

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

June 8, 2018

The quarterly business meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held Friday, June 8, 2018 in Room 321 of the Robert M. Smith Student Center. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by William McCarrier, chair.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Tom Breth, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Jeff Smith, Mr. William McCarrier, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Robert Taylor, Senator Mary Jo White.

Trustees absent: Mr. Jairus Moore

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Breth, approval of the Friday, June 8, 2018 meeting agenda. Motion carried. Agenda approved. (TAB 16) (Appendix A)

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the March 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Minutes approved. (TAB 17) (Appendix B)

Presentations

SRU Employee Recognition Celebration Video – Interim President Philip Way

Commendation presented to Philip Way (Appendix B1)

Chairman McCarrier presented Interim President Philip Way with a Commendation in recognition of his outstanding service as the Interim President of Slippery Rock University and especially for his leadership in keeping the University moving “onward and upward”; his commitment to advancing the University as a caring, student-centered community; and the honor brought to the University through his dedication and achievements.

Public Comments

**President’s Remarks, Slippery Rock Student Government Association
Provided by Elizabeth Hernandez on behalf of Rachel Lawler**

Good Morning Council:

For those of you do not know me my name is Elizabeth Hernandez, the newly elected Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association. I am a senior Political Science and Professional Spanish major from Grove City. I am here today to speak on

behalf of our newly elected President, Dallas Kline. Dallas is a senior Sport Management major from York, Pa. She sends her regards, and while she regrets that she cannot be here to greet you today due to work obligations, she looks forward to working with the council in the future.

I am here today to share some goals that the student government has for the upcoming academic year. We have a number of projects in mind that we hope will make a positive impact on the university community. Two important initiatives that the former senate implemented and, of which, we will continue to develop include a food pantry and the addition of a VP position. First, a food pantry, which is housed at the Macoskey Center, will be in full working order this fall. The pantry will open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during common hour for any student who is experiencing food insecurity (that is, a student who is without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food). We will also work hand in hand with the Macoskey Center to add an educational piece to the food pantry with information about growing your own produce, or meals you can make the food that is provided. The idea of a food pantry came from the data received from the fall 2017 student life survey. We look forward to serving students in need and by the way, are always accepting nonperishable donations for the pantry.

The second initiative, and one that we are especially proud of is the added student government position of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion which will oversee the student Social Justice Committee. With this new position and committee, the goal is to foster an inclusive environment that advocates for and celebrates diversity. Adding this position to our executive board sends a powerful message to the student body and we are hoping administration will follow suit. Working with administration and with the Council of Trustees to validate the importance of diversity and inclusion on our campus should be a top priority, after all, it is a university learning outcome.

Finally, the SRSGA Social Justice Committee will be completing an advocacy project each year that will be determined based on the climate of the campus at the current time. The committee this year collected over 20,000 menstrual hygiene products to donate to VOICe, a victim outreach intervention center in Butler, PA. It will be of top priority to our executive board and senate to see this committee thrive in its inaugural year.

Other SGA initiatives include the Big Event. The Big Event is a national event held on college campuses that allows students to say thank you to the local community through service oriented activities. We are working closely with Mayor Longo and the borough to explore ways to give back to the Slippery Rock Community members for being supportive of our university. We are hoping this event will take place on a Saturday in April, 2019.

And, one more goal that is important to share deals with the restructuring of the senate. We currently represent students based on residence, but have determined that this is no longer the best form of representation. Through research, discussions, and work with other offices across campus, we are looking to create a different structure by election time in spring, 2019.

Finally, we look forward to working with our newly elected president, Dr. Behe. We thank the Council of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee for their hard work and dedication for finding what we hope will be an excellent and transparent leader for Slippery Rock University. It is our hope that we can all come together, students, faculty, staff, and administration to continue to make SRU an awesome university. As always, you are all welcome to come to our meetings, which will have a new time this year. They will be every other Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith

Student Center Theatre. Thank you again for allowing us to present our Student Government update. Have a great weekend.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Interim President Philip Way shared the Report of the President (**Appendix C**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

Trustee Smith, chair of the Governance Committee, shared the report of the committee meeting held at 10 a.m. this morning.

Committee members voted on the following slate of officers presented by the nominating committee: Jeff Smith, chair; Alfonso Angelucci, vice-chair; Jairus Moore, secretary. Trustee Lautman made the motion, Trustee Breth second, motion passed by committee.

Trustee Smith presented two revisions to Council Bylaws for committee review and approval.

