

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

June 13, 2025

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, June 13, 2025, in the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center and via Zoom conferencing. Chair Angèle Stoebener called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting materials for this meeting can be found on the SRU Council webpage:
[**SRU COT LIVE BINDER June 13 2025**](#)

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Domenic Ionta, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Dan Lavallee, Dr. Elise Michaux, Ms. Charli Severo, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Ms. Angèle Stoebener, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Joshua Young

Trustees absent: Mr. William McCarrier

Dr. Danette DiMarco, faculty liaison to the SRU Council of Trustees, was present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Trustee Michaux moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the Friday, June 13, 2025, meeting agenda. Motion carries (TAB 6, Appendix A)

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Ionta, approval of the quarterly business meeting minutes of Friday, March 21, 2025. Motion carries (TAB 7, Appendix B)

Public Comments

Mr. Connor Pavlicko, SRSGA President, presented an update of student government activities to the Council.

Hello everyone, thank you for being here today. I would like to take this time to formally introduce myself as the new SRSGA president for the 2025 – 2026 academic year. For most of you who do not know me, my name is Connor Pavlicko, I am a junior Political Science major with a concentration in law and politics. I have been a member of SRSGA since my first semester at Slippery Rock, as a first-year senator, I transitioned into the Vice President of Campus Outreach role my sophomore year, working to promote and enhance the brand of SRSGA, work collaboratively with organizations across campus, and hear and address student concerns with our team.

This year, with the help of my executive board and senators, we have elevated our goals to directly correlate with our mission: to serve every single student at Slippery Rock University.

This year, I am dedicated to taking the teachings from years past and using them to not only move our organization forward but also enhance the campus life of every student on campus. By this point you may be asking yourself, “where do I come in”? To put it simply, your willingness to listen, work with our organization, and your advocacy will do more than you can imagine.

Additionally, with new ideas and changes comes hard conversations and open dialogue. I encourage every person in his room to speak and have conversations about the matters that we as an organization bring to you, as we are all stakeholders in the wellbeing of students at SRU.

Lastly, I would like to quickly give an update on the initiatives that SRSGA has in the works, starting off with the Turf Project! The project is officially underway. If anyone is feeling up for it after this meeting, I would suggest stopping by the intramural fields to see how far they have come! The project will be done by the Fall. Please expect an invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony soon!

Internally, we are starting to kick off another academic year with our new SRSGA senate and executive board, which means we will be having our annual executive board and general body retreat within the upcoming months. I look forward to another great year, and I also look forward to working with all of you soon!

Respectfully, this concludes my report.

Commendations

There are no commendations to present today.

Presentations

There are no additional presentations today.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.

President's Report

Presented to Council of Trustees

June 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Alumni House and Conference Center

Slippery Rock University

Commencement: We hosted 4 commencement ceremonies with an additional special event for the athletes from Lacrosse, Track, Tennis, Baseball and Softball who all made it to post-season play and who were scheduled to compete during the ceremonies scheduled for May 9th and 10th. This is the second year that we have done this and again received positive feedback from the parents and the students as well. As we have done following each event, we reviewed the content of the script and made adjustments where appropriate.

Spring/Summer 2025 Graduates			
Groups of Unique Students	Awarded	Still Pending	Total
Total undergraduates	886	320	1206
Master's	200	130	330
Doctorate	79	15	94
Other GR (certificate/principal cert)	12	20	32
Total graduates	291	165	456
Grand Total	1177	485	1662

Enrollment: We continue to focus on enrollment for fall of 2025, while diligently attending to the retention and persistence activities that support our current students. The information provided is as of May 31, 2025. These numbers change slightly and as such the numbers presented in the presentations may vary from those listed below.

