**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.
Minutes for the Meeting of January 29th, 2018
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 8:51 pm**
2. **Roll Call** VP Kline

Senator Kostelnik

Senator Marvin

Senator Miller

Senator O'Hora

Senator Sarver

Senator Sorch

Senator Tupper

Senator Vickers

Senator Zeni

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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**VACANT** VP of Internal Affairs**Josh Jenkins**, Speaker of the Senate**Brennan Smith**, Parliamentarian**Wendy Leitera,** Executive Director**Lauren Moran**, Advisor **Dr. David Kershaw,** Faculty AdvisorAPSCUF Representatives**Ms. Bishop****Dr. Smeak** | Senator BenSenator BurdickSenator CampbellSenator DamatoSenator DawoduSenator DowneySenator DunlopSenator GloverSenator GordonSenator HazelettExcused: Dr. KershawLate: Unexcused:  |

1. **Guest Speakers-None**
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
	1. **President Lawler**
		1. Welcome back, really excited for what’s in store this semester
		2. Spring semester goals: A big focus will be getting the word out about the Presidential search that will be happening the week of February 12th. Details will be announced later, but would like to get a lot of student involvement.
		3. Next Council of Trustees meeting is March 23rd  at 1:00 pm
		4. Harrisburg Advocacy Days Feb 22nd – we will have senators attending
		5. Social Justice Committee amendment will be presented tonight
		6. Senator Quiona Glover spoke about her project to promote SGA and change its image. She will create a list of involved student organizations on campus and pair their President and VP with two senators to stay in contact, go to lunch or meetings and foster greater connections between the groups.
	2. **VP Volgelgesang**
		1. Welcome back everyone, very excited for this semester!
		2. Plans to get a food pantry here on campus based on student life survey results. We had an initial meeting with Deb Pincek, Lauren Moran, Dr. Wilmes, and Mary Ann King to green light the project. Now reaching out to other Universities to see how they developed their programs and how they keep them sustainable.
	3. **VP Keffer**
		1. Budgeting kicks off tomorrow!
		2. Senator Gordon presented the Finance Committee Report – 29 student groups and 1 student were approved for funding last semester. Committee meetings are 3pm on Wednesdays. Tonight there will be a club volleyball new initiative, as well as approval of the student activity fee budget for 2018-2019 and changes to the budgeting process. Current budgetary reserves $41,051.01
	4. **VP Kline**
		1. Meetings currently 6pm on Mondays, could change to 4:30 or 7:30 depending on members availability. Committee works with the Happy Bus, events, movie series, advertising, and more.
		2. Dive In movie was fun, thanks to those that attended, looking to do it again.
		3. Movie this weekend: *Wonder*
		4. Club Spotlight of the Week: Outdoor Recreation. Mike Danko presents – We connect students to outdoor activities get them outside and active. Meetings Thursday 8pm VSC 102. Have done or plan to do white water rafting and camping. Will be going sky diving, a spring break trip, and plan to take more camping trips this semester.
	5. **Speaker Jenkins**
		1. Thanks for coming
		2. Changes for office hours: Senators are required to work one hour in the office, so anytime someone comes to our office there will be someone there to assist. Senators are also required to complete 2 involvement hours for SGA.
		3. Changes to our informal meetings this semester: more bonding and more guest speakers
	6. **Parliamentarian Smith**
		1. Welcome, a big item tonight – proposing the Social Justice Committee move forward from an Ad Hoc to a Standing Committee. For amendments to our constitution we must follow a process:
3. Present drafted amendments at an informal meeting. If suitable, we bring this amendment before the Senate.
4. At Senate we table the amendment, then we host general open sessions for the whole student body to discuss. Then we bring it back to the next formal meeting for a vote.

Tonight will be the first time we bring it forward, discussion will be limited. We will be hosting these sessions for students that have questions; as soon as times are established they will be blasted through social media and to other organizations to publicize. Moving forward, it is very important for the whole student body to discuss. Hope to see you all at the open sessions. We would love to hear the opinions of those in the audience. Committee meets Thursdays at 5pm.

