**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of January 30, 2017  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Steigerwalt **at 8:46 pm**
2. **Roll Call VP Arpino**

Senator Montgomery

Senator O’Connor

Senator OHora

Senator Rebmann

Senator Richardson

Senator Sedon

Senator Smith

Senator Vickers

Senator Walker

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| Members:  **Logan Steigerwalt**, President  **Sarah Arpino,** VP Internal Affairs  **Abby Fugh,** VP of Student Affairs  **Brian Welsh,** VP of Financial Affairs  **Sammy Hovis**, VP of Campus Outreach  **Rachel Lawler,** Parliamentarian  **Elizabeth Hernandez,** Speaker of the Senate  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  **Dr. Pease-Hernandez,** Faculty Advisor  **Lauren Moran**, Advisor  APSCUF Representatives  **Dr. Jordan**  **Ms. Bishop** | Senator Bahrieni  Senator Banks  Senator Burdick  Senator Fields  Senator Foster  Senator Hartmann  Senator Jenkins  Senator Keffer  Senator Kerecman  Senator Kite  Senator Kline  Senator Miller  Excused:  Late: Ms. Bishop  Unexcused: Dr. Jordan |

**III. Guest Speakers**

**a. Robert Lagnese-Associate Director of Admissions**

* + - Orientation ambassador recruitment
    - 15 ambassadors, 4 returning members, 11 open positions
    - Service 6,000 people-families, parents, students
    - Looking for listeners and processors
    - Variety of majors- ability to facilitate a small group
    - GPA requirement- 2.85
    - 2 references and 1 recommendation letter
    - Informational meeting Tuesday January 31st- common hour room SSC 324
    - February 3rd – deadline for application

**b. Amir Mohammadi-VP Finance Administrative Affairs, and Advancement Services**

* + - Paul Novak is reaching out to Abby concerning violence against women program/training
    - Campus training drill for emergency response- wants SGA and Residence Halls to be involved
    - Involving Butler Firefighters and police department
    - Guaranteed Energy Savings Initiative-Agreement has been sent to PASSHE for approval
    - Spending 13.3 million dollars , approximately $783,000 savings/year
      * 1. $76,000 in personnel cost, Total savings of $20 million
    - Busiest summer of SRU history regarding renovations -Almost every building is going to be involved
    - In response to President Trump’s travel ban- We are reaching out to campus community making sure that everyone is aware that Slippery Rock is home and we are one inclusive, supporting environment

**IV. Officer/Committee Reports**

**a. President Steigerwalt**

* Open Positions

1. Building B Senator

2. Five Commuter Senators

3. Two Graduate Senators

* Board of Directors Student Representative Position open
* Code of Character Statement (attached to these minutes)-The President’s DEI Committee (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) shared this statement and is asking for feedback

1. Regarding the 4th bullet point “removing barriers, when possible” – why does “when possible” need to be stated?

2. Opening paragraph should include “gender”

* Club and Org Fair is scheduled for tomorrow during common hour in the Ballroom
* Urged students to read President Norton’s email in response to the travel ban
* SGA also wants to foster an all inclusive community on campus
* Liter of the Week-Riley Keffer

**b. Internal Affairs**

* SGA Flower Sale-February 13th and 14th from 11-2
* Flowers can be purchased outside Starbucks and at the UPB Event on Tuesday in the Ballroom

**c. VP Welsh**

* Budgeting season start February 20th through March 10th
* Informational sessions in the Theater:

1. February 6th at 5pm

2. February 7th at 12:30

3. February 9th at 12:30

* Conference Grant Applications are available now! Due February 17th
* Finance Committee meets Tuesdays at 3:30 pm in SSC 324

**d. VP Hovis**

* Check out the Senator Spotlight on Instagram
* This semester’s Happy Bus schedules are available at the Student Center Info Desk
* Saturday February 18th movie night with BAS “Race”
* This weekend’s movie is “Deep Water Horizon”
* Outreach Committee meets Mondays at 2:00 pm in the SGA office

**e. Speaker Hernandez**

* Building Senators Project-they will be taping questions on residents’ doors. If a student returns the questionnaire they will be entered into a drawing for a Starbucks gift card.
* Commuter Senators Project-there is a meeting with Dan Brown (Housing Director) to discuss commuter use of open rooms on campus in case of severe weather, late night studying, etc. Currently there are 6 beds open this semester.

