

# SRSGA Formal Meeting Agenda/Minutes

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Call to order - President Bloom at 5:03 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 Kato
- c) Senator Muhongerwa-Davis
- d) Senator A. Williams

## **College of Education**

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

## **College of Health Professions**

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

## **College of Engineering & Science**

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

## **College of Liberal Arts**

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

## **Commuter**

- a) Senator Wolford
- b) Senator Young

## **Residence Hall**

## **Transfer**

- a) Senator Beatty

## **Veteran**

- a) Senator Reed

**International**

a) Senator Zaveri

**Athlete****First-year**

a) Senator Burt

b) Senator Corbin

**Graduate****At-Large**

a) Senator Adegbulu

b) Senator Freilino

c) Senator Hamilton

d) Senator Leitera

e) Senator Mathie

f) Senator Nees

g) Senator Starkey

**Advisors**

a) Patrick Beswick

b) Wendy Leitera

**APSCUF Representative**

a) Dr. Mark Shotwell

**Excused: Koch, Panaiia, Brown, A. Williams**

**Absent:**

**Guest Speakers:****Rockstar of the Week:****Officer/Committee Reports:**

**President** – Hi all, just a few updates today; I met with Dr. Riley this morning, we talked about maintenance issues, the IM turf fields, and our upcoming elections. I'm hoping to have the next president elect at the next meeting we (Bloom and Riley) have to ensure a seamless transition. Bids for turfing are being reviewed now. Elections are happening soon! The debate is this Thursday, this is just for e-board. The debate will be taking place at Maltby at the SRU studio. We haven't done a true debate in a while so this is exciting and will hopefully encourage a lot of voter engagement. There is a flute concert in Swope tonight if you'd like to attend. Enjoy the photos of my dog and bunny!

**VP SAA** – Hi everyone, our safety crawl is next Monday we will meet in SSC 321. If you'd like an office unit I still need route leaders so let me know! This is the last day to take the SLS. I am setting up meeting to review all of the contents. I am the liaison of the rock pantry, , this past week they had 50+ visits and there number of unique visits has grown

exponentially this semester. The building bridges event is this week, held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, go observe the panels as it should be fruitful!

**VP Outreach** – The March SGA newsletter will be posted today or tomorrow so keep an eye out! We are co-sponsoring the Building Bridges event so make sure you come say hi! Its this Wednesday at 6 pm. I will be sending out a sign-up list for election voting tables and chalking, if you want to help sign up! This is not any personal campaign but for voting at large.

**VP Finance** – The finance report is pretty straightforward this week. Let me know if you have any questions. Our reserves are looking good as of now so there's nothing to worry about.

**VP Internal** – Giving day was a huge success, thank you to everyone who participated and helped out at the tables. I will have a better number for you all next meeting. Our banquet is April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm and will take place of Informal that week! Take a walk or do something nice for yourselves this week.

**VP DEIB** – For our at large senators please be sure to make your commission reports by the end of the semester. Our campus resource sheet is completed and its very exciting We sent this out to commuter breakfast coordinator so those tips can get out there. Inclusion tip of the week: Take the time to learn about different cultures, beliefs, and perspectives. SRSGA uses preferred name and pronouns for all members. Please do the same.

**Parliamentarian** – We will be taking a motion from the table again tonight. We had student open forums last week and they were good we had a lot of good dialogue.

**Speaker** – Submit your office units by 5 pm, also check your email if I sent you a reminder. If you don't follow these rules you will receive an email letting you know you missed your duties. Shoutout to Angel Kato for getting five units this past week!

President Bloom: Even though I'm not reviewing those anymore, please keep up on them!

### **Commission Reports:**

Senator Zaveri: I sit on pillar one, they have an employee community space coming soon and will be in Wesienfluh. This is for employees to meet and share ideas.

Senator Starkey: I'm a member of the presidents commission on wellness. The last meeting I attended was our last meeting. The wellness commission is combining with the mental health commission, this may come with a name change and will only have one SRSGA representative. They have a faculty only event on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We discussed using our budgets for a few event requests.

Senator Hamilton: I attend the commission for mental health on March 20<sup>th</sup>, as senator stare=key said these commissions are combining. A meeting was held today to set a mission for this new

committee. The combination of these two will increase budget and amount of members. They're planning a celebration of life event the week before finals week.

