

# SRSGA Formal Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

## **Call to order - President Bloom**

A meeting of the SRSGA was held on October 16, 2023 in Vincent Science Center room 105 at 5 pm.

## **Roll Call – Speaker Steele**

### **Executive Board**

- a) Ella Bloom – President
- b) Sydney Rezzetano – VP of Finance
- c) Braydon Godfrey – VP of Student & Academic Affairs
- d) Robbi Austin – VP of Outreach
- c) VP of Internal Affairs
- f) Liz Hood – VP of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
- g) Ezeck Warren – Parliamentarian
- h) Emily Steele - Speaker of the Senate

### **College of Business**

- a) Senator George
- b) Senator Johnston
- c) Senator Wolfe

### **College of Education**

- a) Senator Cessna
- b) Senator Gable
- c) Senator Stiles

### **College of Health Professions**

- a) Senator Bradeis
- b) Senator Krizmanich
- c) Senator Sones
- d) Senator Steele

### **College of Engineering & Science**

- a) Senator Schmidt
- b) Senator Snyder

**College of Liberal Arts**

- a) Senator Atwood
- b) Senator Bell
- c) Senator Mortensen
- d) Senator Isenberg

**Commuter**

- a) Senator Double
- b) Senator Snyder

**Residence Hall**

- a) Senator Burchell
- b) Senator Carbone

**Transfer**

- a) Senator Hale

**Veteran**

- a) Senator Snodgrass

**International**

- a) Senator Bankosh -

**Athlete**

- a) Senator Delcoco

**First-year**

- a) Senator Maharg
- b) Senator Pavlicko
- c) Senator Sennett
- d) Senator Williams

**Graduate**

**At-Large**

- a) Senator Buchan

- b) Senator Caroff
- c) Senator Czerniewski
- d) Senator Hervatine -
- e) Senator Johnston
- f) Senator Ogoreuc

**Advisors**

- a) Patrick Beswick -
- b) Wendy Leitera

**APSCUF Representative**

- b) Dr. Sararose Lynch

Absent:

Excused:

Guest Speakers:

None

Rockstar of the Week Rock solid

VP Godfrey:

Appreciate recognition... Smaller 2-3 years, build engagement, meet Thursdays, and talk about everyday things, talk about everything useful stuff right out of college, break info down to help people build financial profiles, make some money through investing... NY trip meets alumni on Wall Street, brings 20 students, very cool experience, older alumni talk about the transition from college... Great networking opportunity... Very formal and informal at the same time, great networking opportunity. The rest of the year is more involved in more in-depth financial investing.

Officer/Committee Reports:

**President Bloom** – meeting with Dr. Riley: accessibility and inauguration event... Jenny Senko met with them about accessibility concerns for blind individuals.

**VP Godfrey** – meeting on Wed to discuss commuter students, not sure what it will entail... The Provost discussed restructuring the departments (physics and engineering being separated)... Dean meeting report reviews

**Senator Wolfe** – a new initiative for ACS and Conference Grant for PTA (filling in for VP Rezzetano)

**VP Austin** – thanks to clubs and organizations for your hard work, shoutout sol and sva wrapping up Hispanic Heritage Month, events going great, and everything is looking great.. Next Tuesday, safer sex spooktacular, setting up in place of committee meetings... everyone is welcome to come set up, working with inauguration to welcome President Riley

**VP Hood** – took on an internal role for the week .. SJC( met with Emily Dolan to come up with survey questions for nursing stations, reviewing those surveys .. please send on social media, etc., and want more student feedback, working on diversity event social justice response plan review) paint the town and spirit boards, meet behind elephant 8 around 8:30 throwing candy in parade, etc.

**Parliamentarian Warren** – working on organizations to get approved .. bringing three to the table tonight feel

#### Commission Reports:

Caroff – disability issues on Oct. 12 approaching 800 students 150 still waiting and working on the self-advocacy class, brail sign issue brought up... Students working with them to identify and fix, alternatives to brail> GPS software, etc. Automatic doors not working... adult changing stations need to be installed, and tennis courts have issues with permits. Forming focus groups led by volunteers: Students with, students without, and faculty with and without

Buchan Gender – are we meeting the needs of LGBTQ are we integrated, etc.

Have Un waiving support, need commission goals to align with strategic goals, amend bylaws etc., events on campus ROCK out drag show, pride tabling,

Snodgrass – military affairs – no one on the same page in general, working on everyone on the same page and involved, Mercer County Historical Society – checking graves (cleaning, using ancestries.)

