

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

December 8, 2023

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, December 8, 2023, in the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center and via ZOOM conferencing. Chair Domenic Ionta called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The video recording of this meeting in its entirety can be found on the Council webpage, <https://www.sru.edu/about/administration/council-of-trustees/video-recordings>

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Domenic Ionta, Mr. Matt Lautman, Ms. Elise Michaux, Mr. William McCarrier, Ms. Cierra Mitchell, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Mr. Joshua Young, Mr. Robert Taylor

Trustees absent: Mr. Dan Lavalley, Ms. Suzanne Vessella

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Trustee Taylor moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, a motion to remove **Item B. SRU Council of Trustees (meeting norms)** under Section **X. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**. Motion carries.

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the December 8, 2023 amended meeting agenda. Motion carries (TAB 6, Appendix A) <https://www.livebinders.com/b/3526724>

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the quarterly business meeting minutes of Friday, September 29, 2023. Motion carries. (TAB 7, Appendix B) <https://www.livebinders.com/b/3526724>

Public Comments

None.

Commendations

- SRU Women's Cross Country Team
- Ethan Brentham: NCAA Elite 90 Award Recipient

Presentations

Innovation: Inside and Outside of the Classroom

The Prompting is the Only Problem

How SRU faculty can make AI text generators a tool for achieving pedagogical outcomes

- Dr. John Silvestro, associate professor, Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Writing

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.

President's Report

December 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center

During the past two months we have focused on advancing the completion of the strategic plan and on creating an implementation plan. One of the highlights of the past quarter was the Slippery Rock University Presidential Inauguration. This was an opportunity to bring this community together and to celebrate our laudable history and to commit to working together for a successful future. The activities related to the ceremony and reception were an opportunity to showcase the best of SRU. Our faculty and staff put together a great event and the student performers were amazing. The event also allowed me to publicly state, once again, that I am honored to be part of this great organization and that I humbly accept this charge to serve as the 18th president of Slippery Rock University - leading through a lens of service.

Enrollment:

Our attention has moved to Fall 2024. The information provided is as of November 14, 2023. These numbers change slightly and as such the numbers presented in the presentations may vary from those listed below.

As compared to the same time last year, total first-year applications are up by +367 and offers are up by +221. Deposits are up by +59. Our campus daily visits, high school programs, Saturday campus visits, and Open Houses are all reporting strong participation numbers. First-year domestic applications are up by +363 (domestic deposits +61) and domestic applications in our primary market are up by +289 (primary market deposits +53). Domestic out-of-state applications are up by +71 and Eastern PA applications are up by +5. URM applications are up by +45 (URM deposits are up by +5).

Transfer total applications are down by -62 (-67-Domestic/+5-International).

Graduate applications for Winter (-35), Spring (-82), Summer (-15), and Fall (-72) are currently reporting declines. Graduate deposits are reported as follows: Winter (-16), Spring (-27), Summer (+4), and Fall (-3).

The first-year numbers for spring are typically very small; current deposits are at 23 compared to 40 last year. Domestic deposits are at 14 as compared with 21 last year at the same time. International deposits are at 9 as compared to 19 last year. The transfer numbers for spring are currently ahead of last year. Total domestic applications are up by +25, offers are up by +10, and deposits are up by +9. International deposits are the same as last year (3).

Financial Picture/Budget Scenarios: We are currently engaging in scenario planning and will complete a budget when the compensation for our APSCUF employees is determined. The

budget must balance, and we are engaged in activities now to ensure that this occurs. It will be amended once additional compensation information is available. At this point we are not adding any positions nor are we making large financial commitments until we have clarity about the expenses that will be associated with all of the collective bargaining agreements.

Construction Projects: There are several projects that have been completed and/or are in various stages of completion. Planning has been completed for the renovation of the women's softball field. Funds have been allocated to cover this capital expenditure. The renovations to the University Union are progressing with subsequent discussions regarding the cascading impact of moving units to the renovated facility. There is ample space and as such requests and goals regarding relocation of various units are in the active planning stages.