**Rock of the Week:**

Thank you to my committee for all the extra work and time you've put in the past week. We've done walking to. Assess night lights on campus. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

**Open Forum:**

Senator Zaveri: I had a meeting with Dr. Riley and the International club on February 26<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the feeling of being tokenized and reluctance to recommend SRU to others. Dr. Riley responded to our concerns by addressing how the University doesn't aim to diminish the and the change of global engagement office was for improved collaboration. The prayer room will continue to be accessible. We need more than two people to work on I-20's and the university apologized for the concerns and miscommunication we dealt with at that time.

Senator Ecklund: I just wanted to talk a little bit about how the college of Education Senators and I were present at a council of trustees meeting. We had a lot of good conversations about the change of departments nationally and teacher candidacy concerns and issues. I assure you all it will be okay!

**Old Business:**

**Motion #1: I move to take from the table the motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the SRSGA as read.**

First- Senator Ogoreuc

Second – Senator Carbone

**Motion passes**

**VP Pavlicko: I move to approve the constitution and bylaws of the SRSGA as read.**

Second- Senator Kawata

**Motion passes**

**New Business:**

**Motion #1: I move to approve the minutes from the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.**

First – Senator E. Williams

Second – Senator Beatty

**Motion #2: I move to approve the Finance report as read.**

First – Senator Lietera

Second – Senator Burt

**Motion passes**

**APSCUF Report:** Dr. Shotwell: First of all I'd like to apologize for last meeting. I'd like to share a quotation from Emily Dickinson, "that will never come again is what makes life sweet." For our seniors, here's what won't come again for you, that is being here at Slippery Rock during the month of April. You have many worries down the road. But you will think back to the last April you had here on campus. Enjoy it and take advantage of all the opportunities.

President Bloom: I'd like to add you all only have two more meetings with me as your president. Let's have some pizzazz moving forward.

### **Advisor Reports:**

Wendy: just a reminder, if you are running for a senate position, please attend the debate its nice to support the e-board candidates. Also those running for eboard. You must attend a finance meeting. One other announcement, there's a student employee appreciation event next week. If you're a student worker please plan to attend.

Patrick: I have two quick announcements, the annual night out event is on the 9<sup>th</sup>, it's a good time. The second one I want to ask you all a question, UPB is featuring Ernest. He's coming on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. I wanted to know if anyone's planning on attending.

### **Adjournment:**

Senator Caroff: I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:38 PM  
Second- Senator Corbin

President Bloom- I would like to share with you all some thoughts I'm having, is there a reason there's less participation? Is it cause you have to walk up to the mic or raise your hand? What is the predicament?

Senator Starkey- These chairs don't move easily.

Senator Lietera- It takes to long and is sometimes awkward.

Senator Ecklund- Unfortunately it is awkward.

VP Johnston- I agree that it is sometimes awkward.

Senator Corbin- I'm worried I'm going to say something wrong.

President Ella: I just feel like we have less participation than usual and would like to see a change.

Patrick Beswick: Ella makes a good point, we try to bring a good mixture of voices, so participation is vital.

VP Sennett: I just want to ask that we use microphones while speaking, as I'm taking the minutes and am hard of hearing, its quite hard for me to hear you all. Also remember that you are here for

a reason. The students voted you all to represent them, voting and speaking at meetings is your job.

President Bloom: Yes- that makes you an active participant and you are a representative of the student body. I don't want to have to popcorn a SGA meeting.

Wendy Lietera- I'd like to preface there is nothing you can say that is wrong. It's more important to have dialogue than following Roberts Rules to a T. It is okay I promise.

President Bloom- For those of you from last year, I used to mess stuff up all the time. It's okay to make mistakes. We just need more active participation from you all. I want you all to be passionate about SGA! I'd love to see more pizzazz. Do it for the students.

Senator Reed- I want more microphones available, it may open discussion more. Microphone equipment should be switched back in my opinion. I'm sure most people would prefer that.

Bloom- We do have limited resources here on campus and it is a frequency issue.

**\*end of debate and discussion\***

Senator Caroff: I move to adjourn this meeting at 5:48 PM

Second- Senator Corbin

Motion Passes