**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of October 1st, 2018-AMENDED  
Smith Student Center Theatre**

1. **Call to Order –** President Kline **at 7:33 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Dunlop

Senator Kilmer

Senator Kochis

Senator Rockefeller

Senator Tremel

Senator Walker

Senator Zeni

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| Members:  **Dallas Kline**, President  **Elizabeth Hernandez,** VP of Student and Academic Affairs  **Logan Tupper,** VP of Financial Affairs  **Chadwick Burdick**, VP of Campus Outreach  **Nicole Dunlop,** VP of Internal Affairs  **Kennedy Moore**, VP of Diversity and Inclusion  **Taylor Cochran**, Speaker of the Senate  **Eric Lehman**, Parliamentarian  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  **Lauren Moran,** Advisor  **Dr. David Kershaw,** Faculty Advisor  APSCUF Representatives  **Dr. Smeak**  **Dr. Kim** | Senator Ben  Senator Calvert  Senator Cole  Senator Cribbs  Senator Dunkelberger  Senator Garcia  Senator Hazelett  Senator Herb  Excused: Speaker Cochran  Dr. Smeak  Late:  Unexcused: Kershaw |

1. **Guest Speakers**
   1. Dr. Behre- Addressed the group in regards to the student we lost this weekend. Dr. Behre stressed to watch out for your peers, everyone handles stress in a different way so don’t take any chances if you see someone acting differently.
   2. Riley Keffer- (Student at Large Board of Directors) We talked about a lot of things at the recent Board of Directors meeting including textbooks and affordability. We also reviewed financial statements. Next meeting is Nov 14th.
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. President Kline
      1. Chancellor Greenstein- Will be at SRU on October 15th
      2. Inauguration for President Behre- Nov 9th 11am, Field House
      3. We recently attended the annual BSGP conference. This conference invites all state system student governments together, this year 10 out of the 14 school were there.
      4. Liter of the week- Maggie Calvert
   2. VP Hernandez
      1. Keep taking the Student life survey
         1. 600 results to date
         2. Survey data is how we can really understand our student concerns and needs
      2. Karen Washington will be here tomorrow for presentations on food injustice
         1. Worked with Cornell University to establish their food pantry and will provide input and guidance for our development.
      3. Thursday- common hour we are partnering with the Mackoskey Center farm stand to raise awareness about food insecurity and distribute some of the items we have collected to date.
   3. VP Tupper
      1. There are 8 finance motions we will be voting on tonight
      2. Budgetary Reserves - $85,884.02
      3. Capital Reserves - $59,852.87
   4. VP Burdick
      1. Outreach Committee is open to all
      2. Movie this weekend-Dive in “The First Purge”
   5. VP Dunlop
      1. Fall Elections
         1. We had Senator Speed dating night at our last informal meeting and we got to know most of the applicants on a more personal level.
         2. Tonight is voting for our open positions
      2. Homecoming
         1. Sign up on the excel sheet for what you want to participate in and let me know if you can make it to the parade otherwise everyone should be there.
      3. Internal Affairs committee Wednesdays @ 3:00pm in SSC 325
         1. This week at 2pm we will be making homecoming decorations so feel free to stop by and help out!
      4. Email: nld1005
   6. VP Moore
      1. Social Justice Committee has been working with other organization to register students to vote
      2. Informational sessions- to inform people on what your vote means
   7. Speaker Cochran-absent
   8. Parliamentarian Lehman
      1. Frist meeting as Parliamentarian
      2. Thank you to Brennan Smith for passing down the torch
      3. Revised process for SGA’s club recognition process
      4. Committee will meet on Wednesday s at 4:00
3. **Open Forum**
   1. Senator Cole- Student Life survey. Talked about it to his classes. Wants to remind everyone that we are here to represent the students outside of this room. Let’s try to remember why we are here throughout the year
   2. Dr. Pease Hernandez- thank you for supporting the Hispanic cultural event on Thursday.
   3. Senator Cribbs- Voter registration- if anyone needs help please reach out
4. **Old Business- NONE**
5. **New Business**

**Motion #1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting

Cribbs/Garcia

Discussion: None

**Motion Passes**

**Motion # 2-** That SRSGA approves the Math Club’s New Initiative request of $4,162.35 for airfare, hotel and travel

Herb/Zeni

VP Tupper- They were invited to a conference to present research and submitted all required paper work. Committee recommends approval.