Strategic Plan: The work to complete the narrative and implementation structure for the Strategic Plan continues. Four writing groups have been formed and have met to expand the narrative of the plan. The plan will then be reviewed and edited for consistency with an anticipated completion date of January 2024. Moving forward, the President's Report will primarily be structured around the 1st Choice Strategic Plan. This will allow for accountability to the plan and will highlight for the Council of Trustees, the symmetry of the activities and their contributions to our overall goals.

Pillar #1 Robust, Supportive and Inclusive Culture

Develop and implement a comprehensive communication plan.

Elevate the reputation of SRU through earned media. We are working both internally and externally to improve communication. External communication and earned media are crucial to elevating the reputation of SRU. We have an intentional approach and will continue to work with BCW to seek out opportunities for positive press. In an effort to enhance the understanding of the media coverage for the Council of Trustees, we will be sharing media mentions and larger stories with the COT on a weekly basis. Attached is the media report from BCW for the month of October.

Develop a culture of recognition and engagement.

We have instituted a system of recognition for the coaches and athletes who perform exceptionally well. Any team that wins the conference will have a dinner at the President's Residence. For our fall sports, the women's cross country team won the PSAC conference. As such, they were recognized through a dinner at the President's Residence. It is important to note that the men's cross country team was second in the conference. Both teams had individuals who competed at the NCAA Championships on November 18, 2023.

Pillar #2 Academic Discovery and Human Growth

Provide a premier student experience.

Ensure academic programs are market responsive. We are currently exploring new programs that are either extensions of existing programs or are areas of high need within the community. We are currently conducting feasibility studies for additional programs in nursing as well as an MA program in Occupational Therapy. We will bring the reports back to the Council of Trustees once they have been completed.

Ensure that all faculty, staff and students have the support and resources necessary to thrive. Narcan kits are now available with the emergency defibrillators among the life-saving devices in buildings across the campus. Narcan is the brand name for the drug naloxone, which is used to help prevent fatal opioid overdoses. Thanks to a donation from the Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program, more than 300 Narcan kits are now available at 24 high-traffic locations at SRU, including places frequently visited by the public and every residence hall. The POPP is a joint initiative between the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. The addition of Narcan kits at SRU is also part of a larger collaboration among schools in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education who have committed to the effort to reduce harms of drug overdoses. For more information on the program please click on this link, <https://www.sru.edu/news/102423b>

Pillar #4 Financial sustainability and resource stewardship

Increase gifts, grants, internships, and sponsored research.

Comprehensive Campaign. The BFW contract has been signed and they will review the previous report and will provide the University with data that will inform the formation, direction, and goals for the comprehensive campaign.

Increase gifts and grants. We are currently working with the Butler CDC to explore grant opportunities for several capital projects on campus. The projects range from sidewalks to energy saving initiatives. We will continue to update the COT as the grants are submitted.

Structured for Success:

Academic Departments. The restructuring of the academic programs is almost complete. This has been an iterative process led by Provost Michael Zieg. The faculty, APSCUF president and deans have all provided input into the new structure. The implementation will begin in the fall 2024 semester. The new structure will provide more flexibility for faculty teaching. It decreases the administrative costs across the units. It also supports early career faculty by decreasing service requirements that are present in small departments.

Information and Administrative Technology Services (IATS). The Associate Provost John Ziegler announced his retirement effective December 31st. IATS has been an area of concern. As such, we will be hiring an external group to evaluate the needs and the current structure of the unit. This provides necessary insight for the incoming leader.

Filling open cabinet positions:

The search has successfully concluded for the Chief Human Resources Officer. We hired Holly McCoy to fill the Human Resources position.

