**Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.  
Minutes for the Meeting of December 4, 2017  
Robert M. Smith Student Center Theater**

1. **Call to Order –** President Lawler **at 8:48 pm**
2. **Roll Call** VP Foster

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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 Beretta  Senator Kostelnik  Senator Marvin  Senator Miller  Senator O'Hora  Senator Ramirez  Senator Sarver  Senator Sorch  Senator Tupper  Senator Vickers  Senator Vinroe  Senator Walker  Senator Zeni  Senator Burdick  Senator Campbell  Senator Damato  Senator Dawodu  Senator Downey  Senator Dunlop  Senator Dunton  Senator Glover  Senator Gordon  Senator Hazelett  Senator Himich  Senator Mahoney  **Excused:**  Vinroe, Himich, Jenkins, Campbell  **Late:**  Kostelnik, Sarver  **Unexcused:**  Mahoney |

1. **Guest Speakers-**None
2. **Officer/Committee Reports**
   1. **President Lawler**
      1. Welcome to our last formal meeting!
      2. Congrats to our Senators who were selected to attend the COSGA Conference in Texas
   2. **VP Volgelgesang**
      1. **St**udent Life survey results (power point presented)
      2. If anyone has questions about the results of the survey, email [srv1002@sru.edu](mailto:srv1002@sru.edu)
   3. **VP Keffer**
      1. Club Tennis Team new initiative request for $204.57 for travel reimbursement
      2. Inline Hockey new initiative request of $655.40 for travel reimbursement
      3. Men’s Club Ice Hockey team new initiative request for league fees and referee fees
      4. Meetings next semester will be Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in 323 SSC
   4. **VP Kline**
      1. Mondays at 6pm committee meetings for next semester
      2. This week’s movie is “Girls Trip” and we are serving mocktails at Friday night’s show!
      3. Over 160 people attended last week’s movie “It”
      4. Next semester we are planning a “Dive in” movie at the ARC pool and will plan more in future if this is successful.
      5. This week’s Club spotlight is Women’s Club Ice Hockey-

* Team members presented in the meeting: There were only 4 returning players at the beginning of last year, and a total of only 6 skaters, but coming back this year there are now 13 skaters with a record of 6-5! Most players are new players. No player pays to play, all fees are covered in the SGA budget and through fundraising. Encourage all other women to come play this sport!
  1. **VP Foster**
     1. Pancake fundraiser Dec 9th 10-12pm and then SGA bonding from 12-1 afterwards
     2. “Holidays Around the World” is this Thursday at common hour and our holiday theme is Chinese New Year.
     3. VP of Internal Position is open for next semester.

Must have attended 2 formal SGA meetings and 1 finance meeting to be eligible.

Email me/ speak to me after for details on how to apply.

* + 1. Thanks for a wonderful semester! I have had a great 4 years in SGA, and sad to say it’s my last meeting.
  1. **Speaker Jenkins**
     1. Building Senators- Tabled in buildings to recruit for open senator positions. Working with ARHS to build stronger working relationship with them.
     2. Commuter Senators- tomorrow at common hour is the “Cookies, Cocoa, and Commuters” Social in the Commuter Lounge. Come hang out !
     3. Freshman Senators- working with the HOPE peer educators to promote health and wellness awareness programs
  2. **Parliamentarian Smith** 
     1. Social Justice amendment being drafted for the first meeting of the Spring Semester
     2. Tonight we will vote on changes to the Graduate senator position policies
     3. Thanks for attending committee! Happy holidays!
     4. [Bcs1009@sru.edu](mailto:Bcs1009@sru.edu)
  3. **Social Justice Chair Davis** 
     1. Thanks to E-board and Senate for welcoming social justice with open arms.
     2. Social Justice Committee started in the Spring of 2016 and it’s awesome to see how far it’s gone.

1. **Open Forum**
   1. Megan Karafa- ARHS Seasons of Giving is Dec 7th 11-2 decorating snowmen for the holidays to give to others.
   2. Senator Glover-Black Action Society is hosting a Pre Kwanza Celebration on Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Ballroom
2. **Old Business**-none
3. **New Business-**

**Motion #1 -** That SRSGA approves the minutes of November 20, 2017

Dunton/Miller

**Motion Passes, with abstention from Senator Sarver**

**Motion #2-** That SRSGA approves the graduate senator position policy as discussed in the last informal Senate meeting (proposal attached to these minutes).

Ramirez/Walker

**Discussion:** VP Keffer asks who would oversee the ad hoc committee proposed in this change? Parliamentarian Smith responds it would be chaired by a Graduate senator and does not necessarily have to be an executive board member. Senator Walker is in favor of this change in policy because this would make it easier on Graduate Senators and increase the retention rate. VP Keffer would like to exempt the language of “ad hoc committee” from the proposal, and does not recommend that change number two is included in this vote. Parliamentarian Smith explains that the committee is supposed to establish a connection between the graduate students and the SGA (and be dissolved later). VP Keffer wants to understand how this proposed committee will be regulated (when meetings are, etc.). Senator Kostelnik makes the point that ad hocby definition is temporary.

**Motion #3-** VP Keffer moves to friendly amend the motion to only include change number one in the proposal, but not change number two. Ramirez seconds.