Currently, we are at 1615 deposits with a budget goal of 1550 for incoming first year students. This reflects an increase of eighteen students or 1.1% from this time last year. We will continue to work to reduce melt over the next few months and will continue our practice of reviewing late applications that meet our criteria. We instituted a new anti-melt digital campaign and will evaluate the effectiveness compared to traditional methods after census day in the fall. As was the case last year, we planned for increases in student head count related to incoming first year students and an increase in retention. Provost Zieg worked with the deans to ensure that we have enough sections for all of our courses. Housing is challenging but smoother than last year. Students and their families appear to be utilizing the resources of the university to secure appropriate housing. Faculty contracts and obligations have been set with an understanding that things could change. 1501 students have registered for orientation (93%) and 1496 (93%) of the new first year students already have a fall schedule. We will offer additional sessions of orientation in the summer to ensure that we meet the demand of our incoming students. The FAFSA filer rate for new first-year deposits is 90% vs. 83% at the same time last year, which is a positive sign for our enrollment projections.

Transfer total applications are down by 24 (3.0%) but deposits are up by 10 (3.3%). Since January we have instituted several shifts in approach to transfer enrollment. This has had some impact, and we continue to work to add additional transfer students. The partnership with BC3 and CCBC in nursing will complement these efforts. We continue our Transfer Intensive training with American Association of State Colleges and Universities (ASCUE). Strategies learned through this training should increase transfer numbers as we move forward. Although we have added several transfer articulation agreements, the decline in community college enrollment has had a significant impact on the transfer pool and we will need to be diligent in exploring ways to attract and retain more transfer students.

Graduate summer applications are down but fall applications are up. This is due in part to the shift in the start date for the Occupational Therapy program from summer to fall. There is confidence that we will hit our enrollment targets in the graduate areas.

Financial Picture/Budget Scenarios:

The FY24-25 budget is set to close with revenue exceeding expenses by \$333,497. This is due to several factors. Total revenue was \$1.7M higher than budgeted due to \$0.8M from an increase in tuition and fees due to better than projected retention. Interest income was also \$.9M higher than budgeted. As noted in the presentation by the CFO, SRU had a couple of unexpected expenses that resulted in a \$1.5M increase in expense, budget to actual. The health insurance actuarial results and the increase in prescription costs resulted in a \$0.8M additional cost, with the increase in enrollment we incurred a \$0.4M higher overload expense. The negotiated Faculty Enhanced Sick Leave Payout has an estimated cost of \$1.1M. We also experienced a savings estimate of approximately \$0.8M from our outsource of Health Services.

The initial CPP has been submitted to PASSHE for the 2025-26 school year with projections to FY27-28. The numbers submitted for enrollment are based on the budgeted numbers. As the actual numbers of new students and continuing students fluctuate over the next couple of months, appropriate modifications will be made. The salary projections are based on the current CBAs and faculty, and staff complements. New positions are very carefully considered within the context of the national projections of an enrollment cliff. All open positions are carefully considered prior to being refilled.

Construction Projects: The summary of construction projects reflects activities within Pillar #2, addressing initiatives - Enhance the quality, functionality, and aesthetic appeal of campus environment, and Provide state-of-the-art facilities and technology. Deferred maintenance is an issue across the campus and across the PASSHE system. We are committed to investing in the existing facilities to ensure that they are able to meet the needs of our students, faculty and staff and that through these efforts decrease the likelihood of catastrophic failures and significant costly repairs. SRU is investing \$16M into summer projects to address the current and future structural and functional needs of the university.

MacFarland Recreation Sports Complex: The turf project for the intramural fields at the MacFarland Recreation Sports Complex began in May 2025 and will be completed this summer. This project was scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2024. As this was a joint project with SGA and design took much longer than was anticipated.

Campus Success Center: We will be moving the Police Station into the Campus Success Center. The blueprints have been completed, and we are ready to move forward with the project beginning in late summer 2025. This is a six-month project that will start over the summer and is planned for completion by December or January. They are currently working on the bid documents for release in late May or early June.

The East West Pond: The pond is currently being dredged. This project is important for increasing the aesthetic appeal of the campus and should decrease the flooding of Keister Road when we get high levels of rain.

