**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of October 2nd, 2017  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 8:49 pm**
2. **Roll Call** VP Foster

Senator Sarver

Senator Vickers

Senator Vinroe

Senator Walker

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

1. **Guest Speakers**

Kaleidoscope Arts Festival- **Director Deanna Brookens**

* Deanna Brookens (instructor) provides information related to the annual Kaleidoscope Arts Fest, a 2-week festival that happens at the end of every April right before finals. She is looking to see if people have interest in the Upright Citizens Brigade (comedy group) and would like to collaborate with SGA, UPB and others to bring them to campus for Kaleidoscope.

**Dr. Brad Wilson**-Associate Provost for Transformational Experiences

* Presents on recent initiatives in Academic and Student Affairs at SRU.
* Distributes SRU Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)-why should we keep these in mind?
  + Represent our goals for a Slippery Rock education
  + Provide basis for development of the curriculum and co-curricular programs as well as assessment
  + Based on input from areas within the academic and student affairs
  + Banner- (HIP)= This designation means “High Impact Practices” and refers to specific teaching techniques and areas that students have evaluated as one the most impactful classes in their student experience.
  + HIPs are active learning practices that promote deep learning by promoting student engagement.
  + Research has shown that these practices lead to greater student success as measured by student retention, graduation, and engagement rates.
* Some courses specifically designated as HIPs focus on the following areas: collaborative learning, global learning, diversity learning, writing intensive, service learning and community based learning, and undergraduate research.
* Liberal studies program is also being revised and will encompass SLOs and HIPs.

**Dr. David Wilmes and Dr. Amir Mohammadi** present on parking.

* Cannot talk about parking without talking about transportation
* Total parking spaces on campus- 4398
* Total student body- 8895
* Total Faculty and staff- 950
  + Simply not enough available spaces
  + To build a parking garage, it costs roughly $4,000,000
  + Proposed- Freshmen not permitted to have cars, but they may have jobs.
  + Off campus complexes-students are able to ride the happy bus to and from the university.
  + Need to develop a comprehensive policy on who can and cannot purchase a permit.
  + **Incentives-** economic incentive to get students not to bring their cars to campus. We need to offer an economic incentive to get students to ride the happy bus.
* **Proposed fees-** sliding scale fees depending on where you park
* Increase the parking fee.
* **Other transportation**- weekend trips to Pittsburgh

1. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Lawler**
      1. Blood Drive October 26th 10am-4pm Smith Student Center Ballroom
      2. Health Services and HOPE peer educators: SRU fights the flu
      3. BSGP conference @ Kutztown University: October 13-15th
      4. Student trustee report- Monica Traggiai
         1. Friday10/6 Council of Trustees meeting at 1pm (quarterly meeting)
         2. Thursday 10/5 Committee meetings: times posted on SRU website