January 2024 marks Holly's 25th year working in higher education in the areas of Human Resources and Equity. Holly came to Slippery Rock University in 2003. Prior to assuming the CHRO role, she served as the Assistant Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance. As Chief Human Resources Officer, Holly oversees a team of seven employees who are responsible for all aspects of the employee experience at SRU: faculty and staff recruitment and hiring

process, clearances and fingerprinting, orientation, benefits, payroll, labor relations, position review and classification, training, immigration, ADA accommodations, protection of minors training and program registration, the sexual misconduct policy including Title IX compliance, and the harassment and discrimination policy, mediation, and student hiring and payroll. Holly's areas of specialization include Title VII and Title IX harassment and discrimination prevention and investigation, hiring processes, and protection of minors. She is also a certified mediator.

Holly earned a BA in English and Government and International Relations (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Notre Dame and a JD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (*magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif) where she also served as a member of the law review. She lives in Harrisville with her husband, Drew, and two dogs. Her son, Duncan, is a senior Secondary Education major at SRU where he also played on the men's soccer team. Her daughter, Bronwyn, is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh. Holly volunteers her time in a number of community activities in the Slippery Rock area, most recently as president of the Slippery Rock High School Girls' Basketball Boosters. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, reading, and baking.

The search for the provost has also been successfully completed. The search attracted 73 applicants in a highly competitive and robust pool. The process was rigorous with four finalists completing their campus visits on November 16, 2023. I met with the search committee on November 17, 2023, and reviewed the data from the campus community. The offer was made to Dr. Michael Zieg, and I am pleased to report, that he accepted the offer.

In Michael's permanent role as provost/vice president for Academic Affairs, he is responsible for developing and implementing academic plans, policies and priorities. He will work closely with faculty, administrators, staff and students to ensure that SRU is achieving the highest standards in teaching, scholarship, services and creative activities within and beyond the classroom.

Michael spent the last 20 years of his career at SRU, starting as a professor of geography, geology and the environment in 2003. He took on administrative roles, including department chair from 2013-17, interim dean of the College of Health, Engineering and Science from 2019-21, and associate provost for academic planning, budget and strategic initiatives in 2022, before becoming interim provost.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1994 and a doctoral degree from John Hopkins University in 2001, before serving as a postdoctoral fellow at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science.

The search for the Vice President of Advancement will be relaunched in January. We are interviewing search firms to assist with the process. The search for the Senior Director of Marketing and Communication is progressing. The application period was extended as the pool was not diverse in its demographic composition. The extension with intentional outreach

yielded an increase in candidates so the screening process by the search committee is progressing on schedule.

Alignment of affiliated entities:

The issue of silos is present, not only in the academic and staff units, but also within the affiliated entities. If we are to be successful in a comprehensive campaign, we will need to ensure that we are all working together and that our respective goals are aligned. Mike Zody, president of the Alumni Association and Mark Palmer, chair of the SRU Foundation Board, are very interested in working together with the leadership of SRU and with the Council of Trustees. These individuals have been invited to attend the Council of Trustees meetings and we are planning a working retreat in the spring semester to align goals for advancing the University. This is a critical step and we are fortunate to have two leaders who recognize the importance of this collaboration and are willing to support the University in this way.

Administrative Council:

We are broadening, and in some ways, flattening the administrative structure of the University to create an Administrative Council. This will not be a governing body but rather a group that works together to advance the 1st Choice Strategic Plan and to lead the University through a variety of initiatives. The Administrative Council will comprise all managers at the 200 level and above. To ensure that there is a clear faculty voice, the president of APSCUF, the athletic director and the faculty liaison to the Council of Trustees will also be included.

Temperature Team:

Creating a robust, supportive and inclusive culture requires us to know not only what is happening on our campus and what trends are coming soon, but also to share the information and create a collaborative plan of action. To that end, I have requested Karla Fonner, dean of students, gather a group of individuals for a monthly Campus Temperature Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for us to intentionally engage in conversation with the hope of fostering the opportunity to share community issues impacting our work and our students.