Residence Halls and Suites: As discussed during the March COT meeting. The university is working with the Foundation to address deferred maintenance issues in the Suites. Heat pumps are currently being replaced in buildings A and D, with additional replacements in building F. These are life cycle replacements as the heat pumps are well past their published and

recommended end of life. This is a significant investment and should address some of the issues with the HVAC systems that occurred during the 24-25AY. Although these have been initially funded by the University, the costs will ultimately be covered by the Foundation. This is a significant investment and as such the Foundation will work through a payment plan with the University. Renovations to Rhodes Hall are also underway, converting the space that previously held the Student Health Center back into a residence hall. This conversion will add 40 more beds to our housing array, which is very necessary given our current enrollment. North Hall is one of our oldest buildings and requires a great deal of masonry and façade restoration. This work began in May and is expected to be completed in mid-May. We are repairing the columns and the façade as well as tuckpointing all of the brick work.

RM Smith Student Center: The refresh of the Starbucks in the Smith Student Center has started and will be completed this summer. This project was a part of the contractual agreement with Aramark and Starbucks. Contractually SRU was required to complete this project several years ago. We are now compliant with our contract.

Mihalik-Thompson Stadium Complex: The new sound system for the Mihalik-Thompson Stadium Complex is being installed and should be completed during the summer.

Dining Halls: The condensate line that supports Boozel Dining hall is being installed and will be completed prior to the students returning in August. Weisenfluh will receive an HVAC upgrade which started in mid-May and will be completed the first week in September.

Academic Buildings: Phase two for the DI water upgrade in the Advanced Technology and Science Hall was initiated in April and should be completed in June. Projects in the Art 1 Building include an ADA entry renovation which will be started in late August and be completed in October as well as some scheduled roof repair during a similar time frame. Bailey Library will begin roof repairs in August, and the Math Lab is currently being renovated with a completion date prior to the start of the 25-26 Academic Year. The ventilation systems will be replaced in both McKay and Swope, and we will also be adding a sink into one of the preschool classrooms in McKay. In Vincent Science Hall we are completing Phase 2 of the Growth Chambers Lab. This project will start in July and will be completed in the first week of September.

North Road: North Road between the stadium and the residential suites is being repaved. The project started in early May and is now complete.

Pennsylvania State Board of Higher Education: The PASSHE presidents met with Dr. Kate Shaw, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Board of Higher Education in April. The goal of the meeting was to review the strategic initiatives and to provide feedback or suggestions for moving forward. The format was similar to those meetings held for community feedback. Dr. Shaw provided the framework for the Strategic Plan, and the presidents asked questions and provided suggestions.

Strategic Plan: Our strategic plan has now been in full implementation for a year and as such it is important to look back to ensure that the plan is in fact serving its purpose, which is to advance

the university and to take it to that next level of excellence in higher education . A broader review is crucial as it is easy to focus on the activities within the plan and to lose sight of the overall goals. The paragraphs below contextualize the goals of the First Choice Plan and are provided as a reminder of why we are engaged in this process.

Our goals are aspirant in nature, with a foundation based on the pragmatism of our previous leaders. We want SRU to be a first-choice organization – first choice for students, first choice for employees, first choice for employers and first choice for partners. We will be the first choice because it will FEEL different here. There must be an expectation of excellence – from within this organization and from those who come here to learn, to grow and to thrive. Mediocrity has never been an option at The Rock, and we cannot ever be content with the status quo. Our pride in ourselves, in each other, and in SRU will not allow it. Translating our pride into action means providing an experience for the people with whom we engage that exceeds their expectations – it means the norm at SRU is extreme engagement, and this plan will bring these goals to fruition.

As a first choice, 21st-century institution of higher education, Slippery Rock University is poised to be at the forefront of creative and innovative learning. Marked by its green vistas and expansive campus landscape, its vision for the future is a vibrant one, bold in possibilities, all made manifest through sustained reflection and inclusive engagement. Building upon its foundational commitment to educating inspiring, resilient, and outward-looking individuals, Slippery Rock University dedicates itself to imaginative transformation. SRU is committed to positive, reciprocal exchanges within communities that generate investments in the holistic development of its people, their ideas, and their partnerships, as well as insightful, thoughtful, and responsible stewardship of resources as it propels itself and its communities forward.

