

SRSGA Formal Meeting Agenda/Minutes

November 4, 2024

Call to order – By President bloom at 5:01 pm

Roll Call – VP Sennett

Executive Board

- a) Ella Bloom – President
- b) Jaeda Johnston – VP of Finance
- c) Annalese Isenberg – VP of Student & Academic Affairs
- d) Connor Pavlicko – VP of Outreach
- e) Emily Sennett - VP of Internal Affairs
- f) Mercedes Nearhood – VP of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
- g) Raegan Czerniewski -Parliamentarian
- h) Owen Maharg -Speaker of the Senate

College of Business

- a) Senator Brown
- b) Senator George
- c) Senator Muhongerwa-Davis

College of Education

- a) Senator Ecklund
- b) Senator Maharg
- c) Senator Williams
- d) Senator Panaiia

College of Health Professions

- a) Senator Caroff
- b) Senator Sofranko
- c) Senator Ogoreuc

College of Engineering & Science

- a) Senator Carbone
- b) Senator Koch
- c) Senator Kuth
- d) Senator Schmidt

College of Liberal Arts

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Kawata
- c) Senator Mortenson
- d) Senator Spradling

Commuter

- a) Senator Pagnotta
- b) Senator Wolford

Residence Hall

- a) Senator Guerrero
- b) Senator Watkins

Transfer

- a) Senator Beatty

Veteran

- a) Senator Reed

International

a) Senator Zaveri

Athlete**First-year**

- a) Senator Burt
- b) Senator Corbin
- c) Senator Domingos
- d) Senator Hussien

Graduate**At-Large**

- a) Senator Clemency
- b) Senator Freilino
- c) Senator Hamilton
- d) Senator Leitera
- e) Senator Nees
- f) Senator Starkey

Advisors

- a) Patrick Beswick
- b) Wendy Leitera

APSCUF Representative

a) Dr. Mark Shotwell

Excused: Maharg, Pagnotta, Ogoreuc, Kuth, Caroff, Clemency, Guerrero

Absent:

Guest Speakers: Provost Zieg and Dr Hilton

Provost Zieg: Thank you all, I'm Michael Zieg and I'm the Provost

Dr. Hilton: and I'm Dr. Hilton the president of APSCUF.

Provost Zieg: We've been speaking with Annalese and working on changing the contract, hoping it would impact our students. You hopefully will not have office hours from any professors anymore, the idea is that we are listening to students and here to serve students to be consulted. The major change is the name, the other difference is how it is determined. It is set up to meet the needs of the students. The new contract gives the faculty to have flexibility to better suit the student's needs.

Dr. Hilton: So, what we're looking at here is the official language; Full-time teaching faculty members as defined in this Article shall maintain a minimum of five (5) hours for student consultation per week on no fewer than three (3) different days at such times and locations, and in such modalities (i.e., virtual or in-person), as will accommodate the needs of the students. Teaching faculty members not defined as full-time, or those with a reduced teaching load for reasons such as a grant-funded alternative workload assignment, shall maintain a prorated number of hours for student consultation each week, at a minimum of twenty-five (25) minutes

for each workload hour taught, at such days, times and locations, and in such modalities (i.e., virtual or in-person) as will accommodate the needs of the students. The schedule of student consultation hours for each faculty member shall be posted in such manner so as to be easily observed by the students. Virtual allows for more flexibility, it will vary by types of work and department by department.

Provost Zieg: it will be posted on doors as well as in syllabus, to be accessible and easily observed

Senator Beatty: My question is surrounding the student consultation hours per week, how is that factored into student's times? What is the cutoff, some commuters only come Tuesday and Thursday

Dr. Hilton: That is mostly at the discretion of the faculty member, there are limits too that. The cutoff point is at the members discretion, it's to accommodate students and their class schedule

Provost Zieg: At the beginning of the semester, we looked over the syllabi to review consultation hours. Overall, the deans were impressed by the professors. I've found that almost all faculty members are willing to set up times outside of their office hours to meet student needs. Things are never perfect, so please bring complaints to us if there are any?

Dr. Shotwell: That is language in our contract that we agree to, and it is part of our job, office hours are based on our schedules and I know as a professor I am very willing to accommodate via appointments, What you don't want to do is perform poorly and then backtrack letting us know you cannot attend our hours.

Senator Beatty: I was just curious, I'm not 100% on the language, is appointment-based meetings required from professors? Or is that something extra professors doing?

Dr. Hilton: That's not in the contract, that is out of office hours for professors and is an above and beyond ability of a Professor.

Senator Schmidt: If that's not an option, what is a students backup plan? Is there language in the contract to protect the student and allow for a meeting time

Dr. Hilton: Each department has a chair and that's what they are responsible for.

Provost Zieg: I'd just like to add, I was formally a professor, please spread the word, faculty loves to talk and see our students. Please attend our office hours. Go to office hours, this our job and we care about your success, this is an opportunity for a very human experience with your professors.

Senator Paniiia: Is this taking affect immediately or is this being implemented later?

Dr. Hilton: It took affect this semester, it was ratified last year.

