds.

Parliamentarian Smith displays a document of proposed duties of the VP of Diversity and Inclusion;

Chair Davis reads the duties as proposed. The duties as read by Chair Davis differ from the duties displayed for the Senate’s consideration; Chair Davis’ version includes updates suggested by members of the Senate since the last informal meeting.

**Motion #3 -** VP Vogelgesang moves to amend the motion to read to approve the duties of the VP of Diversity and Inclusion *as amended*. Speaker Jenkins seconds.

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes to Amend.**

Motion on the floor to approve the duties of the VP of Diversity and Inclusion as amended (and attached to these minutes).

SenatorDowney moves to table motion until upcoming meeting. Senator Gordon seconds.

**Vote – 5 Yay – Glover, Downey, Gordon, Dawodu, Kostelnik**

**Nay – 17**

**Abstain – none**

**Table fails**

**Discussion** – Parliamentarian Smith remarks Senators have seen these duties multiple times by just going to meetings and retreat

Gordon – this will be an important position, does not take effect until next semester

Call to Question by Jenkins. Senator Marvin seconds.

**Vote - Yay – 18**

**Nay – 3 Gordon, Glover, Burdick**

**Abstain – Dawodu**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #4 -**  Senator Tupper moves that SRSGA approves the Finance Policy revisions. Senator Marvin seconds.

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: unanimous – Motion Passes**

**Motion #5** - Senator Miller moves that SRSGA approves the Athletic Training Association New Initiative Request for travel reimbursement in the amount of $270.95. Senator Campbell seconds.

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

Zach Moyer presents on behalf of the ATA. They attended the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association conference in Boston, had a student win quiz bowl and will be attending National conference. Member Megan Susi won EATA scholarship.

**Discussion**: Senator Glover - ATA always comes with great things

**Vote:** Motion passes with one abstention (Vickers)

**Motion #6** – Senator Burdick moves that the SRSGA funds the Sport Management Alliance New Initiative Request of $2,406 for the SEVT Conference. Senator Tupper seconds.

VP Keffer confirms the Finance Committee recommends approval.

SMA President Dallas Kline and VP King present the request. The SMA was invited to compete in the national Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow Conference. The request will help fund registration fees and hotel accommodations.

**Discussion:** This request if approved will come out of new initiative funds.

**Vote:** Motion passes with abstentions from Kline and Sorch.

**Motion #7** – Senator Zeni moves that the SRSGA approves the University Program Board’s New Initiative Request of $2,602 for the NACA conference. Senator Vickers seconds.

Celine Halt, UPB Director University Events and William Van der Wende, UPB Director of Media Relations, present the request. If approved the funds will cover flights, hotel, and registration for 3 current Directors of UPB to attend. The conference is the National Association for Campus Activities and will assist UPB with planning events for SRU students.

**Discussion:** Senator Downey - as a member of UPB, this conference will be very beneficial for them and excited for them to go, getting our name out there. Senator Burdick comments they presented themselves well in Finance Committee.

**Vote:** Motion passes with one abstention from Downey

**Motion #8** – Senator Sorch moves that the SRSGA approve Men of Distinction’s New Initiative Request for $1,120 for speaker fees. Senator Miller seconds.

Members of Men of Distinction Farmer, Moore, and Hall present on bringing Antif Lanier to campus for an event about the stereotypes that black men face. Scheduled for April 4th location and time to be determined.

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** Motion passes unanimously

**Motion #9-** That SRSGA opens the floor for senator elections

**Vogelgesang/Dunlop**

Commuter Senator Election – Elizabeth Hernandez has applied for the position: Junior Political Science and Spanish major, been on SGA for 2 years, previously a Freshman Senator and Speaker of the Senate, last semester studied abroad. Passionate about SGA, loved every second, coming back as a true commuter gives new perspective; we have commuters that travel from over an hour away. Experienced SGA elections in Australia. Would like to focus on providing more resources to true commuters.

**Discussion**: Malika Fields (from audience), speaks on Hernandez’s behalf passionate about SGA.

**Vote: Roll Call**

Senator Ben - Yes

Senator Burdick – Yes

Senator Campbell - Yes

Senator Damato - Yes

Senator Dawodu - Yes

Senator Downey – Abstain

Senator Dunlop - Yes

Senator Glover - Yes

Senator Gordon - Yes

Senator Hazelett - Yes

Senator Kostelnik – Yes

Senator Marvin -Yes

Senator Miller - Yes

Senator O’Hora - Yes

Senator Sorch - Yes

Senator Tupper – Yes

Senator Vickers - Yes

Senator Zeni - Yes

VP Vogelgesang - Yes

VP Keffer - Yes

VP Kline -Yes

Speaker Jenkins - Yes

*Elizabeth Hernandez is elected with one abstention from* Downey

**Motion # 10 –** Senator Kostelnik moves for five minute recess. Senator Downey seconds.

**Yay – (3) Kostelnik/Glover/Downey**

**Nay- (19)**

**Motion Fails**

**North Hall Elections**:

Corinne Rockefeller – Freshman in North Hall, Environmental Studies and Sustainability major. North Hall needs representation in SGA, looking for leadership roles, attended open session (informal Senate) last week. In High School involved as Interact Club-President and VP of Art Club. Familiar with people in North Hall and House Council, motivated and has time to devote.