Our successful history undergirds the goals we have for the future. We have called these goals “pillars,” and we have worked arduously to erect them. They have been reinforced several times through the tenacity and labor of many constituents. The descriptions of the four pillars that follow, along with their implementation initiatives subgoals and the explanatory narratives, are strong like our community; we must continually care for them, revisiting and reminding ourselves of how they support the work that we set out to do. In this way, we will build upon our historical base strengths in the name of the public good, even as we forge new and innovative ways to serve as a premier educational institution.

Throughout the year, teams:

- Developed activities and action items aligned with goals and strategies
- Tracked progress each semester
- Submitted documentation to demonstrate impact

By the Numbers

Strategic Plan Structure

Pillars	4
Goals	15
Strategies	60
Faculty & Staff Volunteers	84
Action Items Completed	155

Pillar 1: Commitment to a Robust, Supportive, and Inclusive Culture

1.1 Develop a culture of recognition and engagement and live the identity across the campus.

- Held wellness sessions.
- Awarded student employees of the month.

1.2 Advance Access and Belonging practices and awareness across campus.

- Held campus event: Belonging and dignity: Where do we go from here?
- Co-sponsored the PASSHE Women's Consortium Faculty Leadership Institute.
- Developed website for students focused on the First Amendment and campus policies.

1.3 Utilize marketing and communication to advance the university.

- Engaged with Carnegie Communications as a partner to commence a branding/marketing student, needs assessment, and website audit.
- Conducted brand positioning research.

1.4 Ensure that all faculty, staff, and students have the support and resources necessary to thrive.

- Established a clerical strategic planning committee that will develop a three-part clerical training series.
- Drafted a new system for annual reviews for non-represented staff and managers.
- Implemented faculty mentoring program.
- Created a shared lounge/meal area with food for purchase for faculty, staff, and administration to utilize.
- Created awards for staff and non-teaching faculty.

Pillar 2: Commitment to Academic Discovery and Human Growth

2.1 Support the expectation of excellence and goal attainment.

- Launched work-based learning program to lift student engagement and retention.
- Developed new programs in Construction Management and Electrical & Computer Engineering.

2.2 Provide premier student experience.

- Conducted focus groups with students to identify perceived strengths and weaknesses of the SRU student experience.
- Developed a credit-bearing experience in the SGA childcare center.
- See Construction Projects.

- Invested in classroom upgrades. We ordered \$200K of classroom equipment for installation over the summer. We will provide \$200K in classroom technology upgrades for summer 2026, for a total of \$400K across two summers.

2.3 Improve retention and graduation rates.

- The current levels of persistence across cohorts have outpaced the targeted annual improvement of .5%. These numbers will continue to be monitored throughout the summer. If the increases continue until the September 15 deadline, we will re-evaluate the annual targeted increases.

Cohorts	Total Cohorts	++/-/
2024 FR	87.2%	+1.4%
2023	85.8%	
2023 SO	76.9%	+2.1%
2022	74.8%	
2022 JR	64.7%	-0.6%
2021	65.3%	

- Utilized new academic life coaches to provide additional engagement, coaching, and access to resources for student success to Pell students.
- Strategically aligned expanded peer academic coaches and new academic life coaches to encourage growth mindsets, valuing education above other distractions, and asking for help/utilizing campus resources when needed.

2.4 Expand learning experiences and opportunities to meet the needs of varied learners and groups.

- Launched "Finish What You Started" program as way to communicate SRU's online degree completion options.
- Developed summer bridge program focused on STEM education.

Pillar 3: Commitment to Community Impact and Collaboration

3.1 Expand community engagement/partnerships.

- Designed a community engagement plan.
- Created a long-term alumni engagement plan.

3.2 Expand educational, learning and growth opportunities that add value to external constituencies.

- Assessed the current state of community engagement through survey.

- Drafted an advisory council proposal.

3.3 Develop mutually beneficial, long-term partnerships with local and national industries.

- Created a Corporate and Foundation Development Plan.
- Create systems that allow for Boards of Visitors at each college.

3.4 Engage in environmentally sustainable practices.

- Decreased the amount of waste by increasing the use of digital formats.
- Drafted a sustainable energy plan.