Rockstar of the Week:

Officer/Committee Reports:

President – Hi everyone, I am here, sorry I was not here last week I was touring law schools. I am meeting with Dr. Riley this Friday and we have lots to discuss. The board of student government presidents is meeting next week. Senator Sofranko and I are sitting on the green fund, which funded the prairies. We have a turf meeting tomorrow and will have more updates next week. Shameless plug for a philosophy club event: philosophy of twilight.

VP SAA – Happy to be back everyone, committee time is after our formals, we have moved our location to SSC 325. Safety week is approaching, MMA is co-hosting an event, please show up and how out! I have a slight adjustment of my hours this week due to voting day tomorrow. Provost Zieg printed out these student consultations change papers.

VP Finance- I wanted to update you on our reserves amount, I wanted to talk about the new initiative requests.

VP Outreach – Hi everyone, we have a couple events tomorrow: busses to the polls, thank you volunteers. Please vote! FMLA take back the night is Friday; joy day is soon. FSL's first generation event is coming. If you need a headshot taken, please see me after this week.

VP Internal – hi all! Please read the weekly email each week and rsvp for Friendsgiving, I also want to encourage everybody to vote tomorrow!

VP DEIB – hi everyone, firstly, diversity events for office units were going to add a section to have what you learned from our events. Please show up to the events, poll busses.

Parliamentarian – Not much of an update, we have three clubs being approved this evening. Rules and policies worked really hard on perfecting these.

Speaker –

VP Sennett (on behalf of Speaker Maharg)- Owen is sick so I am doing his report, just a quick shoutout to Emma Williams for going above and beyond with office units the past two weeks.

Commission Reports:

President Bloom: Reminder for At-Large senators must present once a semester, keep that in mind moving forward.

Rock of the Week: Brady Domingos

VP Johnston: Brady has been putting in a lot of hard work during committee and really showing effort to help out and understand the policy.

Open Forum:

President Bloom: I'd like to entertain the motion to suspend Roberts rules to discuss potential senators

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: Point of information: please repeat the motion

Senator Williams: I move to suspend Roberts Rules
Second Senator Ecklund

Senator Ecklund: I move to reinstate Roberts Rules
Second: Senator Domingos

Senator Zaveri: I am the International Senator and member of the international club, just wanted to discuss the International Students Dinner as well as International Students week has been canceled, we are working with upper-level admin to fix these issues and wanted SGA to be aware

Senator Beatty: I just wanted to share that I was appointed as the Academic Discovery Chair for the new pillar, they're looking for student input, were meeting Nov 15th so let me know if you want me to report anything!

Senator Spradling: So, this week the college of liberal arts met with dean bower, were currently looking at students and maintaining intersectionality

President Bloom: Audience, this is your opportunity to speak during our meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the October 21st, 2024 meeting.

First – Senator Domingos

Second – Senator Nees

Motion #2: I move to approve Erin Thagard as College of Health Professions Senator

First – Senator Spradling

Second – Senator Beatty

Motion #3: I move to approve Aderinmola Adegbulu as At-Large Senator

First – Senator Zaveri

Second – Senator Carbone

Senator Zaveri: I personally know Derin as she is a close friend of mine and will do great

VP Johnston: I also highly endorse Derin

Swearing in of new senators

Motion #4: I move to approve the Audience of One Club as a recognized student organization.

First – VP Pavlicko

Second – Senator George

Senator Zaveri: Can I ask what this club is?

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: Audience of one is focused on student athletes focuses on their path with God.

Motion #5: I move to approve SRU Street Styles as a recognized student organization.

First – Senator Carbone

Second – Senator Leitera

President Bloom: what club is this?

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: this club focuses on introducing performers to street style dances

Motion #6: I move to approve Fiber Arts Club as a recognized student organization.

First – VP Sennett

Second – Senator Starkey

VP Sennett: I am familiar with this club and am glad they're official now and will have access to more resources

Motion #7: I move to approve American Concrete Institute Student Chapter at SRU as a recognized student organization.

First – Senator Zaveri

Second – Senator Corbin

Senator Starkey: What is this club?

Parliamentarian Czerniewski: It's a group of students passionate about the study and engineering of concrete

Motion #8: I move to approve Inline Hockey's New Initiative Request of \$1181.50.

First – VP Johnston

Second – Senator Watkins

VP Johnston: I wanted to approve this separately, so you all feel comfortable asking questions on individual reports/requests.

Motion #9: I move to approve Pi Alpha Theta's Conference Request of \$500.

First – Senator Domingos
Second – Senator Schmidt

President Bloom: I would like to apologize for name pronunciations, we will have name plates and phonetic spelling soon

APSCUF Report:

Dr. Shotwell- Don't forget the withdrawal deadline is this Wednesday, do not wait until the last minute. Check out the percussion ensemble concert this week!

Advisor Reports

Wendy- Welcome new senators. Busses to polls tomorrow, use them if you can! Suites are township and traditional is bureau, there's information at the table. Our SGA scholarship application opens today, it's on core and is a student leadership scholarship. Its open to all students, deadline is next Friday at 11:59 pm.

Adjournment –

VP Pavlicko: I move to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm
Second- Senator Williams

VP Pavlicko- reminder to stay behind for headshots!

VP Isenberg- I have the info sheets from Provost Zieg, come grab one if you want it

President Bloom: once again shameless plug of the philosophy club event tomorrow