Emily Smolinsky – Freshman Political Science major, North Hall House Council. Attended SGA Outreach Committee, would like to bring constituents problems and concerns to SGA. Leadership skills include Secretary of Student Council and Treasurer of Psychology Club in High School. Involved with House Council and FLSP.

**Discussion:** Parliamentarian Smith informs the Senate that the Rhoads Hall position is also vacant, and as such either candidate could be elected to serve as the Rhoads Hall Senator.

**Vote: Roll Call (North Hall)**

Senator Ben - Corinne

Senator Burdick – Abstain

Senator Campbell - Emily

Senator Damato – Emily

Senator Dawodu - Emily

Senator Downey – Abstain

Senator Dunlop - Emily

Senator Glover - Emily

Senator Gordon - Abstain

Senator Hazelett - Emily

Senator Kostelnik – Abstain

Senator Marvin -Emily

Senator Miller - Emily

Senator O’Hora - Emily

Senator Sorch - Emily

Senator Tupper – Emily

Senator Vickers - Corinne

Senator Zeni - Emily

VP Vogelgesang - Abstain

VP Keffer - Emily

VP Kline -Corinne

Speaker Jenkins - Corinne

*Emily Smolinsky elected as North Hall Senator*

**Vote: Roll Call (Rhoads Hall)**

Senator Ben - Yes

Senator Burdick – Yes

Senator Campbell - Yes

Senator Damato - Yes

Senator Dawodu - Yes

Senator Downey – Abstain

Senator Dunlop - Yes

Senator Glover - Yes

Senator Gordon - Nay

Senator Hazelett - Yes

Senator Kostelnik – Yes

Senator Marvin -Yes

Senator Miller - Nay

Senator O’Hora - Yes

Senator Sorch - Yes

Senator Tupper – Yes

Senator Vickers - Yes

Senator Zeni - Yes

VP Vogelgesang - Abstain

VP Keffer - Yes

VP Kline -Yes

Speaker Jenkins - Yes

*Corinne Rockefeller elected Rhoads Hall Senator*

**Motion # 11 –** VP Vogelgesang moves to confirm the election of Elizabeth Hernandez , Commuter Senator, Corinne Rockefeller, Rhoads Hall Senator, and Emily Smolinsky, North Hall Senator. Senator Campbell seconds.

**Discussion: none**

**Vote: unanimous, Motion Passes.**

Senator Downey rises to a point of order. Regarding the vote to approve the duties of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, the Senate voted on the call to question but did not then vote on the motion on the floor to approve the duties.

VP Keffer moves to approve the duties of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion as amended. Speaker Jenkins seconds.

**Discussion: none**

***Motion passes with nays from Gordon and Dawodu and an abstention from Glover***

**VII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-**
   1. Discussions we are having and level of engagement are a positive for this group. The last two meetings are some of the best meetings in her experience with SGA. Senators are putting thought into what they are doing. Congratulations to those who have worked on SJC.
2. **Lauren Moran-**
   1. Congratulations to all of those who put in effort to SJ, several years in the making, strong message to campus
   2. Homecoming is only 6 months away, 5 coordinator positions are available
3. **Dr. Kershaw-**
4. Amazing work, institutionalize commitment to diversity and inclusion
5. Ongoing process, next step, what policies and procedures we do and don’t have
6. **Dr. Smeak**
   1. Congrats to new senators
   2. Good job everyone – comments well thought out

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion #12 -** That SRSGA adjourns the meeting **at 10:46 pm**

**Keffer/Dawodu**

**Vote: unanimous, Motion Passes**

**Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion**

It shall be the duty of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion to:

1. Hold 12 office hours a week
2. Chair the social justice committee and oversee its operations, projects, and campaigns
3. Complete policy-based advocacy throughout the semester that directly benefits the minoritized and disenfranchised students at SRU
4. Create an advocacy project every year that can be focused on a mixture of outreach, programming, and philanthropy
5. Meet with the directors or assistant directors from offices of inclusion or representation a minimum of once a semester including but not limited to: The Office for Inclusive Excellence, The Women’s Center, The Pride Center, The Office for Students with Disabilities, The Office of Global Engagement. Further meetings may be delegated to committee members if necessary.
6. Represent students with diverse, underrepresented, and minoritized identities including: race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability status, etc.
7. Put together diversity trainings each year for all members of SRSGA Senate or introduce a 3rd party program to do so
8. Represent SRSGA on the President’s DEI taskforce or any congruent committee or appoint a senator to do so.