**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of May 1, 2017  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Steigerwalt **at 8:47 pm**
2. **Roll Call VP Arpino**

Senator Montgomery

Senator O’Connor

Senator OHora

Senator Rebmann

Senator Richardson

Senator Sarver

Senator Sedon

Senator Smith

Senator Vickers

Senator Vinroe

Senator Vogelgesang

Senator Walker

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Members:  **Logan Steigerwalt**, President  **Sarah Arpino,** VP of 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 Burdick  Senator Fields  Senator Foster  Senator Gentzel  Senator Hartmann  Senator Heidt  Senator Jenkins  Senator Keffer  Senator Kerecman  Senator Kite  Senator Kline  Senator Kostelnik  Senator Miller  Excused: Senator O’Connor  Late:  Unexcused: Senator Banks, Senator Rawat |

1. **Guest Speakers**
   1. **Dr. Norton**
      1. Congratulations to all of this years senate
      2. Continue growing and make your mark on SRU’s campus
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Steigerwalt**
      1. Great year!
      2. 11 page document highlighting goals/accomplishments of SGA
      3. Wonderful SGA banquet
      4. Thank you to everyone for a very memorable two years
         1. President Norton
         2. WSRU-TV and the Rocket- thanks for getting the word out to SRU
         3. Advisors and Senators
   2. **VP Arpino**
      1. Rising Star Wednesday May 3, 2017 at 5pm in the SSC
      2. Pie a Professor May 4th from 11am-2pm at the Rocky’s patio
   3. **VP Welsh** 
      1. Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work and dedication on SGA
      2. Budgetary Reserves is $12,474.06
   4. **VP Fugh**
      1. Glowga May 8th 8pm-9pm in the SSC Ballroom
      2. Stress Less Carnival May 9th from 10am-3pm in the quad

* 1. **VP Hovis**
     1. Sending out video newsletter at the end of the semester
     2. Movie for this weekend is *The Space Between Us*
  2. **Speaker Hernandez**
     1. Winners of the walking campaign
        1. Kathryn Devito
        2. Maureen Welsh
        3. Jaclynn Choma
  3. **Parliamentarian Lawler**
     1. Collaborating with SPARK and UPB Community Service to distribute Positivity goody bags Monday May 8th in Bailey Library
  4. **Social Justice Committee-Autumn Smith**
     1. Finished up the Inclusivity Pledge
        1. Discussed ideas on how to promote and market the pledge
        2. Created dialogue with SGA executive board to become a standing committee

1. **Open Forum**
   1. **Morgan Kozier- WSRU-TV**
      1. Personally inviting SGA to come out to a WSRU-TV open house on May 3rd from 1pm-3pm at the Maltby Studio
   2. **Travis Moyer- Parlimentarian of ARHS** 
      1. Sober Saturday event
         1. 9pm-11pm in the ARC
         2. games, food, music, a great time to relieve stress
2. **Old Business**- none
3. **New Business**

**Motion #1 -**That SRSGA approves the minutes of April 24, 2017

**Montgomery/Hartmann**

**Motion passes**

**Motion #2-** That SRSGA approve the Vending Commission Guarantee Agreement with AVI Foodsystems in the amount of $57,500.00

**Vogelgesang/Rebmann**

Executive Director Leitera explains that annually, the SGA approves the agreement with AVI to provide vending machines in campus buildings. The commission guarantee is the guaranteed minimum payable to SGA, based on a percentage of sales. As sales have been declining, this year’s guarantee is $2,500 less than last year.

**Motion passes**

**Motion #3-** That SRSGA approve a $.05 price increase on all vending items, effective July 1, 2017

**Sedon/Walker**

Leitera explains the price increase is consistent with retail snack and beverage increases (Rocky’s); prices were increased $.05 last year but not for the 2 years prior.

**Motion passes with one negative vote (Senator Vinroe)**

**Motion #4-** That SRSGA approve the 2017-2018 Stipend Budget at $79,000.00

**Vickers/Smith**

VP Welsh explains the stipend budget is the approved amount to be distributed to student leaders from SGA, UPB, The Rocket, SLAB, and WSRU Radio. Leitera comments that the commission guarantee, plus interest earned funds this proposed budget.

**Motion passes**

**Motion #5-** That SRSGA approves the responsibilities for the APSCUF representatives (attached to these minutes)

**Kline/Burdick**

Parliamentarian Lawler discusses the development of the document this semester with input from the current APSCUF representatives to SGA

**Motion passes**

**Motion #6-** That SRSGA recognizes The Ufologist & Metaphysical Society as a new club.

**Heidt/Hartmann**

Members of the club and their advisor discuss the club’s interests and answer questions.

