**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of May 1st, 2018  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Kline **at 9:51 pm**
2. **Roll Call --**VP Dunlop

Senator Kilmer

Senator Kochis

Senator Miller

Senator Tremel

Senator Rockefeller

Senator Smolinsky

Senator Vickers

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  **Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director  **Lauren Moran**, Advisor  **Dr. David Kershaw,** Faculty Advisor  APSCUF Representatives  **Ms. Bishop**  **Dr. Smeak** | Senator Ben  Senator Calvert  Senator Cochran  Senator Dunkelberger  Senator Cole  Senator Cribbs  Senator Garcia  Senator Hazelett  Senator Herb  Senator Hughes  Excused: Dr. Smeak  Late:  Unexcused: Ms. Bishop |

1. **Guest Speakers-none**
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Kline**
      1. Looking forward to next year. Work has already started and there are big plans in store.
      2. New meeting time for SGA Formal next year is 7:30pm on Mondays
      3. Congratulations Senate
   2. **VP Hernandez**
      1. Welcome everyone
      2. Food pantry will be officially open next year during common hour. Let her know if you have any recommendations or are interested in helping
   3. **VP Tupper**
      1. Welcome and congratulations to Senate
      2. First New Initiative Request: Homecoming Committee- $960.00- Vehicle Rental
   4. **VP Burdick**
      1. Two showings of “Black Panther” on Reading Day at 11:00am and 1:30pm
      2. Consider coming to Campus Outreach committee in the future.
   5. **VP Dunlop**
      1. Main goals for next year are to have a bonding event every month including one off-campus event, have 3 fundraisers a semester, and to run the fall and spring elections efficiently.
      2. Looking forward to next year
      3. Email is nld1005@sru.edu if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.
   6. **VP Moore**
      1. Welcome everyone
      2. Goals
         1. Encourage collaboration and partnerships between clubs and organizations that represent diverse groups of people
         2. Continue an advocacy project Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 semester
         3. Host an event and/or discussion with goal of educating SRU about cultures within the campus community
3. **Open Forum**
   1. Cale Walker- Rock Powerlifting is having its last powerlifting contest on Monday at the ARC.
4. **Old Business**- None
5. **New Business-**

**Motion #1-** That SRSGA approves the Homecoming new initiative request of $960.00 for vehicle rental.

**Ben/Vickers**

**VP Tupper reports the Finance Committee sends a recommendation of approval**

Members of the Homecoming committee explain that the cars will give an equal opportunity to everyone on the court to participate in the parade.

**Discussion: none**

**Motion passes**

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

**Vickers/Rockefeller**

**Motion passes**

There are four senators who have applied for the Speaker position. President Kline asks the applicants to give an introduction and state why they think they would be a good fit for the position

**Senator Zeni**- Loves being a part of SGA and thinks she would make a good Speaker because she wants to empower others

**Senator Hughes**- Has worked with a lot of staff on campus and dealt with a lot of internal problems with her own club. Would make sure Senators know their voice matters and would create a friendship with Senate.

**Senator Walker**- Served under two different SGA administrations. Believes there needs to be a clear connection between Senate and E-board, would want to have one-on-one meetings with senators, and would make sure that Senate’s voice is heard.

**Senator Cochran**- With her other positions she talks to others and figures out how to solve problems. She is an active listener, and loves to talk to people. She wants to be a bridge and liaison between the E-board and Senate and build a mutual respect.

President Kline allows Senators to ask up to 3 questions of each candidate, and requests the Senator address his/her question to an individual or to all.

Senator Kilmer- Asks Senator Walker: Do you still hold positions of CA and Orientation Ambassador?

Senator Walker responds- No I was dealing with personal issues and resigned from these positions.

VP Tupper- Asks all candidates: How will you remain unbiased in your relationship between Senate and E-board?

Senator Hughes- She remembers how she used to feel backed into a corner and doesn’t want that for anyone else.

Senator Cochran- Says she will have to take herself out of the relationship and focus on the organization and stand up for it.

Senator Walker- Says that if you don’t want to put a target on your back tell him. In the past he has learned you can’t be a passive enforcer. You need to talk it out and don’t let it escalate

Senator Zeni- States that it is important to think of where they are coming from

VP Burdick- Asks all candidates: How would you handle issues with logging office hours?

Senator Zeni- analyze it and see what is and is not working

Senator Hughes- look and see what we are doing wrong. With jump start she learned that you need to first recognize where you are going wrong.

Senator Walker- Says that logging on Core is different, informal meetings should have more leadership training and wants to bring in resources for Senators.

Senator Cochran- Believes that logging is important but we need to focus on apathy vs empathy. Mistakes happen and we need to understand that but with good communication we can accomplish this.

Senator Miller- Asks all candidates: As Speaker of the Senate what would be your main focus and why?

Senator Zeni- Senator retention

Senator Hughes- Make sure Senators know they are just as important to SGA. Other people know that there are minorities that are open to listening. SGA is not a popularity contest. We vote on what our constituents want.

Senator Cochran- Create a safe environment. Don’t segregate between Senate and E-board

Senator Walker-no response (already answered 3 questions)

Senator Garcia- Voices concern that Walker didn’t get an opportunity to answer the last question. President Kline responds everyone is only allowed to answer three questions.

