**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of April 2nd, 2018  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 8:46 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Sarver

Senator Marvin

Senator Miller

Senator O'Hora

Senator Rockefeller

Senator Smolinsky

Senator Sorch

Senator Tupper

Senator Vickers

Senator Zeni

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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  **Victoria Davis**, Chair of Social Justice Committee  **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 Dunlop  Senator Glover  Senator Hazelett  Senator Hernandez  Senator Kostelnik  22 voting members  Excused: Dr. Smeak, Lauren Moran, Senator Glover  Late:  Unexcused: |

1. **Guest Speakers**

Physical Therapy Pro-Bono Club

* Dana from Physical Therapy Pro-Bono Club discussed their conference experience at Widener University. The group is a Pro-Bono service organization that is working towards establishing a clinic on SRU’s campus. Currently they work in the Butler County area in Assisted Living Facilities providing services. They went to this conference to talk to other students at different universities who already established clinics.
  + Questions:
  + When will it be open?
    - They are hoping for the summer and looking for licensed PT’s right now for supervision.

Dr. Wilmes- Associate Provost for Student Success

* A University Committee is reviewing FYRST Seminar and looking for feedback and assistance from students. Dr. Wilmes asked the group to think about “what is something you needed to know your first year of college but didn’t get”.
  + Responses:
    - Transfer students , particularly middle of the year transfer issues, feel it would be beneficial to be included in FYRST.
    - Meal Plans options.
    - Standardize offices that come to the program.
    - Academic services: writing center, tutoring center
    - Standardize overall, not by department/major.
    - Other resources on campus: example Old Main services.
    - More interactive experiences, field trips on campus. Getting out of the classroom.
    - International students would like to be in the same FYRST as other students to make friends.
    - Graduate Students FYRST
    - Safety and protocols for the university.
    - Maybe not being too major specific, but more general due to major changes.
    - Help students know their financial aid and options. (for first generation students)
    - Advisor and how to read your Rock Audit.
    - Clubs and Organizations, to expose students to the multifaceted life.

1. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Lawler** 
      1. Thanked everyone for attending the Virginia Tech Speaker
      2. Suite Leadership Transition Meeting
      3. SRSGA Board of Directors Position applications are on CORE.
      4. SGA Elections: Good Luck
   2. **VP Vogelgesang**
2. Food Pantry-Donation bins in Boozel, ARC, Library and the Student Center
3. Active shooter drill
   1. April 19th @ 8am
   2. Looking for volunteers
4. Manual locks on doors across campus by next fall
   1. **VP Keffer**
      1. Tonight we will be voting on 2018-2019 Student Activity Fee budget submissions of $2,214,415.81.
      2. Also looking to approve an additional $35,000 to the current Budgetary Reserves.
      3. There will be a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Capital Budget of $100,000.
      4. New Initiatives:
         1. Student Union for Multicultural Affairs $3,000 for speaker fees.
         2. Internations Clubs $120.00 for lighting equipment
         3. Inline Hockey $2,676.60 for their National Competition.
         4. Rocket $6,116.60 for camera equipment.
   2. **VP Kline**
      1. Spring Fling is April 24th, from 11 to 2.
      2. The movie is *Jumanji* this weekend.
      3. The resource tab on our website is coming along nicely and will be active soon.
      4. Club and Org Spotlight this week is Rock Royalty
      5. There is going to be a second “Dive-In” movie at the ARC, and we are showing *Jaws*
      6. An outdoor movie is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd, we will be showing *Mean Girls*.
      7. Carpool Karaoke on the Happy Bus will be coming up soon.
   3. **VP Sarver**
      1. Bonding will be April 20th, and we are watching *The Lorax*.
      2. Elections are happening right now!.
   4. **Speaker Jenkins**
      1. Buildings are working on their constituency project.
      2. Commuters are doing the Walking Campaign again. More details to come soon.
   5. **Parliamentarian Smith** 
      1. Committee will be recommending additional Constitutional amendments and policy revisions for next year’s Senate.
      2. One club will be coming to the floor tonight for recognition.
   6. **Social Justice Chair Davis** 
      1. “Go With the Flow” is going on right now and donations will be taken until next Friday (April 13th). Groups can sign up on CORE or individuals can drop off at the SGA office.
      2. The transition documents for the new position and standing committee are being discussed right now, and if anyone is interested in helping shape that please attend committee on Thursdays at 5.
5. **Open Forum**
   1. **VP Kline –** Thank you for participating in Relay for Life. Tomorrow is “Drop the Mic” in the Student Center.
6. **Old Business**- none
7. **New Business-**

**Motion # 1** - That SRSGA approves the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting.

(Tupper/Vickers)

Chairwoman Davis asks VP Sarver why the names were not in the minutes for the dismissal vote for Parliamentarian Smith (names of Senators and how they voted). VP Sarver replied

not all of them put their names on the paper ballot, and she was unable to record accurately. However, the vote count is correct.