As is customary, I'll leave you with a sampling of news about our University, students, faculty, staff and alumni:

[SRU names Michael Zieg provost and vice president for academic affairs](#)

Following an extensive national search process, Slippery Rock University has named Michael Zieg as provost and vice president for academic affairs, effective immediately. Zieg has served in the interim role since April 2022.

[Pease-Hernandez receives PASSHE DEI Keeper of the Flame Award](#)

Christine Pease-Hernandez, a Slippery Rock University associate professor of strategic communication and media, received Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Keepers of the Flame Award.

SRU recognizes Indigenous people with land acknowledgment statement

November was National Native American Heritage Month, and at Slippery Rock University there's an observance of Indigenous people that will go beyond a span of 30 days each year. Through a shared-governance effort between SRU administration and faculty, the University has adopted a new land acknowledgment statement that will be used permanently by students, faculty, staff and visitors to recognize the previous land occupants of the campus and surrounding area.

Bian and Leight win SHAPE PA awards

Wei Bian, a Slippery Rock University associate professor of physical and health education, and Joanne Leight, an SRU professor of physical and health education, were both recently selected for awards offered by the Society of Health and Physical Educators of Pennsylvania.

SRU College of Education recognized by CAEP

Slippery Rock University's College of Education was recently recognized by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation with the Frank Murray Leadership Recognition for Continuous Improvement. SRU was one of 21 colleges and universities in the world recognized for excellence in educator preparation through the purposeful use of self-study procedures and evidence-based reporting that assure quality and support continuous improvement to strengthen P-12 learning.

SRU names Holly McCoy chief human resources officer

Slippery Rock University announced that Holly McCoy has been appointed as the University's chief human resources officer, effective immediately. McCoy, who served as interim CHRO and Title IX coordinator since June 2022, was selected as the successful candidate for the position after the University conducted a national search.

SRU programs recognized on 2023 BestColleges rankings

Slippery Rock University appeared on two different 2023 rankings published by BestColleges.com, an online education resource that helps prospective students with their college search.

SRU dedicates memorial gardens for the late Carolyn Carruth Rizza

Slippery Rock University held a dedication ceremony, Oct. 27, at the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center in memory of the center's late benefactor, Carolyn Carruth Rizza. The newly completed Carolyn Carruth Rizza Memorial Garden now sits near the entrance of the SHEC to pay tribute to Rizza, who passed away Dec. 27, 2022, at the age of 78.

SRU online programs recognized in 2023-24 EduMed rankings

Three academic programs at Slippery Rock University were recognized on EduMed's 2023-24 rankings. EduMed is a resource supporting students' pursuits of an online or hybrid education in the allied health, nursing and medical fields.

Dunlap receives BC3 Distinguished Alumni Award

Ivory Dunlap, Slippery Rock University director of inclusive excellence, was recognized by Butler County Community College as one of its 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award winners.

SRU special education students receive full scholarships from state grant

Four Slippery Rock University graduate students in the Master of Education in special education, PK-12 certification, have earned full tuition scholarships from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Keener and Pease-Hernandez serving as SRU's DEI fellows

Slippery Rock University is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in a variety of ways, from hiring practices to programming for students. A new development is having two faculty members appointed as DEI fellows to assist with training faculty and other service related to the DEI requirement within SRU's general studies program. Emily Keener, associate professor of psychology, and Christine Pease-Hernandez, associate professor of strategic communication and media, were appointed as SRU's first DEI fellows starting in the Fall 2023 semester.

SRU listed among 'Best Mid-Atlantic' Colleges in 2024 Princeton Review's Best Colleges Guide

Slippery Rock University has been recognized among the best colleges in its region by The Princeton Review. SRU appeared on the "Best Mid-Atlantic" list in The Princeton Review's 2024 Best Colleges Guide.