**f. Parliamentarian Lawler**

* Looking to launch Civility Survey campus wide later this week.

1. Survey is intended to gage students’ perspective on civility and how we can better support them on campus

2. Students who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a Sheetz gift card

* Committee is working on rewriting the Graduate Senators responsibilities
* Partnering with Green and White Society at their “We are SRU” Event on February 23rd
* SGA Elections

1. Application packets will be launched on March 1st

2. Recruiting for an Elections Commissioner

**g. Social Justice Committee**

* The committee elected Autumn Smith as the new Chair and Victoria Davis as Co-chair. Senate will confirm later in the meeting.
* Plan for committee is to continue engaging in dialogue about important social justice issues on campus and in the community
* Goal is to educate students on how to utilize their voice while engaging in conversations about social justice issues

Following the Committee Reports, President Steigerwalt discussed the open student position for the Presidential Search Committee. President Steigerwalt explained that SGA will vote later tonight for one student and an alternate to serve on the committee that will be choosing the next President of the University. The minimum commitment is as follows:

½ day meeting in February

½ day meeting in April

Full weekend of meetings in April

1 ½ days of meetings in May

**V. Open Forum**

**a. Blake Kramer**-Student Nonprofit Alliance

* Cupcakes for a Cause is February 13th at 6:00 in the Ballroom. Looking for teams to sign up to compete, based on Food Network’s Cupcake Wars. $15/team, and top 3 teams proceeds donated to charity of choice.

**VI. Old Business-none**

**VII. New Business**

**Motion #1 –** That SRSGA approves the minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting.

**Smith/Vickers**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #2 –** That SRSGA approves Autumn Smith as Chairperson and Victoria Davis as Co- Chairperson of the Social Justice Committee

**Sedon/Kerecman**

**Motion passes with one abstention-Senator Richardson**

**Motion #3 –** That SRSGA approves the student representative for the Presidential Search Committee. The student who receives the most votes will serve on the committee, and the second highest votes will serve as an alternate.

**Kite/O’Connor**

President Steigerwalt asks if anyone present is interested in serving on the Search Committee.

Candidates are Malika Fields, Jaclynn Choma, and Abby Fugh.

President Steigerwalt opens the floor to Senate and audience members to ask questions.

Paper ballot vote (attached to these minutes).

Jaclynn Choma is confirmed as student representative, Malika Fields as alternate.

**Motion #4 –** That SRSGA approves the agreement with Places 4 Students to provide a web based listing service for off campus housing.

**Hartmann/Jenkins**

Places 4 Students will provide services via a link of the SGA website. Off campus landlords and property managers will have the opportunity to advertise available listings on the site for a fee. Students will not be charged to utilize the service to post lease sublet or roommate requests. Places 4 Students will reach out to landlords who currently use the SGA site to transition to the new service.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #5 –** That SRSGA approves the 2017-2018 Student Activity Fee Budget at $2,198,208.00

**Keffer/Miller**

VP Welsh-The Student Activity Fee Budget represents the amount the SGA allocates to clubs and organizations on campus. This amount represents a 7% increase over last year’s budget. Finance Committee recommends based on increases in both enrollment and tuition.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #6 –** That SRSGA approves a 7% increase for all club and organization base budgets.

**Sedon/Hartmann**

All clubs and organizations will be eligible for the 7% increase to their base budgets as opposed to tiered increases as has been approved in the past. New clubs and/or first time funding will remain at $500.00

**Motion Passes**

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

**a. Dr. Pease-Hernandez**-lead with your heart, incorporate notecard activity at Informal Senate

**b. Wendy Leitera**-pleased to hear the passion Autumn Smith displays for the Social Justice Committee, encourages everyone to get involved with SGA

**c. Lauren Moran**-urges the SJC to develop an initiative to advocate for students. Reminds everyone of the “Suite Sale” (supply give-away) tomorrow during the Club and Org Fair.

**IX.** **Adjournment**

**Motion #7 –** That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 10:22 pm

**Burdick/Walker**

**Motion Passes**