* University Advancement committee discussing SRU foundation
* Finance discussing 2017-2018 Budget and University contracts
* Academic and Student Affairs talking about enrollment update
  + - 1. Friday meeting will include SRU presidential search recommendations
    1. If anyone has questions or concerns visit the SGA Office 2nd floor of the Suite in the Student Center (1st office on the left)
  1. **VP Vogelgesang**
     1. Student Life survey is out right now! It ends next Monday (Oct 9th) at 11:59pm. The survey is posted on the SGA CORE page. Complete the survey for a chance to win a park anywhere pass and $500 worth of textbooks for next semester.
     2. SGA Safety Week kicked off today and goes through Thursday!
* Campus crawl-starts at 7:30pm tomorrow, meet outside the Suite.
* Wednesday night is “Before It’s Too Late” at 5pm VSC 116
* Thursday night is “What would you do in safety scenarios?” 5pm VSC 116
  1. **VP Keffer**
     1. SGA Conference grant applications are available on CORE. Clubs and orgs are eligible to apply for up to $500 to attend conferences, deadline to apply is October 20th
     2. SRSGA scholarship applications are available on CORE. It’s open to all students to apply for a $500 scholarship, deadline is October 27th
     3. In Finance Committee we reviewed Capital Budget applications and will be voting tonight to approve. This funding is specific for larger ticket items, outside a club’s regular budget, for purchases of equipment, etc. used longer than 3 years.
     4. Current Budgetary reserves: $74,175. 34
     5. Finance meetings 3:30 pm Wednesdays 325 SSC
     6. Please let me know of any parking concerns
  2. **VP Kline**
     1. Follow us on social media @SRSGA
     2. Download the Nextbus app to help navigate the Happy Bus
     3. No movie this week due to Fall Break! Next week- Spiderman Homecoming
     4. Our committee is working on a new marketing plan and monthly newsletter
     5. Club spotlight of the week- Student Nonprofit Alliance
        1. This Thursday, they are hosting an event in the quad collecting shoes for charity
        2. They are hosting a Hunger Banquet Monday November 13th 6-7:30 in student Center Ballroom
        3. There will be a Cardboard Village- build a home for yourself out of cardboard and spend a night in the quad with sleeping bag to understand the issue of homelessness, November 8th and 9th.
     6. SGA Harvestfest Nov 2nd in the quad
     7. Slippery Rock Rotary flower planting-they are looking for volunteers October 28th 9-11 am
  3. **VP Foster**
     1. Homecoming King and Queen applications are closed and campaigning starts tomorrow at noon so keep an eye out for that!
     2. Homecoming King and Queen Voting begins at 9am on Tuesday October 10th and goes until October 13th
     3. The Homecoming Pep Rally is at 8pm on Friday the 13th in the ARC
     4. SGA is planning a Headshot fundraiser Pumpkin Sale coming up!
  4. **Speaker Jenkins**
     1. Update on the SGA Constituency Groups:
* Building Senators- collaborating with residence hall students
* Commuters- going to breakfasts and lunches with other commuters sponsored by AVI, the next breakfast is Oct 4th 8:30-10:30
* Graduate Senators- using CORE to reach out to the Graduate student population
  1. **Parliamentarian Smith** 
     1. Committee finalized balloting procedures for tonight’s open positions
     2. Rules and Policies meets Thursdays at 5pm in the Student Center room 323
     3. Questions about starting a new club? Applications and information on CORE.
  2. **Social Justice Chair Davis** 
     1. Currently the Social Justice Committee is an ad-hoc committee on SGA
     2. The Committee is working on a letter-writing project starting tomorrow. The letters are going to be addressed to “Ellucian”, the creators of Banner software regarding trans inclusivity.
        1. Meeting Tuesday at 5pm in the Suite if you would like to write or sign a letter.
        2. Use the hashtag #SRUsocialjustice for collaborative social media initiative
        3. email- [vdg1001@sru.edu](mailto:vdg1001@sru.edu)

1. **Open Forum**
   1. Senator Walker: CA applications out now. Apply on CORE or on Reslife.sru.edu
   2. Ashton Smith-voiced support for gender inclusive policies.
   3. President Lawler: Student trustee position now open. Open forums to discuss this position this Tuesday 10/3 and Friday 10/6. Location and time TBD.
   4. Marching Pride has carwash coming up on Friday at Grove City car sales lot and McDonalds 10-6pm.
   5. Senator Glover: Black Action Society holding Homecoming Dance Oct 14th from 10:30pm-1am admission is $7 students, $10 non students
2. **Old Business**- none
3. **New Business-**

**Motion #1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of September 18, 2017.

**Vickers/Marvin**

*Motion Passes*

**Motion #2-** That SRSGA approves the SRU Ultimate Frisbee Club.

**Burdick/Walker**

The President of the club is present and explains there are currently 17 members. Parliamentarian Smith confirms the Rules and Policies Committee recommendation of approval.

*Motion Passes*

**Motion #3-** That SRSGA approves the SRU Pro-Bono Physical Therapy Club.

**Vickers/Campbell**

The President of the club explains that they will provide services under the direction of a licensed physical therapist to individuals who cannot afford or whose insurance will not cover the number of visits needed. Their goal is to “optimize movement to improve the human experience. Parliamentarian Smith recommends approval, per the Rules and Policies Committee.