Math Club Representative – We are presenting 3 research projects that we have been working on for over a year.

Questions: Senator Walker- What are you speaking on?

Two projects analyzing the NHL and MLB.

Discussion: None

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #3 -** That SRSGA approvesMen’s Club Volleyball New Initiative request of $1,460.00 for league dues, referee fees and registration

Garcia/Kilmer

VP Tupper- The club failed to submit a budget during the budget process last spring. They are looking to reestablish for their basic expenses to compete. Committee sends with a recommendation of approval.

Club representative- We need to cover the fees to compete which will improve skills of the team.

Questions: Senator Dunkelberger- What does it mean that they failed to submit a budget?

VP Tupper- They failed to submit it last year, so club has no funds currently.

Discussion: None

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #4 -** That SRSGA approvesSOL’s New Initiative Request of $1,365.00 for artist fees, supplies, food and decorations

Kilmer/Tremel

VP Tupper- This request is funding for the annual Day of the Dead event. They also failed to submit a budget request last year. Committee recommends approval.

SOL representatives-Provided a video clip of past events.

Discussion: Senator Cole- Personally knows students in SOL, what they are doing is amazing and is very excited for the event.

Senator Kilmer- Important cultural event and we need to keep it going every year

**Motion Passes with one abstention (Senator Cole)**

**Motion #5-** That SRSGA approvesSGA’s Capital Request of $704.12 for a table and chairs

Zeni/Kilmer

VP Tupper- Adding a conference table and chairs will make the office feel more welcoming for the students and is needed for senators to work office hours. Committee recommends approval.

Questions: Senator Cole- How will it change the layout the office?

VP Tupper- It will not, the space is already arranged to add the table and chairs.

Discussion: Senator Walker- Is necessary to allow everyone to fit in the office for their office hours.

VP Burdick- To be more open is what we (Exec) ran on, so this will be a little way to do that.

Senator Hazellet- Will be good for budgeting meetings.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #6-** That SRSGA approves Wrestling Club’s New Initiative Request of $515.00 for league dues

Walker/ Herb

VP Tupper- Club needs to pay league dues to compete, they failed to submit a budget again. This is a recurring pattern for this club, and we voiced this to them to urge them to budget appropriately. Committee sends with a recommendation of approval.

Club representative- We have to pay league dues to stay in the division.

Questions: Senator Ben- Why haven’t you submitted a budget?

President is new and will be learning budget process.

VP Burdick- How many members? 28

Senator Garcia- What competitions have you gone to? Most recently Akron.

President Kline- Do you do any fundraising? Dodgeball tournament.

Discussion: VP Burdick- Understands transition of leadership. Evidence of support seen here tonight with how many members in attendance and they are big on their outreach. Impressive.

VP Tupper- From talking to them they seem to want to get their financial affairs in order, so I am not worried about more issues from them in the future.

**Motion Passes with one abstention (Senator Kilmer)**

**Motion #7 -** That SRSGA approves Exercise Science Society’s New Initiative Request of $2,995.00 for a bus rental

Ben/Garcia

VP Tupper- Bus is to transport students to MARC conference. SRU has a strong presence at this conference every year, and a bus is the cheapest alternative. Committee recommends approval.

Club representative- Conference is in Harrisburg. We have gone in previous years with funding from SGA. A great opportunity for students, many present there.

Questions:Tupper- What 55 students will get on the bus?First come first serve.

Discussion: VP Burdick- SRU is known at this conference. Academically it is a great way to show we are rock solid in exercise science.

Senator Cole- Exercise science is a huge selling point for this university.

Senator Walker- This has always been asked for and it is a great opportunity to dive into the professional aspect of the field. Senators in Exercise science major have usually abstained from this vote.