Pillar 4: Commitment to Financial Sustainability and Resource Stewardship

4.1 Structure the university for success.

- Participated in a space utilization study.
- Reorganized the Dean of Students area to better serve students and achieve staffing efficiency.
- Completed a comprehensive review of IT operations by an outside consultant.
- Established college-level development-alumni-advancement committees.
- Hired College of Business Dean Dr. Prasad Vemala

Dr. Vemala joined the SRU family May 19, 2025. Vemala served as RMU's Rockwell School of Business interim dean from 2022-24 and associate dean from 2015-22. He was also the director of the Massey Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, which cultivates entrepreneurial leaders among students who forge their own unique path toward innovation. Prior to joining RMU, Dr. Vemala was an assistant professor of management at McNeese State University from 2009-14. Dr. Vemala earned his doctoral degree in finance and international business from Texas A&M International University, a master's in computer science and MBA from the University of South Dakota, and a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Bangalore University in India.

4.2 Diversify revenue streams.

- Created an advancement development plan.
- Created a campaign cabinet.
- Reached 50% of campaign goal.
- We again attempted to submit appropriations requests to Senators McCormick and Fetterman and Representative Kelly. Due to the budget situation Rep. Kelly was only accepting submissions from last year. We participated in a joint submission to Senators McCormick and Fetterman with several other PASSHE institutions for funding sim labs for our expanding nursing programs.

4.3 Ensure alignment and efficiency between and within affiliated entities.

- Established a regular cadence of meetings between the University and each affiliate to discuss goals, objectives, issues and concerns of common interest.

Athletics

We had another remarkable year in athletics both on and off the field and courts. A summary of the accolades is provided. We also hired two new head coaches. Dylan Lasher joined the SRU family as the Head Women's Volleyball Coach. Noreen Herlihy returned to her SRU roots to SRU to serve as the Head Women's Soccer Coach. Both coaches are currently searching for assistant coaches. We are also currently searching for a Head Field Hockey Coach. We also received a three-year grant from the NCAA to hire an additional strength and conditioning coach. We are currently working with legal on the language of the grant proposal.

We have an extraordinary athletics communication team who contribute to our strategic plan in a very important manner. They engage our alums and the broader community through their announcements and stories. They elevate the profile of the university, through engagement with the NCAA as well as local and national media outlets. Finally, they promote our athletes, which leads to national awards and recognition. It is this office that submitted the application for Braydon Long's Campbell award. SRU had at least one athletic event on 144 of the 262 days since the first day of action in the fall. Their content team wrote 757 stories, took hundreds of thousands of photos, made more than a thousand graphics and broadcasted more than 560 hours of live games and events this year. These outstanding efforts elevate the reputation of SRU as a leader in Division II sports and continually place us on the national stage for athletics. This is a part of Pillar 1.3 *Utilize marketing and communication to advance the university.*

Overall

- **Runner-up in Dixon Trophy scoring by .2%**
- 8 of our teams scored at least 16 points in the Dixon Trophy standings
- 13 of our teams scored at least 10 points in the Dixon Trophy standings
- Led all schools in the PSAC with 8 PSAC Champion Scholar award winners for student-athletes that had the highest GPA at the championship finals site.
- NCAA Inspiration Award winner - alum Roxanne Dunn
- 4 PSAC Coach of the Year Awards (WXC, FB, WIT&F, WLAX)

Award totals 2024-2025

- 70 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 111 All-PSAC Honorees
- 76 All-Region Honorees
- 11 All-Americans
- 54 CSC Academic All-District Honorees
- 4 CSC Academic All-America Honorees (All teams not out yet)
- 4 PSAC Top 10 Awards (spring not out yet)

Women's XC

- PSAC Champions for the first time since 1995
- Second in the region
- NCAA National Qualifier as a team for first time since 2008
- 2 PSAC Athlete of the Week awards
- 5 All-PSAC honorees
- 3 All-Region honorees
- PSAC Champion Scholar Award – Steph Keelon
- PSAC Coach of the Year – Bobby Over