*Motion Passes*

**Motion #4**- That SRSGA approves the Art Society’s New Initiative Request for $871.00.

**Walker/Hartmann**

There is no student representative present from the Art Society. VP Keffer motions to table until next meeting.

Walker seconds.

*Motion tabled.*

**Motion #5 –** Senator Sarver motions to approve the capital budget requests as a whole as documented in the Finance Report. Marvin seconds.

VP Keffer explains the Finance Committee reviewed the requests totaling $47,268.00 and recommends approval. Each group requesting equipment provided quotes and detailed explanations of the need for each. VP Keffer comments that the number of students from these groups in the audience tonight confirms how important these requests are to these students. Members of the SRU Choirs brought a current choir riser for the Senate to view its condition and spoke to the need for replacement.

*Motion Passes*

**Motion #6 –** VP Keffer motions to suspend the rules for elections. Sarver seconds.

*Motion passes*

**Motion # 7 -** That SRSGA opens the floor for Commuter, Building and Freshman Senator elections

**Vogelgesang/Dunton**

*Motion passes*

President Lawler explains to the audience that all the individuals who are up for election tonight have previously met with the Senators in an informal “speed dating” format to give the Senators an opportunity to get to know them and learn of their qualifications and interests in student government. President Lawler then invited applicants for Commuter Senator to the floor.

Individuals who have applied for Commuter Senator were called to the floor: David Miller, Marissa Mahoney, Logan Tupper, Jake Baretta, and Nikole Damato introduced themselves and took questions from the Senate. Following the conclusion of question and answer, President Lawler instructed the group to leave the Ballroom prior to discussion, and paper ballots were distributed for voting. Ballots were collected and tallied by Parliamentarian Smith.

President Lawler announced David Miller, Marissa Mahoney, Logan Tupper, Jake Baretta, and Nikole Damato were elected as Commuter Senators.

Next, President Lawler instructed individuals who applied for Building A Senator to take the floor. Applicants Mark Downey and Nathaniel Konjeczka take questions before leaving the Ballroom for discussion and voting. Prior to the call for the vote, an audience member informed the Senate that both applicants were sitting beside her during the meeting and complaining about the length of the meeting. Senators discussed and commented that they were not comfortable with electing a Senator who was speaking negatively of the organization. Senator Glover asks if either has to be elected? Parliamentarian Smith states that the floor is open to elect a Building A Senator, and a senator would need to move to close the election.

**Motion #8-**Senator Glover moves to close the Building A election until there are more qualified applicants, Senator Himich seconds.

*Motion passes*

President Lawler announces that the Building A election is closed.

Next, President Lawler directed applicants for Watson Hall Senator to take the floor. Nicole Dunlop, Sarah Zeni, Kenny Gordon, and Mark Downey were questioned by the Senate then asked to leave the Ballroom for discussion and voting. Ballots were distributed and counted by Parliamentarian Smith.

President Lawler announced that Kenny Gordon was elected.

President Lawler asks individuals who applied for the Freshman Senator positions to take the floor. Mark Downey, Sarah Zeni, Alexa Sorch, Nicole Dunlop, Jordan Walters, and Ethan Mooney were questioned by the Senate. President Lawler advised the group to leave Ballroom prior to discussion. Parliamentarian Smith distributed and counted the ballots.

President Lawler announced that Mark Downey, Nicole Dunlop, Sarah Zeni, and Alexa Sorch were elected Freshmen Senators. President Lawler proceeded to swear in all newly elected senators.

**IX. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-**
   1. Congrats to those students elected!
2. **Lauren Moran-**
   1. Homecoming next week! Registration for events on CORE!
3. **Dr. Kershaw-**
   1. Get involved!
   2. Student life Survey- take it!

**Dr. Smeak-**

* So proud of everyone here!

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion #9 -** That SRSGA adjourns the meeting at 11:39 pm**.**

Glover**/**Vickers

*Motion Passes*