**Motion Passes with 4 abstentions- (Senator Walker, Senator Zeni, Senator Tremel, VP Burdick)**

**Motion #8 -** That SRSGA approvesMen’s Club Soccer New Initiative Request of $2,015.00 for travel, registration and referee fees

Tremel/Zeni

VP Tupper**-** They have had leadership changes recently, this request falls within policy. Finance committee sends with a recommendation of approval

Clubrepresentative**-** We have competed atRobert Morris, Carnegie Mellon, and this weekend we are going to Cal U. Funding would help with travel expense and to continue competing.We have had sanctions on us in the past which hindered us from applying for a budget.

Discussion: none

**Motion Passes with one abstention (Senator Garcia)**

**Motion #9 -**  That SRSGA approves FMLA’s New Initiative Request of $1,000.00 for speaker fees.

Kochis/Rockefeller

VP Tupper- Finance sends with a recommendation of approval.

Club representative- On Oct 23rd we are bringing a speaker as part of “Take Back the Night” who will be preforming a poem on rape and sexual assault.

Questions: none

Discussion: Senator Dunkelberger- important event for us and our students

VP Moore- Very emotional and this speaker would add another level to this event

Senator Kilmer- 1 in 4 women in college are victims of sexual assault and rape. This will be beneficial to all of us.

**Motion Passes with one abstention (Senator Calvert)**

**Motion #10 -** That SRSGA suspends the normal order of business to conduct the vacancy election process

Cribbs/Hazelett

VP Dunlop-Explains that for vacant positions, candidates will be asked to introduce themselves and will then be asked the same 2 questions for consideration.

**Motion Passes**

VP Dunlop asks candidates for Watson Hall Senator to take the floor.

Nathaniel Desing and Joe Sciuto

Senators vote by paper ballot.

President Kline entertains a motion to approve Joe Sciuto as Watson Hall Senator. Senator Zeni moves and Senator Dunkelberger seconds.

Discussion: none

**Motion Passes, 16 yay 3 nay.**

VP Dunlop asks candidates for Building F Senator to take the floor.

Dillon Pusateri

Senator Garcia moves to approve Dillon Pusateri as Building F Senator, Senator Ben seconds.

Discussion: none

**Motion Passes**

VP Dunlop asks candidates for Freshman Senator to take the floor. Three candidates are in attendance for consideration. VP Dunlop explains each candidate will be voted on individually after they complete introductions and answer questions.

Candidates-Kathy Bash, Nathaniel Desing, and Mia Graziani

Senator Kilmer moves to approve Kathy Bash as a Freshman Senator. Senator Cribbs seconds.

Discussion: VP Burdick –feels that Kathy showed a lack of professionalism during speed dating. If we don’t elect senators up to par, then SGA will go down hill.

VP Tupper- As a freshman Senator she has time to grow and he knows he wouldn’t have been the best candidate if he applied as a Freshman.

Senator Walker moves to amend approval of Kathy Bash to a vote by a paper ballot. Senator Garcia seconds.

Discussion: none

**Motion passes with 2 nays (VP Tupper and VP Moore) and 1 abstention (Senator Kilmer)**

President Kline announces that the motion on the floor is to approve Kathy Bash as a Freshman Senator (by paper ballot).

Revert to paper ballot.

**Motion to affirm Kathy fails (10 nay, 9 yay)**

Senator Zeni moves to approve Nathaniel Desing as a Freshman Senator. Senator Herb seconds.

Senator Cole moves to amend approval for remaining Freshman Senator positions to a vote by paper ballot. Senator Walker seconds.

Discussion: none

**Motion passes with 6 nays (Dunlop, Cribbs, Calvert, Moore, Burdick, Tupper) and one abstention (Kilmer)**

Revert to paper ballot; President Kline restates motion on the floor is to approve Nathaniel Desing as a Freshman Senator.

Discussion: Senator Kilmer – no difference in professionalism

VP Burdick – can reconsider previous motion

VP Hernandez – 6 students applied her freshman year; it is very rare we have fewer applicants than available positions (4). Maybe we didn’t do our best

VP Cole- (Speaking to Hernandez’s comment) Everybody left after finance motions, not interested.

Senator Walker – Freshman senator position has been very competitive in years past, we can recruit more applicants

VP Dunlop – Nate has done very well throughout this process

Senators vote by paper ballot.