* 1. **Social Justice Chair Davis**
		1. Spring 2018 preview – tomorrow is our first meeting, meetings are Tuesdays at 5pm in Suite, room 246.
		2. We will be working on an advocacy campaign, previously managed by the parliamentarian, but better suited for social justice pending amendments. The project will be revealed in full at next formal. Also going to try to continue to educate on the amendments to the constitution. Pending amendment outcome, will create succession materials.
1. **Open Forum**
	1. Taylor Deep – VP of Programming for ARHS
		1. Planning an ice skating event in Pittsburgh, 25 spots left, taking a bus, student pays $10 up front in ARHS office to reserve a spot, will get $5 back on bus.
2. **Old Business**- **None**
3. **New Business-**

**Motion #1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of December 4, 2017

**Vickers/Marvin**

**Discussion: none**

*Motion passes*

**Motion #2 -** That SRSGA approves the Club Volleyball new initiative request for travel reimbursement in the amount of $532.90.

**Tupper/Sarver**

**Discussion:** The executive board explained that they are asking for reimbursement for various tournaments the team competed in including Penn State, Pitt, and WVU

*Motion Passes*

**Motion #3 -** That SRSGA approves the 2018-2019 Student Activity Fee Budget of $2,308,118

**Sarver/Vickers**

**Discussion**: Vice President of Finance Keffer discussed how this is a 5% increase overall, to $2,308,118.00. Executive Director Leitera discussed looking at increase in enrollment and increase in tuition over the last four years:

Enrollment increase - 6.4%

Tuition increase – 12.5%

Student Activity Fee budget has increased 14% over this same time period.

Increasing the Activity Fee again budget helps increase funding for clubs and orgs, and allows students to better utilize their fees. Leitera added that if we increase the budget, the next vote is to explain how budgets are requested. Will allow groups to request what they need based on actual planning. The thought is to deter students from budgeting without planning.

*Motion passes with one nay from Senator Kostelnik*

**Motion # 4** - That SRSGA allows all eligible student groups to request unlimited budgets for the 2018/2019 academic year

**Tupper/Gordon**

**Discussion**: VP Keffer discussed that the budgeting process has changed. Eligible organizations can request based on 3 categories: Programming, General Expenses, or Capital expenses. All funding requests are still up to the discretion of the finance committee and the Senate. To be eligible for a budget request:

* Must be recognized by SGA and the Student Engagement and Leadership office; be recognized for a period of at least 4 months; and must attend a one on one meeting during budgeting season.

**Motions # 5 -** Senator Glover moves to friendly amend the motion to read: That SRSGA allows eligible student groups to request no cap budgets for the 2018-2019 academic year. Senator Marvin seconds.

Discussion on amendment – none

*Motion passes with one nay from Senator Sarver.*

**Amended Motion**: That SRSGA allows eligible student groups to request no cap budgets for 2018/2019 academic year

Discussion: Senator Sarver witnessed budgeting as a tiered system in the past, then a 7% increase across the board, but both approaches mostly benefited larger organizations. Finance Committee continues to see students with new initiatives, because they did not plan or were confined by their budget allotment and many organizations only budget for one line item just so they can secure funding. Hoping students will be smart and plan better; finance committee will be well prepared to assist.

*Motion passes with one nay from Jenkins and three abstentions from Vogelgesang, Marvin, and Dawodu*

**Motion #6 -** That SRSGA opens the floor for VP of Internal Affairs elections

**Hazelett/Kostelnik**

**Applicants**: Sophia Sarver – Senior – History major, dual minor Interdisciplinary/Asian studies, been on SGA for 4 years, elected “every single way possible”. Distributed her resume and discussed goals for the semester if elected: fundraising– raise $400 for our SGA self support; bonding-mandatory and optional activities, bring liter of the week back.