President Kline asks the candidates to step out of the room for discussion.

**Discussion:**

VP Tupper- Believes that Olivia and Taylor are the two candidates that really stick out to him

Senator Calvert- Doesn’t feel comfortable with Senator Walker representing her because of his past grievances.

VP Burdick- Speaker needs to have a good relationship with Senators but also have a backbone.

VP Hernandez- Mentions how she has been Speaker previously and believes that Olivia and Taylor are great candidates and will benefit Senate.

**Motion #3 -** VP Tupper moves to suspend the rules for the election of the SRSGA Speaker of the Senate. VP Burdick seconds.

President Kline explains this vote to suspend the rules will allow for the 2 candidates who receive the most votes for the position to compete in a run off (if no single candidate receives majority vote).

**Motion passes**

President Kline invites the candidates back and instructs the Senate to vote by paper ballot.

Votes are counted and Senator Hughes and Cochran received the most votes (see attached).

Questions for Senator Hughes and Senator Cochran

VP Tupper- Do you believe that Senators should be required to log hours on CORE

Senator Cochran- Yes

Senator Hughes- Yes

**Discussion:**

VP Tupper- Believes we can’t go wrong with either of them

Senator Calvert- Olivia demonstrates good communication skills

Senator Herb- Worked with Taylor in the Student Center.

President Kline instructs the Senate to vote by paper ballot (results attached).

Taylor Cochran is elected Speaker of the Senate.

**Motion #4 -** That SRSGA opens the floor to elect two Student Representatives for the SRSGA Board of Directors.

**Rockefeller/Zeni**

**Motion Passes**

President Kline- Asks the applicants to introduce themselves and asks why each wanted to get involved with the Board.

Mark Downey- Says he is a freshman and served as a Senator last term. He wants to get involved with BOD because it will be more cut and dry and believes he will be more beneficial to students this way.

Madison Vargo- As early childhood major she was able to work in SGA Child Care Center. Has an outside view because she is not on Senate and Slippery Rock strives for that. Says she is the only woman applicant and Slippery Rock should have equal representation.

Riley Keffer- Hands out list of experiences. Says he will be a graduate student working with Alumni Office the next two years, and will be valuable to the board as a graduate student. Not looking to direct or influence the E-board, but just looking to support.

Brennan Smith- He is entering his last year here at Slippery Rock. The past 2 years he has been a member of the SGA. Stated that he attended the most recent board meeting and noticed familiar faces. He will make sure student voice is heard immediately, and is the “single most important thing.” The board does not intimidate him. In the past 2 years he has served on finance committee and is treasure for his fraternity.

**Questions:**

VP Tupper- Which position, 1 year or 2 years would you want to serve?

Mark Downey- Both

Madison Vargo- Both

Riley Keffer- Prefer 2 year

Brennan Smith- Can only do the 1 year

Senator Cole- Asks Riley Keffer and Brennan Smith, how will you not influence the E-Board?

Riley Keffer- He will help them separate as best as he can and will rely on knowledge that he has if asked to, and has no intention to influence but support.

Brennan Smith- He will not be returning as a senator, and chooses to pursue a different role. Wants to help to influence from a student at large position. States that his voice represents the entire student population.

**Discussion**

VP Tupper- we do have the two positions open with different spans so keep that in mind while voting.

VP Burdick- With Riley, he is still motivated and wants to contribute. Not very time consuming so an effective way for him to stay involved. Other candidates are qualified as well, although being around helps you with knowing it’s functions.

VP Hernandez- The person serving previously, Blake Souders, did well without previous experience. Can’t say anything bad about any of the candidates.

Senator Dunkleberger- Thinks Smith has good energy

Senator Garcia- Riley came prepared with his qualifications outlined

Senator Walker- Has known Brennan Smith and he is very passionate and did a good job finding the time for SGA. He has a lot of knowledge after serving on the E-board.

**Motion # 5 –** VP Tupper moves to suspend the rules for the at-large position for the SRSGA Board of Directors. Senator Herb seconds.

**Motion Passes**

President Kline instructs the Senate to vote for their top 2 candidates by paper ballot.

Riley Keffer and Brennan Smith receive the highest number of votes (see attached).

**Motion # 6-** That SRSGA approves the appointment of Dr. David Kershaw at the SGA Faculty Advisor for the 2018-2019 academic year.

**Zeni/Miller**

President Kline- Dr. Kershaw served last year and brings a different perspective to the Senate.

**Discussion**

VP Moore- Victoria Davis has said wonderful things about you.

VP Hernandez- Wonderful advisor to work with.

VP Burdick- He has contributed a lot and thinks he is a great person to fulfill this role.

**Motion passes**

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-**
   * Asked great questions for the Speaker and Board seats. Thank you all who applied. Looking forward to getting to know you.
2. **Lauren Moran-**
   * Tuesday May 8th 11-2 there is a Suite celebration, and it will be fun. Looking forward to working with you all. Good to see new faces.
3. **Dr. Kershaw-**
   * Good to see same and new faces. Thank you for your support.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion #7 -** That SRSGA moves to adjourn the meeting **at 11:01pm.**

**Cribbs/Smolinsky**

**Motion passed**