Chairwoman Davis states to the Senate to please name yourself when voting by paper ballot. It is your jobs to be dutiful to your constituency.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yay – 22

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes

**Motion # 2** –  That SRSGA approves the 2018-2019 Club and Organization budget submissions totaling $2,214,425.81

(Tupper/Miller)

VP Keffer reports earlier this semester, SGA set the 2018-2019 Student Activity Fee budget at $2,308,118. Over 135 organizations submitted requests totaling $2,446,238.39 (approximately $135,000 over the budget); the Finance Committee reviewed each submission and made adjustments based on a number of considerations including whether the request was detailed, complete, and adhered to Finance Policy; the number of students involved or served by the organization; the organizations contribution to the greater student body; and past budget allocations.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yay – 21

Nay – 0

Abstain – Senator Burdick

Motion Passes

**Motion # 3** - Senator Sorch moves to approve an additional $35,000 to the current Budgetary Reserves. Senator Marvin seconds.

VP Keffer reports this current year (2017-2018) SGA set the budget at $2,198,208. To date we have collected $2,441,000.00, which is a surplus of $242,792. Finance Committee is recommending using $35,000 of this surplus to add to the current budgetary reserves for consideration of any remaining new initiative requests this year.

Questions:

VP Kline asks if this has happened in past years?

VP Keffer answers yes it has happened in the past, but not last year.

Discussion:

Parliamentarian Smith supports and states that we will not stop getting NIRs, so it is important to give back their money.

VP Keffer: Students pay this fee, and we should not stop giving it back to them.

Vote: Yay – 22

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes

**Motion #4** - Senator Dunlop moves to approve the 2018-2019 Capital Budget at $100,000. Senator Tupper seconds.

VP Keffer reports this is the amount the Finance Committee recommends for consideration of capital budget requests, based on the current surplus discussed above. Currently there are $67,976.48 in requests that were submitted for 2018-2019, and they will be reviewed by Finance Committee for recommendations at the next Senate meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Yay – 22

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes

**Motion # 5** - Senator Smolinsky moves to approve the SUMA New Initiative Request of $3,000.00 for speaker fees. Senator Miller seconds.

Josaia Cole speaks on behalf of SUMA. Their mission is to bring different organizations together. The annual Unity Week is coming and they collaborate with many different groups. Payton Head was Student Body President of Missouri and is an activist because of his experiences of being Black and LGBTQIA++. SUMA will be bringing him to campus on April 18th at 7:00 in ECB.

VP Keffer reports this request has been sent with recommendation for approval from the Finance Committee.

Discussion:

Chairwoman Davis: This is an awesome and worthy event and SUMA members have been coming to SGA meetings all year. Wants us to give our support to them as they have for us.

Vote: Yay – 22

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes

**Motion # 6** - Senator Hernandez moves to approve the Internations club New Initiative Request of $120.00 for lighting. Senator Miller seconds.

Parto Bahreini from Internations is requesting new lights so they do not have to continue to rent equipment for their events.

Questions:

Ms. Bishop asks what type of lights because these are very cheap?

Parto responds they are using existing funds from their budget to cover the rest.

How long do the lights last?

She does not know, but she says they will last a long while.

Discussion:

Senator Miller supports and it just gives them more funds for them to do other things.

Senator Kostelnik asks why this is not considered a capital item?

VP Keffer answers it is under the minimum cost to be considered capital.

Vote: Yay – 20

Nay – 0

Abstain – Senators Marvin & Tupper

Motion Passes

**Motion # 7** - Senator Marvin motions to approve the In-line hockey New Initiative Request of $2,676.60 to attend a national competition in Fargo, ND. Senator Campbell seconds.

VP Keffer reports initially the club requested over $20,000 and the Finance Committee reduced the amount they are recommending due to lack of player dues and total of funding plus new initiative requests they have already received this year. The $2,676.60 plus the funds in their current budget would cover their registration and practice fees but requires they fund travel and lodging.