Men's XC

- PSAC runner-up – highest finish since 2008
- Fourth in the region
- 2 individual qualifiers for National Championships
- NCAA Elite 90 Winner – Ethan Brentham (1st SRU athlete in any sport to win Elite 90)
- PSAC Champion Scholar Award – Ethan Brentham
- 5 All-PSAC honorees
- 3 All-Region honorees
- 1 Fall Top 10 honoree
- 3 PSAC Athletes of the Week

Field Hockey

- 10 NFHCA Scholars of Distinction
- 13 NFHCA National Academic Squad honorees
- National Academic Team award
- 2 CSC Academic All-District

Football

- PSAC West champions
- PSAC Runner-Up
- NCAA Quarterfinals Appearance
- 10 PSAC Athlete of the Week awards
- PSAC West Coach of the Year – Shawn Lutz
- PSAC West Athlete of the Year – Brayden Long
- Super Region 1 Athlete of the Year – Brayden Long
- 13 All-PSAC honorees
- Finalists for Harlon Hill Trophy and Gene Upshaw Lineman of the Year
- 7 All-Region honorees
- 7 All-Americans
- 1 Fall Top 10
- 6 CSC Academic All-District
- 4 CSC Academic All-Americans
- DII 50th Anniversary Scholarship – Brayden Long

Men's Soccer

- 2 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 4 All-PSAC honorees
- 1 All-Region honoree (1st in 7 years)
- 5 CSC Academic All-District

Women's Soccer

- PSAC Tournament berth
- 6 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 6 All-PSAC honorees
- 2 All-Region honorees
- 6 CSC Academic All-District

Volleyball

- 4 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 1 All-PSAC honoree

- 1 All-Region honoree
- 4 CSC Academic All-District

Men's Basketball

- PSAC Tournament berth
- 7 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 2 All-PSAC honorees

Women's Basketball

- NCAA Award of Excellence Finalist
- PSAC West Freshman of the Year – Regan Atkins (1st since 2000)
- 2 CSC Academic All-District

Men's Indoor Track & Field

- PSAC Runner-Up
- 3 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 4 individual PSAC champions
- PSAC Most Outstanding Track Athlete – AJ Virata
- 9 All-PSAC honorees
- 8 All-Region honorees
- PSAC Champion Scholar Award – Joshua Gose
- 1 Winter Top 10

Women's Indoor Track & Field

- PSAC Champions
- 4 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 6 PSAC event titles
- PSAC Most Outstanding Track and Overall Athlete – Anna Igims
- 13 All-PSAC honorees
- 1 All-American – Kendall Grossman (pole vault)
- 11 All-Region
- PSAC Champion Scholar Award – Regan Johnson
- 1 Winter Top 10
- PSAC Coaching Staff of the Year
- Atlantic Region Coach of the Year – Bill Jordan
- Atlantic Region Assistant Coach of the Year – Bobby Over

Women's Lacrosse

- Program record 15 wins
- 1st PSAC postseason win since bringing program back in 2007
- 5 PSAC Athlete of the Week awards
- PSAC West Coach of the Year – Taryn Burkholder
- PSAC-high 8 All-PSAC honorees
- 4 All-Region honorees
- 1 Senior All-Star game invite
- PSAC Champion Scholar award – Charleigh Rondeau
- 8 CSC Academic All-District

Men's Outdoor Track & Field

- PSAC Runner-Up
- 5 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 15 All-PSAC

- 4 PSAC event titles
- 15 All-Region
- 3 national qualifiers
- 1 All-American – Drew Layton (pole vault)
- 5 CSC Academic All-District

Women's Outdoor Track & Field

- PSAC Runner-Up
- 6 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 3 PSAC event titles
- PSAC Most Outstanding Track Athlete – Anna Igims
- 19 All-PSAC honorees
- 1 All-American – Anna Igims (steeplechase)
- 19 All-Region
- PSAC Champion Scholar Award – Tiffany Jolayemi
- DII 50th Anniversary Scholarship – Anna Igims
- 5 CSC Academic All-District

Baseball

- PSAC Tournament berth
- 6 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 5 All-PSAC honorees
- 1 All-Region honoree
- 1 All-American (Gage Gillott)
- PSAC West Pitcher of the Year – Gage Gillott
- PSAC Champion Scholar Award – Eoin Rossman
- 3 CSC Academic All-District

