

Information Workshop
Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
9:00 a.m.
Robert M. Smith Student Center, Room 321
With ZOOM Capabilities

Council Chair Domenic Ionta called the meeting to order and reviewed the purpose for the workshop. In consultation with President Behre and Finance Committee Chair Dan Lavallee, this information session will address three topics for Council review: 1) Key points on the Comprehensive Performance Plan, 2) Review of University Reserves, 3) Proposed Budget- FY 2022-2023.

This workshop is informational only and no deliberation on any issue will take place.

Finance Chair Dan Lavallee welcomed members in attendance.

Vice President Carrie Birckbichler, Finance and Administration, addressed three topics:

- 1) Comprehensive Performance Plan,
- 2) Review of University Reserves, and
- 3) Review of the 2022/2023 proposed budget that will be presented for Council's consideration of approval at its quarterly business meeting, September 22-23, 2022.

President Behre shared that SRU is the most selective school in the System, which is why we realize stronger retention rates.

Trustee Jeffrey Smith shared the following requests for additional information in advance of next week's quarterly business meeting:

1. Out of state student strategies: What are the assumptions? What is the anticipated revenue generated from what appears to be a plan of trying to add 20 additional students per year? If we are discounting tuition for out of state students, are we generating more revenue for the university?
2. It would be interesting to see what the enrollment projections are if we are staying flat over the next couple of years. What are the assumptions in the next couple of years if we followed the cliff (the drop-off) that's coming? How much do we really expect to grow enrollments even when projections say they are staying flat?
3. There appears to be a lot of changes from System assumptions. It would be helpful to invite a System representative to our meeting next week to address how they generate these assumptions.

Following further discussion on the topics reviewed, the workshop adjourned.

Council Chair Ionta expressed thanks to President Behre, Carrie Birckbichler, and the SRU executive team for providing an impressive and thoroughly vetted presentation to Council this morning.

Respectfully submitted,

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