Team members present. They made an excel sheet of all costs for the trip and ask for an extra $2,000 to be added to the request. The $2,000 will help fund rental vans to transport the team. They explain they did not budget for nationals because they did not expect to qualify. They are fundraising and raised $1,200.00 in the last week.

Questions:

Senator Vickers asks “when did you find out that you were going”? Team members respond one week before spring break.

VP Keffer asks “without the extra $2,000, how much would it cost each player?” Team members respond around $120.00/player.

Senator Smolinsky asks if this amount per player is with the fundraising? Team responds Yes.

Senator Tupper asks if this number was determined before the last finance meeting? Team responds “yes and no”, they had similar spreadsheet but it has been updated with new information.

Senator O’Hora asks “how many people are going”? Team responds 23 players plus 5 coaches. They have two teams going.

Senator Tupper asks why they did not present rental vans as an option to Finance Committee?

Team responds they were being more optimistic requesting flights then buses, and they started exploring other options once finance denied.

Speaker Jenkins asks “when is tournament and will you keep fundraising”? Team responds tournament starts April 11th and yes.

VP Vogelgesang asks “did you move your self-support from CoOp to a bank off campus”.

Team reports their self-support account is zero.

VP Kline asks “how do you qualify for the tournament”? Team responds through games during their regular season.

Senator Tupper asks “what if you only took one team”? Team responds fundraising has been a struggle and if they only send one there could be a penalty assessed from the league if a team does not go.

Chairwoman Davis asks “are you both from the D-3 team”? Team responds yes.

Follow up question from the Chairwoman, “is there any from the D1 team here tonight”?

Yes, they are in the audience

Senator Ben asks “how are you fundraising” Team responds they set up a Go Fund Me and hosted a tournament, they also have another one coming up.

VP Vogelgesang asks “when was the executive board elected”? Team responds this executive board was just established two/three weeks ago.

Discussion:

Parliamentarian Smith comments the dollar amount is greater because of the amount of people going. He says it is promoting the team, that we normally do similar requests and because it looks good for our university.

VP Vogelgesang comments from his own experience and supports there are two teams because the injury rate is high and they need both for playing.

VP Keffer says he still holds to the original dollar amount presented. He explains that he understands there has been some shifting in the executive board, but they have received multiple NIR and they do not pay dues as a team. He further comments that like groups pay way more than $120/player. They also went accepted the bid and paid through (the University) accounts payable before they discussed it with us.

Senator Burdick asks “what is the accounts payable”?

VP Keffer responds they used university funds and are now in debt for those fees.

Senator Tupper comments, we have given them a lot of money, but we did just approve an additional $35,000 dollars for new initiative requests for the rest of the semester.

Ms. Bishop comments it sets a bad precedence that they have gone into debt before asking us. She does not think that is a good example for us to approve something after the fact.

Senator Smolinsky comments they should have been fundraising from the beginning.

Senator Burdick comments the request is unorganized accepting the bid was impulsive. What kind of precedence are we setting for the future? Are we allocating the students funds in the right way?

President Lawler reminds the Senate they are voting on the original request of $2,676.60.

Vote: Yay – 20

Nay – 0

Abstain – Miller & Burdick

Motion Passes

**Motion # 8** - Senator Ben moves to approve The Rocket Capital Request of $6,116.90 for camera equipment. Senator Dunlop seconds.

VP Keffer reports the motion is sent forward with a recommendation of approval as written.

Paris Malone and Cody Nespor from The Rocket. They have two paid staff positions and do not want students in those positions to use their own cameras for photos. Currently have an 11-year-old camera and the weather proofing has failed and they are not comfortable with taking it to sporting events.

Questions:

How is it weather proofed? Rocket responds the latches are not working now and condensation can cause damage.

Will you still use this camera? Rocket responds the camera will still be used indoors.

Discussion:

VP Keffer comments their existing camera lasted 11 years with great use, shows that they care about their equipment. Also, they recently received an award from a national organization on their website and that is heavily dependent on quality photos.

Vote: Yay – 20

Nay – 0

Abstain – Miller & Burdick

Motion Passes

**Motion #9** – Senator Kostelnick moves to approve Lambda Pi Eta as a recognized student organization. Senator Smolinsky seconds.

Carlee Smith is the Vice President. Organization is the Communication Majors Honorary. They focus on networking, skill building, and advice for the future. They also do community service. They are having a student town hall meeting. They go to communications conferences.