Softball

- PSAC Tournament berth (2nd year in a row, first time in 40 years)
- 3 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 1 All-PSAC honoree
- 1 All-Region honoree
- 5 CSC Academic All-District

Women's Tennis

- PSAC Runner-Up, NCAA Tournament 2nd round
- 4 PSAC Athletes of the Week
- 5 All-PSAC honorees
- PSAC West Athlete of the Year – Amaia Balaguer Brau
- PSAC West Freshman of the Year – Nicole Kempton
- ITA Atlantic Region Player to Watch - Amaia Balaguer Brau
- 3 CSC Academic All-District

Academics

- Spring Semester overall GPA – 3.387; Overall cumulative GPA – 3.398
- Women's Spring semester average GPA – 3.639; Cumulative GPA – 3.653
- Men's Spring semester average GPA – 3.153; Cumulative GPA – 3.128
- Highest semester GPA - Men's XC – 3.444 Tennis – 3.867
- Highest cumulative GPA – Men's Track and field – 3.380 Women's XC – 3.735
- General student body – 3.16

- 146 student-athletes with a 4.0
- 275 student athletes with a 3.5 or higher (more than half our student athletes)

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

UNIVERSITY NEWS

SRU earns new Carnegie Classification

The way people describe Slippery Rock University is changing to reflect the University's elevated reputation and emphasis on career-focused education. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's institutional classification for SRU is now "Professions-focused Undergraduate/Graduate-Doctorate Medium," a classification that is reserved for 135 schools nationwide.

Holographic display provides new dimension to learning at SRU

Slippery Rock University has acquired a holographic 3D modeling display unit that will enhance visual learning in classrooms while also providing opportunities for students to use 3D modeling software and systems. SRU's College of Engineering and Science purchased a HOLOVISN SmartV 30-inch display that sits on a mobile pedestal that can be wheeled into classrooms. Within an enclosed glass display case, four blades emitting LED lights rotate faster than the eye can see, leaving 3D holographic content that appears to float in midair.

DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn visits SRU

Pennsylvania's top government official who oversees state parks and forests visited Slippery Rock University, April 17, with a message about conservation. Cindy Adams Dunn, the Pennsylvania secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, spoke to SRU students at a public event that included a panel discussion featuring SRU alumni who work for the DCNR and state agencies.

Master of Public Health program earns accreditation

Slippery Rock University's Master of Public Health program has been accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health for a five-year term, following the CEPH Board of Councilors' decision at its March 27-28 meeting.

Education certificate programs meet state approval

The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality has completed a major review of Slippery Rock University's education certificate programs. After a successful review, the BSLTQ has granted Continual Approval status for the next seven years for 24 certificate programs at SRU.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Timothy Slekar selected as new associate provost and dean of SRU

Slippery Rock University has named Timothy Slekar as associate provost for academic innovation and dean of graduate and continuing education. Slekar was appointed to the newly created position following a national search.

Richart named senior director of annual giving and alumni engagement

Following a national search, Slippery Rock University has a new leader who will engage with members of the alumni community and help direct fundraising strategies. SRU hired Tim Richart as senior director of annual giving and alumni engagement. In this role, Richart will be responsible for managing both the annual giving and alumni relations strategies and offices within SRU's University Advancement division. In addition, he will manage an external portfolio of SRU alumni and friends.

FACULTY SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK

Hamidi to continue greenhouse gas research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Sajad Hamidi, a Slippery Rock University associate professor of engineering, will return to Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a visiting researcher this summer. Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, this opportunity allows Hamidi to expand his research on greenhouse gas emissions from aquatic systems and build on work initiated during a sabbatical at ORNL in the summer and fall of 2024.

Limon publishes two research articles in academic journals

Shah Limon, a Slippery Rock University associate professor of engineering, recently published two research articles in academic journals.