**Motion to affirm Nathaniel passes 12 yays, 6 nays, and 1 abstention**

Senator Dunkelberger moves to approve Mia Graziani as a Freshman Senator. Senator Calvert seconds.

Discussion: VP Tupper – She would be a great addition.

VP Burdick – agrees with VP Tupper. She came in to the office and talked to VP Tupper and VP Burdick, takes initiative to come in and talk.

Senators vote by paper ballot.

**Motion to affirm Mia passes unanimously**

President Kline asks if there is any other business for consideration.

VP Dunlop moves to reconsider the vote on Kathy Bash. Senator Calvert seconds.

Discussion: Senator Garcia – How many spots are for Freshmen? President Kline responds 4.

Senator Dunkelberger – How does outreach work for rest of year to fill open spots?

Senator Cole – Are there any other people running for positions that are not here tonight? VP Dunlop responds yes.

VP Dunlop – What VP Tupper said stuck with me. I personally have grown so much since freshman year, I was terrible at public speaking, and I am where I am today because of SGA. I think everyone deserves that chance to grow.

Senator Cole – Echo that comment.

Senator Kilmer – When I first joined I understood the importance of SGA but not the personal growth importance. But now I have grown from “negative Nancy” to” positive Patty” because of SGA.

VP Tupper – I think we should take note that after the first vote Kathy didn’t leave the meeting.

Senator Cribbs- Professionalism is a broad term, people need time to grow, more than just a month in college.

Senator Calvert – Kathy showed initiative

VP Burdick – Moves to call to question. Senator Herb seconds.

Call to question affirmed with one abstention (Senator Kilmer).

President Kline asks VP Dunlop to restate the motion on the floor. VP Dunlop moves to reconsider the vote on Kathy Bash (seconded by Senator Calvert).

**Motion to reconsider vote passes with 3 nays (VP Hernandez, Senator Ben, Senator Hazelett)**

Paper ballot is distributed to reconsider the vote to approve Kathy Bash as a Freshman Senator. Kathy is approved with 10 yays, 9 nays.

VP Dunlop asks candidates for Commuter Senator to take the floor.

Elaina O’Rourke

Senator Rockefeller moves to approve Elaina O’Rourke as a Commuter Senator. Senator Hazellet seconds.

Discussion: Senator Kilmer – Candidate is a true commuter, bring perspective of true commuter to SGA.

VP Dunlop – She did not attend senator speed dating night, but will be a great addition.

**Motion to affirm Elaina passes unanimously**

VP Dunlop asks candidates for Graduate Senator to take the floor.

Matthew Lehman

Senator Ben moves to approve Matthew Lehman as a Graduate Senator, Senator Dunkelberger seconds.

Discussion: Senator Cole- Several grad students think that their views are not represented by SGA. The fact that he is willing to be here is great and he is a great dude

Senator Hazellet- Being a Grad Assistant in the Suite puts him in a great position to represent grad students

VP Burdick- He cares a lot about personal interaction. He is a great hard-worker and will be willing to put in that effort. In support of Matt

**Motion to affirm Matthew passes unanimously.**

President Kline asks if there is any other business?

Senator Garcia moves to resume the normal order of business for the SRSGA. VP Tupper seconds.

Discussion: none

**Motion Passes**

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-** Congrats new senators. Senate- finance motions- voted on some big events today. Make sure you are showing your support to them by attending as well.
2. **Lauren Moran-**
   1. Congrats new senators.
   2. 6 days away from Homecoming starting
   3. Homecoming committee changed from King and Queen to Homecoming Royalty
   4. Singing Bee Competition is first event. Operation Glow- sponsored by UPB, there will be a party outside following the glow run. Pep rally, with a bonfire afterwards and fireworks on Friday night. Parade is Saturday. Second year for Rock the Block. There will be a food truck there. Football game- we will announce royalty, and there are many people running in this room. All students are invited to all these events!
3. **Dr. Kim-** Last meeting and today I see that students are involved and that you support them. Keep up the good work.

**IX. Adjournment**

Senator Tremel moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Senator Dunkelberger seconds.

**Motion Passes**