Revision #1: This revision to the bylaws was recommended due to the concerns of not having a quorum at COT meetings due to absenteeism. Also, this change would bring the COT bylaws into compliance with current practices.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 6. Voting. One or more members of the Council may participate in any meeting of the Council of Trustees by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, with all rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities as if such member were present in person for such meeting. Trustee Lautman moved, Trustee Breth second, motion passed by committee.

Revision #2: This revision to the bylaws was recommended due to the confusion of when the Governance Committee was to be elected. This revision will eliminate that confusion.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 2. Election. The officers of the Council shall be elected on a one-year term at the annual meeting of the Council and shall perform the duties assigned to their respective office. They shall hold office until successors are legally elected. The Governance Committee shall, at the meeting preceding the annual meeting, nominate individuals to serve as officers of the Council. Trustee Lautman moved, Trustee Breth second, motion passed by committee.

Trustee Smith announced the approved meeting dates for 2018-2019:

- September 20-21, 2018
- December 6-7, 2018
- March 28-29, 2019
- June 6-7, 2019

Trustee Smith was recently elected President of the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees for 2018-2019. At the recent meeting in Harrisburg, Trustee Smith shared there was

considerable discussion about the process for selecting trustees and the work of PACT and the role of trustees in the System.

An action item at the September meeting will be added to the agenda to appoint a trustee to serve on the SGA Advisory Board.

Trustee Smith shared the calendar mentions for the upcoming semester. With no more items for discussion or action, the meeting was adjourned.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Senator White, chairperson, yesterday at 1:15 p.m.

Dr. Keith Dils, dean, College of Education and Dr. Edwin Christmann, professor, Secondary Education/Foundation of Education, presented the proposed Doctor of Education in Education Administration and Organizational Leadership, focuses on the latest trends in education leadership and administration, data analytics, fundraising, distance learning and technology-enhanced marketing, which his necessary to prepare for leadership positions in the educational sector. All enrollments will be part-time resident students. Students will enroll for 21 credits in year one, 24 credits in year two and 15 credits in year three. This program will expand our efforts to meet the needs of those who want to be executive leaders in the K-12 and higher education settings.

A motion was made by Trustee Angelucci, second by Trustee Lautman, to move the program forward to the full board for consideration. Motion carried by committee.

Dr. Deborah Whitfield, professor, Computer Science and Dr. Nitin Sukhija, assistant professor, Computer Science, presented the proposed Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity to respond to analyses and research of lifelong learning and global trends. The program is in line with the University's mission to provide high quality academic instruction, promote professional performance, and address the educationally related needs of the region. Cybersecurity has become the top priority for organizations in protecting their digital assets and online activities. The proposed program will have 120 credit hours with 60 credits in the major and a choice of two concentrations in Secure Software Development and Security Governance. The courses will be taught face-to-face, online and blended and offers internship opportunities and capstone experiences.

A motion was made by Trustee Angelucci, second by Trustee Lautman, to move the program forward to the full board for consideration. Motion carried by committee.

Dr. Athula Herat, associate professor, Physics & Engineering and Dr. Steven Wei, professor, Physics & Engineering, Engineering Program Director, presented the proposed Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, the program is in line with the University mission to provide high quality academic instruction, promote professional performance, and address the educationally related needs of the region. The proposed program will have three focused areas of mechanical engineering, specifically mechanical design, manufacturing and mechatronics. The program will have a total of 128 hours, which contains a minimum of 32 hours of college-level mathematics and basic sciences (biological, chemical and physical sciences), a minimum of 48 hours of engineering topics (engineering sciences and mechanical engineering design), and a general education component.

A motion was made by Trustee Angelucci, second by Trustee Lautman, to move the program forward to the full board for consideration. Motion carried by committee.

There was no other business to come before the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Finance Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Trustee Breth chairs the Finance Committee. The committee met yesterday at 2:15 p.m. to review a number of items for action and information.

Dr. Amir Mohammadi and Mr. Scott Albert presented the SRU Campus Master Planning updates. Ms. Molly Mercer, Associate Vice President, Finance, presented the financial report and budget updates.

David M. Jacobson, CPA Principal, CliftonLarsenAllen LLP presented the audit plan. Rebecca D’Imperio, Project Lead, presented an overview of the Sightlines project.

Items presented for action:

- Contracts
- Fixed Assets
- Service & Supply Purchase Orders

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Smith, to move the action items to the full board for consideration of approval.

Annual Inspection of Facilities - a shuttle was available for trustees following the University Advancement Committee to tour university facilities in accordance with ACT 188 compliance.

Information items included the monthly financial report, the facilities and planning project list and personnel items.

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)

Trustee Robert Taylor chairs the University Advancement Committee.

The University Advancement Committee met at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 2018. Dr. Amir Mohammadi, interim vice president for university advancement, Dr. Ed Bucha, executive director, and Samantha Swift, director of development for the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., provided updates.