Questions:

“Are Communications minors allowed to join”. Smith responds, no just majors due to the GPA requirement.

One of the reasons for seeking recognition was funding, why is that?

Smith responds the Communications department helps fund several organizations and the honorary wants to establish an SGA budget to help.

VP Keffer details what SGA does and does not fund.

Discussion:

VP Vogelgesang comments he really supports this group and knows members personally, and he works with them and they strive to be successful.

Vote: Yay – 22

Nay – 0

Motion Passes

**Motion # 10** – Senator Vickers moves to reconsider the In-line Hockey new initiative request of $2,676.60. Senator Marvin seconds.

Discussion:

Senator Marvin – Senator Vickers and I were discussing how to amend the motion when it was on the floor because we feel like they are trying to fundraise but just do not have the organization to do this. We feel the vote needs to be reconsidered.

Senator Burdick - Thinks it is worthy of reconsideration if Senators were not prepared to vote or unsure how to amend.

VP Keffer states his vote is to remain the same due to what has been previously stated. His vote will still be no.

Senator Kostnestick –Also supports to reconsider due to Senator Burdick’s comments.

Senator Tupper – Agrees that it was the right vote, but we should still look at it if Senators did not have enough time to amend.

Speaker Jenkins asks can they make a new amendment? Parliamentarian Smith responds if vote to reconsider passes, we can amend the previous vote, or someone can make a new motion including the additional $2,000.

Speaker Jenkins thinks we should at least guarantee them the money they have already been approved for earlier.

President Lawler reminds the Senate the motion on the floor is to reconsider the motion only, not amend the motion at this time.

Vote: Yay – 17

Nay – Damato, Ben, Campbell, Keffer, Kline,

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes to reconsider

Motion #11 Senator Marvin moves to amend the In-line hockey new initiative request of $2,676.60 to add an additional $2,000.00 for a total of $4,676.60. Senator Vickers seconds.

Discussion:

Senator Marvin – we approve club sport all the time and believes that we should approve because they did not have much time to prepare for funding.

Senator Burdick says he wanted to add that we do support other organizations but our vote considers preparation, policy, etc.

VP Keffer repeats his vote is to remain the same due to the previous discussion. His vote will still be no.

VP Vogelgesang asks “what was their budget two years ago”?

Executive Director Leitera responds around $13,000 last year and $14,000 this year.

Speaker Jenkins comments each player will be responsible for around $116 to attend? That’s just attending, no food or other expenses. If we approve additional funds players expense to attend will decrease and allow more personal funds for food, etc.

VP Vogelgesang supports what Jenkins said. From own personal experience it will be very expensive for them. They need to start thinking for the future and that they do not charge dues.

Chairwoman Davis comments we are punishing current members for past leadership’s mistakes. We are frustrated and she agrees with Keffer but we need to remember on a fundamental level that it is not as simple as how much each payer will pay.

Vote: Yay – 8

Nay – Tupper, Damato, Ben, Smolinsky, Miller, Burdick, Hazelett, Kostelnik, Dunlop, Campbell, Zeni, Keffer, Kline, Sarver

Abstain – 0

Motion Fails

Senator Burdick asks if we have to approve the original motion since the amendment failed? The original motion (reconsidered) is open, only the amendment failed.

President Lawler calls for vote on original (reconsidered) motion to approve the In-line Hockey New Initiative Request of $2,676.60.

Vote: Yay – 20

Nay – 0

Abstain – Miller & Burdick

Motion Passes

VIII. Advisor’s Comments

1. Wendy Leitera- In regards to budgets and finance, she believes that two things are important. If this is something you are passionate about, you can get involved in finance committee. You can be a part of the decision making. She thinks people should be more involved with the process. The meeting for the 2018-2019 budget was an 8 hour process and committee was dedicated. She thinks that being a part of the process is the best way to get involved. Puts in a plug for the Board of Directors student position. The board looks at the strategic side of the corporation. If you have questions, please reach out directly.
2. Lauren Moran- none
3. Dr. Kershaw- He would like to have SGA think about and look at what have we done, what we can do, and set up the next group with best processes. Institutional knowledge and best practices for student groups is important.
4. Ms. Bishop - Thank you for the hard work with the budget and the hours spent on it.
5. Dr. Smeak - none

IX. Adjournment

**Motion #12** - That SRSGA moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:47pm

(Tupper/Campbell)

Vote: Yay – 22

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Passes