 Malika Fields – Senior-Dual Spanish/Communication major, was in Harrisburg this semester for a state system internship. Also member of Presidential search committee. Goals are to make sure students are informed, make sure Senate and Eboard are cohesive, be honest and form relationships with Senators. Would promote on and off campus bonding – not mandatory bonding, not feel like work. Ability to meet obligations of position such as Rising Star Project- can plan and execute events, have guest speakers and workshops with Senate.

Discussion: President Lawler says both are strong leaders – Sophia does great work, Malika loves government also puts forth best efforts in her work. VP Vogelgesang speaks on behalf of Sophia, she motivates him and lit a fire in him, most experience in this room. Senator Glover speaks on behalf of Malika, knowing her personally believes Malika persists for students’ voices and works with the administration – sga needs a better relationship with Old Main. Senator Dawodu expressed concern about candidates presented themselves, both could have talked about more serious issues. Senator Marvin speaks for Sophia, says she will not phase out/ will hit ground running, has a better action plan. Senator Tupper believes Sophia would do a better job because of her relationship to senate.

**Senator Burdick moves to call to question, Senator Kostelnik seconds.**

**President Lawler calls for a Ballot Vote:**

VP Vogelgesang: Sophia Sarver

VP Kline: Sophia Sarver

VP Keffer: Sophia Sarver

Speaker Jenkins: Sophia Sarver

Senator Gordon: Abstain

Senator Downey: Abstain

Senator Dawodu: Abstain

Senator Sorch: Malika Fields

Senator Glover: Malika Fields

Senator Ben: Malika Fields

Senator Vickers: Sophia Sarver

Senator O’Hora: Sophia Sarver

Senator Burdick: Sophia Sarver

Senator Hazelett: Sophia Sarver

Senator Zeni: Sophia Sarver

Senatro Dunlop: Sophia Sarver

Senator Damato: Sophia Sarver

Senator Marvin: Sophia Sarver

Senator Sarver: Sophia Sarver

Senator Miller: Sophia Sarver

Senator Tupper: Sophia Sarver

Senator Campbell: Sophia Sarver

Senator Kostelnik: Sophia Sarver

**Sophia Sarver- 17**

**Malika Fields -3**

**Abstentions-3**

*Sophie Sarver elected as the new Vice President of Internal Affairs; sworn in by President Lawler.*

**Motion #7 -** That SRSGA amends Article 2 of the Constitution to include the VP of Diversity and Inclusion as an executive board position

**Marvin/Campbell**

VP Keffer moves to table motion to allow further discussion. Senator Marvin seconds.

*Motion tabled*

**Motion #8 -** That SRGSA amends Article 4 of the Constitution to add the Social Justice Committee as a Standing Committee of the SRSGA

**Jenkins/Vickers**

VP Keffer moves to table to allow further discussion. Senator Vickers seconds.

*Motion tabled*

**Motion #9 -** That SRSGA amends Article 6 of Constitution to include the Duties of VP of Diversity and Inclusion

**Sarver/Kostelnick**

VP Keffer moves to table to allow further discussion. Senator Kostelnick seconds

*Motion tabled*

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

1. **Wendy Leitera-** Budgeting – please encourage clubs to get on CORE and read over procedures. They are completely new this year, packet and process is different. Please reach out to Riley Keffer or come to CoOp office, Student Center 237 and 238 for assistance. Next Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm is SGA’s Board of Directors quarterly meeting. We will have an open seat for a student at large, if interested please attend the meeting. Application materials will be available soon.
2. **Lauren Moran-**
	1. Student organization President’s meetings Feb 6 at 5pm and Feb 7 at noon. All Presidents are required to attend.
	2. Tomorrow is the Involvement Fair from 12-2
	3. Next Thursday is advisor meeting for student orgs – Feb 8 at 12:30 in the Alumni House
	4. Drive safe
3. **Ms. Bishop-** Suggestion for future elections – manage questions and establish a time limit.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion #9-** That SRSGA moves to adjourn the meeting **at 10:26 pm**

**Marvin/Dunlop**

*Motion Passes*