SRU President's House decorated with student art and other University artifacts

When Slippery Rock University President Karen Riley moved into her residence on campus earlier this year, she needed help decorating. With an art gallery across the street from the President's House, Riley didn't have to look too far for inspiration. But her goal wasn't about filling an empty space on the wall — she wanted to represent the University. The SRU Art Department worked with Riley to create the SRU President's Student Art Award in Residence, where Art Department faculty nominate an SRU student whose artwork will be displayed in the President's House each semester.

SRU faculty and students contribute to PCA convention

Slippery Rock University hosted the Pennsylvania Communication Association Annual Convention, Sept. 29-30, at the Smith Student Center, and several SRU faculty and students presented at the meeting, served as panelists or were recognized.

ATHLETICS UPDATES

Men's Cross Country: Brentham wins NCAA Division II XC Elite 90 award

SRU men's cross country standout Ethan Brentham won the NCAA Elite 90 award at the 2023 Division II Cross Country Championships, becoming the first SRU student-athlete in any sport to be named as an Elite 90 winner. The honor is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 National Championships.

Women's Cross Country: SRU wins PSAC title for first time since 1995

The SRU women's cross country team won its first Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championship since 1995 and its third in program history by placing five runners the top 19 positions to win the title. The team finished second at the Atlantic Region Championships to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championships to make its fourth team appearance at the national meet in program history and its first since 2008.

Football: SRU advances to NCAA quarterfinals/semifinals

The SRU football team advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Playoffs for the third time in the last five seasons. SRU led all programs in Super Region One with seven selections to the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-Region team. Quarterback Brayden Long was named Super Region One Offensive Player of the Year.

Men's Soccer: SRU has most Academic All-District representatives ever

The SRU men's soccer team garnered a program-record five student-athletes on the 2023 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team. CSC Academic All-District selections must have a cumulative grade point average above 3.50 and have significant athletic credentials. Topher Garcia, Luke Gildea, Will Harrigan, Aitor Jorde and Jeroen Van Der Veen made up the largest showing on the team in team history.

Women's Soccer: SRU has 27th straight winning season and is recognized for academics

In addition to its 27th consecutive winning season with a 12-4-3 record in 2023, the SRU women's soccer team placed six student-athletes on the 2023 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team. CSC Academic All-District selections must have a cumulative grade point average above 3.50 and have significant athletic credentials. Maddie DeLucio, Nina King, Sydney Patrick, Brooke Riefenstahl, Morgan Sarver and Libby Zacharyasz were all named to the honor.

Volleyball: The Rock matches team's highest win total in last nine years

SRU won 14 matches which tied for the program's highest victory total over the last nine years. The Rock played 12 matches against teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Field Hockey: SRU wins two of last four games

Although SRU's field hockey team posted four wins during the season, two came in the final four games and The Rock's final game of the season was a close, 3-2, loss to No. 4-ranked Bloomsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.
President

Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix C)

Trustee Elise Michaux chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and provided the following report.

Dr. Michael Zieg provided an update on academic department restructuring, which will take effect in summer 2024. Together with CFO Carrie Birckbichler, they presented an update on enrollments and financial impact of new programs. Taken altogether, new programs have fallen short of enrollment expectations, but have yielded strong positive financial returns. As is typical, graduate programs have greater financial impacts than undergraduate programs. Dr. Zieg discussed program changes that have already been implemented, as well as new program changes and new programs that are being studied for future development.

Dr. Anthony Jones reviewed the activities and accomplishments of the office of DEIB. He highlighted programming, including new events at Homecoming; outreach efforts, including the second edition of the popular “DEIB Debrief;” and training sessions conducted for faculty, staff, students, and the surrounding community. He concluded with updates about Search Advocates, the DEIB Strategic Plan, and a discussion about SRU’s new Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Dr. Amanda Yale provided an enrollment update for summer and fall student enrollment and registration. Total winter session credit hours are up by 14.3%: undergraduate credit hours are up by 12.9% and graduate credit hours are up by 17.5%. Total Spring term credit hours are up by 1.2%: undergraduate credit hours are up by .9% and graduate credit hours are up by 3.4%. While it is early in the recruitment process for fall 2024, freshman cohort deposits are up by over 100. The majority of the increases are occurring in the primary market. Transfer deposits are down for fall 2024 and this is not unusual considering community colleges were down in enrollment in previous years. Finally, it is anticipated that there will be small increases in graduate enrollment for fall 2024.