**Motion passes**

**Motion #7-** That SRSGA approves Gospel Choir’s New initiative request of $500.00 for equipment.

**Kerecman/Jenkins**

Senator Richardson speaks on behalf of the Gospel Choir, requesting the additional $500.00 to rent sound equipment for their performance with Clarion’s choir.

**Motion passes**

**Senator Richardson- abstain**

**Motion #8-** That SRSGA approves Women’s Club Lacrosse’s New Initiative Request of $215.00 for transportation

**Keffer/Kite**

Team members present the request to fund travel for additional competitions.

**Motion passes**

**Motion #9-** That SRSGA approves the Athletic Training Association’s New Initiative request of $215.25 for transportation

**Sarver/Vinroe**

Club members present the new initiative to assist with travel costs to send seven students to a symposium in Erie.

**Motion passes**

**Senators Hartmann and Vickers- abstain**

**Motion #10-** That SRSGA approves SRU Western Equestrian’s New Initiative Request of $826.86 for transportation, lodging and entry fees.

**Vogelgesang/Fugh**

Team captain presents the request to send their qualifying rider to the national finals in Kentucky.

**Motion passes**

**Senator Montgomery- nay**

**Senators Sarver and Keffer- abstain**

**Motion #11-** That SRSGA approves Club Baseball’s New Initiative request of $47,000.00 for the restoration of the Wally Rose Field.

**Sedon/Sarver**

President Steigerwalt explains this request was presented at the last meeting (4/24), and the Senate met prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss this in detail. From previous discussions, Club Baseball has secured estimates to restore the field and facilities. Campus Recreation has 2 extra tarps at the MAC fields that they would be willing to utilize for this field.

**Motion passes**

**Senator Kostelnik- abstain**

**IX. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Dr. Pease-Hernandez** 
   1. Very proud of everything SGA has done
   2. Take care of yourself as we begin finals week
   3. It is not a goodbye, it is a see ya later
   4. Wishes graduates much luck-Remember to take risks, get out of your comfort zone
   5. Your voice is so important and it is only as powerful as you make it
2. **Wendy Leitera-**
   1. Don’t cry because its over, smile because it happened- Dr. Seuss
   2. This is the just beginning
3. **Ms. Bishop-**
   1. Wishes everyone good luck during exams
   2. Thank you for a great year
4. **Dr. Watson-**
   1. Your platform on which you ran was inclusion-You made it come to fruition the best you could
   2. You wore your SRSGA tattoo well
   3. You represented SRU students well-That is the reason for your existence and you did a great job

**Dr. Metzli asked to make a few comments:**

He thanks senate for approving the new Ufologist & Metaphysical Society as a new club. Dr. Metzli thanks Logan for attending the Slippery Rock Boro council meetings. He respects Logan and his efforts for representing SGA in the community. You have the ability to get things done.

**Christine Pease-Hernandez and Itzi Metzli are forming a group as a collaboration of students and faculty to petition and advocate in Harrisburg for increased state funding for higher education.**

**Motion #12-** That SRSGA confirms Rachel Lawler as the SRSGA President for the 2017-2018 academic school year

**Fugh/Fields**

**Motion passes**

**Motion #13-** That SRSGA confirms the 2017-2018 Executive Board and Senate

**Hartmann/Miller**

**Motion passes**

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion #14-** That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 9:45pm

**Welsh/Richardson**

**Motion passes**

**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of May 1, 2017-part 2  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 9:53 pm**
2. **Roll Call VP Foster**

Senator Sarver

Senator Smith

Senator Vickers

Senator Vinroe

Senator Walker

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Members:  **Rachel Lawler**, President  **Lexi Foster,** VP of Internal Affairs  **Scott Vogelgesang,** VP of Student Affairs  **Riley Keffer,** VP of Financial Affairs  **Dallas Kline**, VP of Campus Outreach  Parliamentarian  Speaker of the Senate  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  Faculty Advisor  **Lauren Moran**, Advisor  APSCUF Representatives  **Ms. Bishop** | Senator Bahreini  Senator Burdick  Senator Campbell  Senator Dawodu  Senator Dunton  Senator Genzel  Senator Glover  Senator Hartmann  Senator Hazelett  Senator Himich  Senator Jenkins  Senator Kostelnik  Senator Marvin  Senator O'Hora  Senator Ramirez  Excused:  Late:  Unexcused:  Senator Eberhardt |

1. **Guest Speakers-none**
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Lawler-** Looking forward to a great year. Congrats to new senate.
   2. **VP Foster-** Congrats to Sarah and Internal affairs. Looking forward to a great year.
   3. **VP Keffer-** New capital budget and process to apply on website next semester
   4. **VP Volgelgesang-** very excited to fill Abby’s shoes.
   5. **VP Kline-**Thank you Sammy and welcome senate.
   6. **Social Justice Committee- Autumn Smith:** Social Justice Committee and Executive Board to continue discussion to become a standing committee.
3. **Open Forum-** none
4. **Old Business**- none
5. **New Business**