#### Rock of the Week:

Haley Bradeis

Bloom – very helpful to me with inauguration

Austin – been really helpful since joining, super involved, any project thrown their way is completed more than asked of

Open Forum:

Warren – mergers/separations occurring: find out as much as you can, going to be affecting students (jobs, etc) only conjecture at the moment, some departments moving colleges, changing college demographics, etc. Departments are going to have to change reviews at the end of the year, motives not clear yet and not yet asking for student opinion, encourage students to find out

S Snyder- dean meeting with CES – enrollment increase, increasing the number of classes, focusing on community outreach, getting student feedback is often difficult – new concentration for math and stats – computer science dept looking to increase classes, computer competency exam no longer offered – going to be incorporated into rock studies, social media pages for departments, math placement tests not being taken soon enough

Thrasher: lol totally missed that

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2023 formal meeting.

First – Bell

Second – Hale

Sent out to us with plenty of time to read over, and there were no major errors.

Motion passes

Motion #2: I move to suspend the rules to vote on VP of Internal Affairs.

First – Double

Second – Isenberg

Motion Passes

Point of Information – suspend the rules to vote

Bloom – all filled out the application by the deadline and met all of the requirements.

Brandeis – if you can't hear me let me know, my name is Haley, thank you, everyone, for listening to our speeches. I plan to continue Nikole's work, create fun and engaging events, have as much input, work with the E-board in planning events, make SGA more accessible for all students, senate become more comfortable voicing opinions, originally joined as College of Health Professions senator and really like the organization. Internal mainly about you guys, focus on what you guys like, this should be a place where everyone feels at home and able to speak, nothing can be done without you and I hope I have your vote

Bell – as most of you know I have been in the Senate for a few years now, and have enjoyed my time, few things about internal, one being what I am doing, taking minutes, getting info out to students, secretary in high school and my role was to take minutes, I have volunteered as a note taker in almost every semester can make sure notes are sent out quickly, being dedicated to the senate. I have attended every single committee, most likely in a committee meeting, making sure every senator has all the resources they need, incorporating more bonding events to allow the senate to destress together ... making sure you have access to notes, and making sure you feel heard within the senate

George – College of Business senator, the third year in SGA, co-chair in SGA .. gained lots of knowledge about homecoming and plan out bonding events, do so much for them and not a lot of attendance, something she would like to focus on.. Bonding events are for you guys, why plan if no attendance? what would you guys want to see? Minutes are important, need to know what happens.. Detailed but not too detailed

Bloom – any questions?

Erin Wallace - I would like to get involved with SGA and help the College of Business

Kylee – psych major and transfer student from community college, involved in many clubs and student government, wants to help everyone and be involved

Chris – parliamentarian last year, at large up until 2 weeks ago, issues address and hopefully moved past, hoping to become at large again

Buchan – elaborate on why you left

The issue on participation with E-Board -> SGA internal VP and club outside of it, football game with military appreciation it was a heated rash decision for me to quit and I apologized but had to reapply by

Buchan - Heated rash decisions – can you make calculated decisions that benefit the Senate?

I am on the board of directors and this was a pride type thing I can make calculated decisions and have done this before this had to do with the last VP and myself

Stiles – why rejoin after slandering - don't care about SGA and I noticed in the application pointing out DEIB's importance but don't really care about the ideas of teenagers in the senate and makes me worry about the qualities of leadership

Active duty for 12 years worked with every race and background and religion and received an award for DEIB strong miscommunication, have never slandered SGA I love this organization, promised participation and did not receive, Senator Sones was the only one to show up and seemed like SGA did not care about veterans after talking with both advisors and E-Board as well we have realized that the issue lied with last VP so it is figured out.. I am gruff I was in the military it's not that I don't care for feelings, I was told I was being aggressive on a social media app, if you feel like that please come to me, I don't recognize it because that is something that I don't see

Stiles – do you as E-Board feel the issue is resolved?

Hood – occupational therapy off in Harrisville I didn't hear much and didn't know about the situation

Godfrey – aggressive convo on group me was regarding the... E-Board instructed not to speak on it and made a comment saying we will talk more lately, Chris was upset and later apologized, no hard feelings, water under the bridge now

Bloom – a fair share of communication between Chris and myself, a bit of aggressiveness between us, Chris yelled at me in the office, and feel as though it is my duty as president to encourage an inclusive environment for everyone, hesitation on my part on how to move forward, with the title of president there is respect needed. If he can speak to me that way how is he speaking to all of you, has since apologized but I am hesitant

Hale – issues during the last term, on a more positive note how would you like to have a positive influence

Chris – working with SAA on accessibility on the shuttle, something I feel strongly about being a disabled veteran hoping to follow as I graduate, working with all of you, there were some issues but I understand and have come to an understanding talking to leaders and feel that I can still work with all of you

Austin – as a person who comes from a family with a strong military background, I understand how individuals act in the military, but that's not how everyone acts... I don't get to be an abrasive human towards my small children, they are humans like me I don't get to treat them that way... If I had treated someone else like that I wouldn't have a job anymore so I think it is important to understand the difference between rash/unprofessional and straightforward

Snyder – was this related to a previous VP, why didn't this happen attendance at the event happen

Bloom – had meeting prior with myself and Wendy and had event the following Monday and received a resignation letter, Chris met Wendy.