Dr. David Wilmes provided a summary of Student Affairs activities, highlighting our Student Athletes, who have been recognized with many academic awards in addition to their successes on the field and in the arena. Most notably, three SRU student athletes with perfect 4.0 GPAs were recognized as PSAC Champion Scholars. Finally, following up from the last meeting, he discussed the current status of student housing and plans for Fall 2024.

Trustee Michaux: Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.

Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

Trustee Jeffrey Smith chairs the Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee and provided the following report.

The Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee met yesterday and covered several items.

Kevin Sharkey, chief, SRU campus police, presented information concerning the SRU Annual Security and Fire Safety Report and the Clery reporting process. The committee also had an interesting discussion with the Chief about his department and its operation.

Carrie Birckbichler, vice president, Finance and Administration, presented the first quarter financial results for the University. While it is early in the year and the results of the collective bargaining efforts

will likely be retroactive to July 1, there are many unknowns. However, it appears that the University's financial situation is tracking well against the 2023/2024 budget.

Carrie also shared the PASSHE financial dashboard that showed Slippery Rock, East Stroudsburg and West Chester remaining at the top level.

Carrie also presented some preliminary thoughts on potential fee increase requests. These requests will be discussed in greater detail at a special workshop / meeting in February 2024 with a final vote at the March COT meeting.

An update on Slippery Rock capital projects was given to the COT.

Finally, the committee recommended that a Certificate of Compliance with its Affiliated Entities Resolution be forwarded to the full Council for final action.

Information items included:

- Audit Communication Documents FY 2022-2023
- Financial Sustainability Guidance
- 2023 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
- Contracts & Purchases
- Financial Report
- Facilities and Planning Project Lists
- HR Personnel Items
- Divisional Report

Trustee Smith: Chair Ionta, this concludes my report.

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)

Trustee Joshua Young, committee chairperson, provided the following report. The University Advancement Committee met this morning at 8:30 a.m.

Interim Vice President Samantha Swift presented the FY 2024 advancement update. Samantha was pleased to report the comprehensive campaign total is at \$4,796,651. Activity as of September 30, 2023: \$648,819 raised, 134 Founders' Society members, 69 meetings, 145 proposals for support totaling \$2.8 million, realized a \$20,000 charitable gift annuity, and we were very pleased to receive an in-kind gift totaling \$3.8M in engineering software.

Samantha also reminded us that SRU Giving Day is planned for March 26, 2024.

Kelly Bailey, director, Alumni Engagement, provided an update of Alumni Association activities. A recap of Haunted Homecoming: 10 SRUAA and SRUAA partnership events were held, 547 alumni and friends attended official SRUAA and cross promoted events, alumni from 19 states attended official events, and the oldest alumnus in attendance was 92 years old from the class of 1953!

As part of Homecoming activities, alumni were recognized for their professional achievements at the SRU Media and Communications Hall of Fame Ceremony and the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Additional events held in the fall included Backpacks to Briefcases and the Alumni Speaker Series.

The SRU Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations to serve on the Alumni Board of Directors for the upcoming election of officers. Applications are due on December 15. The Association recently approved \$90,000 in scholarship disbursements for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications for scholarships are currently under review by the committee. Nominations are being accepted for the 10 under 10 Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award.

David Hollenbaugh, executive director, SRU Foundation, presented an update on the continued progress in Technology Park, and the Foundation's financial reports.

The projects in Technology Park continue to advance. The Senior Independent Living Development project is in the permitting and design phase and is making good progress. Dave also presented the Balance Sheet Summaries for the Foundation and SRUF Student Housing LLC and the investment portfolio.