Dr. Mohammadi presented updates on Advancement related activities he initiated and maintains including:

- Advancement Committee Advisory Group
- Gail Rose Lodge Sub-Committee
- Campaign Council RFP Development Sub-Committee
- Communications Sub-Committee

Dr. Mohammadi led a discussion summarizing the March 24, 2018 Advancement Retreat. There was open discussion regarding Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees involvement in development activities.

Dr. Bucha provided fiscal and activity updates as of March 31, 2018:

- Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. Assets, Liabilities, and Endowment
 - Net assets and Liabilities were \$36.9 million on March 31, 2018, compared to \$33.7 million on the same date in 2017.
 - The investment portfolio increased a total of \$2.8 million as of March 31, 2018, when compared to March 31, 2017.
- SRUF Student Housing LLC Assets and Liabilities
 - Net Assets and Liabilities totaled \$117,174,819 as of March 31, 2018.
- Ms. Swift provided development updates as of March 31, 2018:
 - Gift Income Total
 - Gift income received as of March 31, 2018, totaled \$2,298,962, an increase of 20.13% over the same date last year and 76% of the current fiscal year-end goal of \$3 million.
- Development Activity
 - To date, gift officers have conducted 501 personal visits and presented 356 proposals resulting in 40 new or increased scholarships.
 - SRU Giving Day exceeded all goals reaching \$54,000 in contributions from 693 donors.
 - The 2018 President's Scholarship Gala income totaled \$156,000.
- Ms. Swift is preparing the 2018-2019 Development Plan, which will emphasize fundraising efforts specific to the Strain Safety Management Building and the Storm Harbor expansion in addition to other initiatives.

Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix H)

Council met this morning in executive session with Interim President Way.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Doctor of Education in Education Administration/Organizational Leadership (TAB 6) Appendix I)

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the Doctor of Education in Education Administration/Organizational Leadership. The program proposal will move forward to the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity (TAB 7) (Appendix J)

Trustee White moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. The program proposal will move forward to the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (TAB 8) (Appendix K)

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. The program proposal will move forward to the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (TAB 9) (Appendix L)

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. The program proposal will move forward to the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts (TAB 10) Appendix M

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of Contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Fixed Assets, (TAB 11) Appendix N

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of Fixed Assets. Motion carried unanimously.

Service and Supply Purchase Orders, (TAB 12) Appendix O

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the Service and Supply Purchase Orders. Trustees Taylor and Vessella voted no. Motion carried, 6 yes, 2 no.

Election of SRU Council Officers

Governance Chair Smith presented the slate of officers for 2018 – 2019:

Jeff Smith, chair
Alfonso Angelucci, vice-chair
Jairus Moore, secretary

Trustee Smith moved, second by Trustee Taylor, approval of the slate of officers. Trustee Vessella voted no. Motion carried, 7 yes, 1 no.

Council Bylaws

Governance Chair Smith made a motion, second by Trustee Breth, to amend the business agenda to include the action item, Proposed Changes to Council Bylaws. Motion carried unanimously. Governance Chair Smith moved, second by Trustee Breth, approval of the changes to the Council Bylaws. Trustee Vessella abstained. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SRU Council of Trustees Meeting Dates – 2018/2019

September 20-21, 2018
 December 6-7, 2018
 March 28-29, 2019
 June 6-7, 2019

Financial Report (TAB 13) (Appendix P)

Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 14) (Appendix Q)

HR Personnel Items (TAB 15) (Appendix R)

Divisional Reports (TAB 18)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER


Trustee McCarrier - Thank you to Interim President Philip Way for his leadership during this transition period. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Council of Trustees this past year. This is a great university because of the people. This is a friendly campus with wonderful camaraderie and dedicated individuals. I am very proud to be a trustee and thank everyone for their support this past year.

Senator White – I want to thank the organizers for a wonderful master plan presentation. We have a beautiful campus and have enjoyed steady enrollment growth. However, an increased study body creates challenges for the landscape of the campus. The master plan presentation was dynamic with innovative ideas to move forward in our planning while emphasizing beauty, safety, and efficiency. This planning is a real step forward for us.

Trustee Lautman – Thank you to those who coordinated the March 24 SRU Affiliates meeting. We had a great group of individuals representing the SRU Foundation, the SRU Alumni Association, the SGA Advisory Board, Council of Trustees and administrators. We talked about collaborative efforts in fundraising and the discussion was very worthwhile and a great first step. Thank you to Suzanne Williamson for providing an in-depth review of the roles and responsibilities of these entities.

With no further business, the Friday, June 8, 2018, Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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