Snodgrass – no one from SGA came to me about the incident, thanked Senator Sones for attending but have not heard anything from anyone else, not monetary

Rezzetano – I do my job and that's about it, in all my time working with Chris he has not spoken badly to me, I apologize because I was not in Slippery Rock, and I think it's sad that I was not able to attend

Warren - I would say that as humans we are prone to our passion, good and bad passions different, we all have moments of I wish we hadn't done that, the fact that he has atoned for it, whether or not we accept this apology, are we as an org. Something that gives second chances

Buchan – After SGA did not attend, was there any attempt at a solution?

Chris – Sunday email sent out, bonding event went great, no mention of SVA bonding event.. That is why I emailed Ella and the old VP and then offered my resignation... The rash part is that I quit without wanting to. I said I would end my time immediately and I felt bad, there was not any engagement afterward,.. Received an email after that was not helpful, but there were issues with that and the rash decision.. I should have allowed dialogue before I put that down



Sennett – obviously you're passionate, if you're planning on graduating in Dec. What are your intentions for next two months?

Chris – some of the stuff we did last year, big things being accessibility, being a disabled student I want to make sure campus is as accessible as possible, want to do better

Double – on a positive note, I believe we was an org are the type that will offer second chance, Chris is a very passionate individual and worked tirelessly to better the organization and continues to work tirelessly .. although he can sometimes let passions get the better of him, I have never seen him just try to be mean, he believes there is a justifying reason for it, very proud of his veteran background, was told there would be participation when there wasn't... I trust him and E-Board's word when they say they talked about it and trust that he knows he made a rash decision.. As a whole, Chris has helped out for the better

Hood – to speak on behalf of accessibility comment, fully aware of the issue, wanted to make sure the senate knows accessibility is not being pushed under the rug

Bloom – talk to Riley on a regular basis

Ella – entertain a motion to reinstate rules

1 – Styles

2 – Snyder

Motion passes

Motion #3: I move to approve \_Hunter Bell\_\_\_\_\_ as VP of Internal Affairs.

First – Hood

Second – Pavlicko

As the past VP for two years, I know this role well and think hunter will do a fabulous job

Motion passes

Abstain – Bell

Motion #4: I move to approve Erin Wallace as a College of Business senator.

First – Schmidt

Second – double

Schmidt - Congrats and hope you do well

VP Godfrey – known Erin since freshman year, does good work, Erin will be a great addition

Hood – very good at the music section in trivia

Motion passes

Motion #5: I move to approve Kylee Fabo as an At-Large senator.

First – Double

Second – Isenberg

Congratulations hope you do well

Motion passes

Motion #6: I move to approve Chris Thrasher as an At-Large senator.

First – hale

Second – double

Hale - I respect the amount of gut it takes to stand up in front of us

Motion passes

Swearing in of the new individuals

Motion #7 - I move to approve the finance report as read

First- Sennett

Second - Hood

You all had time to look over it, no need to go too far into it

Motion passes

Motion #8: I move to approve Beta Gamma Sigma as a recognized student organization.

First – double

Second – thrasher

Rules and policies – checked constitution and made sure everything was up to code

Snyder – what is beta gamma sigma?

Double – they are an honor society for upperclassmen business majors.

Motion passes

Motion #9: I move to approve the American Association of Drilling Engineers as a recognized student organization.

First – double

Second – Delcoco

As with the last motion, we are thorough in reviewing club constitutions, they are all good

Motion passes

Motion #10: I move to approve the Interprofessional Education Club as a recognized student organization.

First - Snyder

Second - Radis

Same as Senator Double, we went over the constitution, and all looks good

Thrasher: can you speak on what this is?

Snyder: there is a secondary education club on campus but this is more general for more majors

Motion passes

APSCUF Comments:

a) Dr. Sararose Lynch:

Advisor Comments:

a) Wendy Leitera:

Hello everyone, welcome new senators, I have not met all of you yet, let's do a name game at the next informal, couple of things that I wanted to comment on, one being some discussion on

consolidation, there is a provost search and VP Rezzetano sits on the search, all invited to sit on there, the provost is the chief academic officer that makes decisions about you as students, if you have concerns this is a prime opportunity for you to interview potential person ... I support what warren has said about making sure we are talking to students and bringing it back to the Senate, I don't have a lot of info but I do have a meeting tomorrow to get more info. Number two, when we had more senators up for election, I encouraged civil discourse within the Senate, it was very well done whether for or against it.. A prime example of how we should handle... Remind everyone that homecoming is happening this week... lots of events going on but please be smart. a lot of alumni here on campus, remember you represent SGA at all times, whether you realize it or not... Set an example and watch out for each other ... thank you.

b) Patrick Beswick

Adjournment:

Smith

George

1 oppose.

Motion passes

Adjourn the meeting at 6:31