Trustee Young: Chairman Ionta, this concludes my report.

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Trustee Alfonso Angelucci, chair of the Governance Committee, provided the following report. Items addressed for action, discussion, and information were:

- Trustees reviewed board structure. It was decided by Council to continue with the two-day format and include opportunities to interact with students.
- Moving forward, PACT Update, is removed from the agenda as a quarterly topic for discussion.
- SRU Media Report (October 2023) (bcw)
- Calendar mentions (fall 2023/spring/summer 2024)
- SRU Council bylaws were included in the materials as information.

Trustee Angelucci: Chair Ionta, this concludes my report.

Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix G)

Council met this morning in executive session with President Riley and University Legal Counsel. No report; closed session.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution: Affiliated Entities: Certification of Compliance (TAB 8) (Appendix H)

Trustee Smith moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the Resolution: Affiliated Entities: Certification of Compliance. Motion carries unanimously.

Naming Resolution: Carolyn Carruth Rizza Memorial Garden (TAB 10) (Appendix I)

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the Carolyn Carruth Rizza Memorial Garden, constructed in loving memory of Dr. Carolyn Rizza, former SRU professor and long-standing, beloved supporter of the Rock. The memorial garden was realized as a memorial tribute and the vision of Carolyn's loving and devoted husband, Dr. Paul Rizza, also a former SRU professor and beloved supporter of SRU. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Meeting Dates:

March 21-22, 2024

June 13-14, 2024

Contracts: (TAB 11) (Appendix J)

Budget/Financial Update (TAB 14) (Appendix K)

Facilities & Planning Active Project List (TAB 12) (Appendix L)

HR Personnel Items (Tab 13) (Appendix M)

- Instructional Appointments: Effective Academic Year 2023-2024
- Administrator Appointments
- Management Appointments
- Support Staff Appointments
- Resignations
- Sabbaticals: AY 2024-2025

ASR/Clery Report (TAB 15, Appendix N)

CliftonLarsonAllen Audit Results 2022-2023 (Letter) (TAB 16, Appendix O)

Committee Presentations (TAB 17)

Divisional Reports (TAB 18)

Financial Sustainability Guidance (TAB 19) (Appendix P)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustee Angelucci: “Congratulations to Dr. Riley and her staff on the appointments of Ms. McCoy and Dr. Zieg. Fantastic! Also, the temperature team is a great leadership idea for the University, and it sounds like it has already been well received.” “So, congratulations on that campus initiative.”


“And, congrats on setting the bar for those of us who wear glasses with those green glasses!” Come on! Dr. Riley responded, “that full acknowledgement goes to Dr. Roberta Page, our athletic director, who said, I needed to step up my game and gave them [the glasses] to me.”

Jeff Smith: “I would like to publicly thank a member of the Slippery Rock University family, who I think has done an amazing job in promoting the SRU brand through the work of the Butler Succeed Program down in the city of Butler. Although some of you have met her, I’m guessing that most of you have not met Josette Skobieranda Dau, associate director, Butler SUCCEED. Despite a lot of challenges in starting up a new program, Josette has done an incredible job of integrating SRU into the city of Butler. In the latest Butler downtown newsletter there is a big article about SRU Bonner students, I believe 7 or 8 students are currently in the program, working in various capacities in the city. Josette’s relationship with the downtown community is largely responsible for that kind of recognition. At our last advisory board

meeting, we had a great discussion about growing that relationship between the county and the university and using SUCCEED as the hub for those efforts. For those of you who live in the area, I would encourage you to stop down and see her. And, for those who are not from the area, I would encourage you to take some time in your travel arrangements to visit Succeed.” <https://www.sru.edu/news/031622a>

With no further business, Trustee Lautman moved, Trustee Michaux second, to adjourn the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees business meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Tina L. Moser, Administrative Liaison to the SRU Council of Trustees