**Motion passes, Senators Kostelnik and Sarver abstain**

**Motion #4**- That SRSGA approves the Club Tennis team’s New Initiative Request of $204.67 for mileage reimbursement

Dunton/Dunlop

Discussion: none

**Motion Passes with Abstention from Senator Sarver**

**Motion #5-** That SRSGA approves the Inline Hockey Club’s New Initiative Request of $655.40 for mileage reimbursement

Tupper/Vickers

Discussion: none

**Motion Passes with abstention from Senator Sarver**

**Motion #6-** That SRSGA approves the Men’s Ice Hockey Club’s New Initiative Requests of $8,250.00 for referee fees and $1,350.00 for CHMA league dues

Damato/Beretta

**Discussion:** 32 active players on the roster currently. They use self support and fundraisers (golf outing, Night at the Races) and raised $10-15,000 with just those two fundraisers. They will try to push for 3-4 fundraisers next season and increase player dues. Senator Kostelnik asked why this request was tabled last meeting, and VP Keffer explained that their funds (player dues, fundraising) are not in a CoOp self support account. VP Keffer further explained that due to the rental agreement the team has with the Lemieux Center (that SGA guarantees) he would be comfortable with them moving the balance due to their CoOp self support account before approving additional funds in their budget.

VP Vogelgesang advocated for the hockey team and explained that the team is only moving upwards on both the ice and with fundraising.

Team Treasurer reports the reason for the second bank account was for the convenience and flexibility of a debit card. The team President agreed this would be fine to move the money to an SGA self support account. Senator Sarver asked how much the monthly invoice was to the Lemieux center and a member answered roughly $7000.

**Motion #7**- VP Keffer moves to friendly amend the motion to approve the two initiative requests if $29, 970.41 (balance of rental agreement) is moved to their SGA self support account by the end of the semester. Damato seconds.

**Motion passes with two nays (Senators Gordon and Marvin) and 4 abstentions (Senators Sarver, Burdick, Downey, and Kostelnik).**

**Motion** **#8-** That SRSGA opens the floor for Senator elections.

Miller/Ramirez

Tyler Ben has applied for the open Rock Apts. Senator Position and is present. Tyler is a Sophomore Exercise Science major.

**Questions for prospective senator:**

**Q: Senator Sarver: What do you see as the major difference for residents in the Rock Apartments versus the dorms?**

-The dorms have more structured and the rock apartments make you more independent.

Q:**Senator Marvin:**  **Name one good thing about SRU and one thing you’d like to see changed?**

-Friendly atmosphere is positive. Would like to create more cohesion between ARHS and SGA.

Q: **Senator Dawodu: How do you think you will be able to bring all the Rock Apartments’ residents together?**

-The CA’s have house council meetings and I will go to those residence hall meetings and bring this information back to SGA.

**Discussion:** VP Kline reports Tyler has come to many meetings and is very well spoken. Senator Walker advocates that he is a great guy and sees no flaws. He is a very positive person and sees him as an excellent addition to SGA. Senator Hazelett adds he has shown up to things with SGA that he did not need to attend (informal meetings as well). VP Kline states he would be a great addition. Senator Damato says he always puts 100% effort into everything he does. President Lawler said he seems like a great leader.

**Roll Call Vote:**

X= voted yes for induction

Members:

Scott Vogelgesang, VP of Student and Academic Affairs-abstain

Riley Keffer, VP of Financial Affairs x

Dallas Kline, VP of Campus Outreach x

Lexi Foster,VP of Internal Affairs x

Senator Beretta x

Senator Burdick x

Senator Damato x

Senator Dawodu x

Senator Downey x

Senator Dunlop x

Senator Dunton x

Senator Glover x

Senator Gordon x

Senator Hazelett x

Senator Marvin x

Senator Miller x

Senator O'Hora x

Senator Ramirez x

Senator Sorch x

Senator Tupper x

Senator Vickers x

Senator Walker x

Senator Zeni x

**Tyler Ben is elected Rock Apartments Senator.**

**VIII. Advisor’s Comments**

**Wendy Leitera-**Thank you for those of you who stayed! Over 800 students attended movies this semester. Several hundred students have attended these SGA formal meetings. Several hundred students responded on student life survey. Great job on outreach!

1. Good luck on finals. Destress. Get rest. Relax and get ramped up for finals week. Take care of yourself first.
2. COT (Council of Trustees) open meeting this Friday and committee meetings on Thursday. Agendas and times are on the SRU website under council of trustees! One item of interest is that our organization is certified through the COT. We are an affiliated entity and are certified annually through the COT, this vote will take place Friday.
3. Stay engaged in the presidential search. There should be an update as to the makeup of the search committee/more updates this Friday.
4. Have a great holiday.

**Lauren Moran-**Holidays around the world/seasons of giving is common hour this Thursday

1. Working with Speaker Jenkins on planning the Senate retreat in the spring semester.

b. Executive board position that is open. Seek out information. You do not have to be a current member of senate to run for this position.

**Ms. Bishop-** Great job Rachel. Great job Social Justice committee. Also, hunger is an issue on campus so please keep me posted with the food pantry. The Potters Guild hosts an Empty Bowls dinner and proceeds go to the food bank in Slippery Rock, the group would be happy to partner on the project. Have a great holiday!

President Lawler swears in Tyler Ben, prior to adjourning the meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion #9 -**That SRSGA adjourns this meeting at 10:03pm.

Marvin/Gordon

**Motion passes with abstention from Senator Sarver**