**Motion #1 -**That SRSGA approves the appointment of Brennan Smith as Parliamentarian

**Marvin/Jenkins**

**Motion Passes, Senator Smith abstains**

**Motion #2-** That SRSGA opens the floor for Speaker of the Senate elections.

**Campell/ Dudson**

**Motion Passes**

President Lawler invites the four applicants for the position to the floor and asks each to offer introductions. Senators Burdick, Jenkins, Vickers, and Walker

**Senator Sarver asks: How will you handle your academic schedules and other commitments with the responsibilities of this position?**

Jenkins- Scheduled all morning classes; no longer on house council and can put time into SGA

Vickers- Condensed classes into morning. Time for rotation as well as SGA commitments.

Walker- Has previous experience multitasking. Discontinuing a lot of clubs he is currently in.

Burdick- First 2 semesters got involved in a lot of things. SGA number one on list to be involved in; wants to be available and flexible for other senators.

**Senator Dawodu asks: How would you work with people that are different than you?**

Burdick- Lots of experience; involved with SJC. Personally very close to home for him.

Walker- FLSP experience with diversity. More different thoughts, the better solutions we can form. Meet with each senator once a semester alone to hear how they think e-board is doing/ senate is doing.

Vickers- Would like to build relationships with international students. Diversity important issue to her

Jenkins- FLSP experience. Walmart customer service work experience with no biases.

**Senator Hartmann asks: As Speaker of the Senate, how will you be able to effectively lead? Could you describe your leadership in 3 words?**

Jenkins- Open minded, approachable accessible

Vickers- Directive, friendly, reliable

Walker- Direct, inclusive, welcoming

Burdick- Sympathetic, open minded and respect.

**VP Keffer asks each candidate to describe on strength and one weakness.**

Burdick- Weakness: Not as much time as he would like to put into SGA. Strength: Overcame fear of public speaking.

Walker- Strength: Consistency in passion for SGA; helps with many events. Weakness: Sometimes gets ahead of himself when speaking. (700+ students with orientation ambassadors)

Vickers- Weakness: Directive, need to be more interactive and instructional. Strength: Positive and bubbly attitude makes her more approachable.

Jenkins- Weakness: takes pride in work, and may take this too far. Strength: being open minded.

**Malika Fields asks: How have you grown this year through SGA?**

**Senator Glover asks: What is a weakness on SGA and how would you correct it?**

**VP Kline asks: How will you motivate Senators?**

**Senator Vinroe asks: How would you resolve conflicts on SGA?**

President Lawler excuses applicants from the room for discussion. After discussion:

**VP Keffer motions to suspend the rules for the election; if no candidate receives majority vote then Senate shall elect from two candidates who receive most votes in a run-off, Senator Hartmann seconds.**

President Lawler calls for paper ballot vote. After initial tally, Senators Jenkins and Walker receive two highest vote totals but no majority. President Lawler redistributes paper ballot for run off between Senators Jenkins and Walker.

**Senator Jenkins is elected Speaker of the Senate with a 13 votes to 10 votes.**

**Motion #**3- That SRSGA approves the Pledge of Inclusivity established by the Social Justice

Committee, the President's Commission for Diversity, Ethnicity, and Inclusion and SGA (attached to these minutes)

**Dunton/Walker**

Discussion: President Lawler explains the months-long process of developing the Pledge. Ideas for implementation include incorporating into informational materials distributed during WOW weekend and for new Freshman, FYRST seminars, and different groups on campus.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion #4-** That SRSGA approves the appointment of Dr. David Kershaw at the new SGA Faculty Advisor for the 2017-2018 academic year

**Vickers/Burdick**

**Motion Passes**

**Motion # 5** that SRSGA approves the Green and White Society’s New Initiative request for $1,823.45 for the registration fees, hotel, and travel costs for a national conference in Columbus, OH.

**Sarver/ Vickers**

The Executive Board of the G&W Society is present and explains they will be supplementing from their club’s and personal funds for the conference; opportunity to network and learn about programs they can bring back to SRU.

**Motion Passes**

1. **Advisor’s Comments**
2. **Wendy Leitera-** Great first meeting. Thank you for all the time you took to make your informed vote. Congrats to Josh and Brennan.
3. **Ms. Bishop-** See you next semester.
4. **Dr. David Kershaw-** Excited to work with you all. Have a great summer.
5. **Dr. Pease-Hernandez-** SRU is what you make it.
6. **Dr. Watson-** Stay focused, stay diligent. Summer is not a break.

Following advisor’s comments, President Lawler swears in Parliamentarian Smith and Speaker Jenkins.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion #6 – That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 10:59 pm.**

**Glover/Kostelnik**

**Motion Passes**