Faculty and students present at pop culture conference

Three professors from Slippery Rock University's Languages, Literatures, Cultures, and Writing Department and two secondary education majors presented at the Pop Culture Association's 55th National Conference, April 16-18, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Civil engineering students win at regional ASCE competition

Sewer cut and fill and resume writing were among the tasks won by Slippery Rock University students at the American Society of Civil Engineers' 2025 Mid-Atlantic East and West Symposium, March 27–29 at Penn State University. SRU students competed in surveying tasks, poster presentations and others against more than 500 students and teams from 21 universities.

Ensign's 'best paper' among student research presented at IAPRS Conference

Three Slippery Rock University students presented research at the Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference, March 29, at East Stroudsburg University, including one that was recognized for the conference's best paper. Jordan Ensign, a senior dual English writing and philosophy major, presented a critique of John Hick's Irenaean theodicy, which received the IAPRS prize for best paper.

Jennifer Cichra is recognized for designing 3D-printed spike plate

Jennifer Cichra, a junior mechanical engineering major, designed and created a spike plate that attaches to shoes for traction in the 3D printing lab at SRU. Her design was the runner-up winner in the undergraduate category of the Digital Manufacturing Challenge Award presented by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers at the RAPID + TCT event, April 8-10, in Detroit, which is the largest additive manufacturing event in North America.

Duet selected for national dance gala

Slippery Rock University students Paula Rodríguez-Alvarez and Gianna Dobrich performed among the top collegiate dancers in the country. The duet that they performed and choreographed was chosen, along with approximately 30 other dance pieces, for the American College Dance Association's 2025 National College Dance Festival, May 2-4, in Washington, D.C.

SRU marketing students advance to national finals in AMA case competition

A group of Slippery Rock University marketing students are making their case that they are among the best in the nation. As one of 10 finalists in the American Marketing Association's Collegiate Case Competition, a team from SRU will present business cases and compete against nine other schools at the AMA International Collegiate Conference, April 5, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AND COLLABORATION

SRU President Karen Riley appointed to Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission

Slippery Rock University President Karen Riley has been appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro to join the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission, which was recently established through **legislation passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives**

Regional chamber recognizes SRU president with business leader award

The Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber named Slippery Rock University President Karen Riley the recipient of its 2025 Prestigious Business Leader Award on May 8 at their Annual Awards Gala. The award recognized Riley as "a member of the chamber who demonstrates exceptional personal and professional qualities, including honesty, sincerity, and integrity, and who has made outstanding contributions to the community," and her positioning of SRU as a first-choice destination for students to learn and employers to recruit talented graduates.

Students lead disability sports program at local high school

Changing perceptions, being inclusive and having fun. That's what Slippery Rock University students did while collaborating with a local high school to raise awareness for people with disabilities, all while applying concepts from their course about adapted physical activity. Students from SRU's Disability Sports Course facilitated an interactive session with 40 students from Slippery Rock Area High School, May 2, teaching them sports that are adapted for people with disabilities.

FACULTY SERVICE AND AWARDS

Shelton helping lead PASSHE educator diversity initiatives

Tricia Shelton, a Slippery Rock University professor of curriculum, instruction and educational leadership, received a grant from Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Foundation, as a part of its Educator Diversity Initiative.

O'Connor honored as Bechtel Prize finalist

Mark O'Connor, a Slippery Rock University associate professor of literatures, languages, cultures and writing, achieved finalist status in the 2025 Teachers & Writers Magazine Bechtel Prize. O'Connor was recognized for his essay about teaching creative writing through poetry at SRU, titled "Poetic Archeology: Excavating Found Text to Create Word-and-Image Poems."

Eisenreich named a quarterfinalist for GRAMMY Music Educator Award

Cassandra Eisenreich, a Slippery Rock University associate professor of music, was named one of 200 quarterfinalists for the 2026 GRAMMY Music Educator Award program. Administered by The Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum, the award honors impactful music educators in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.
President

Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix C)

Dr. Alfonso Angelucci chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Michael Zieg provided enrollment numbers for the new Engineering programs, as well as the Nursing 1+2+1. He also reviewed the upcoming facilities needs for these programs, and discussed the university's emphasis on shared space, collaboration, and interdisciplinary training, and an active pursuit of external funding support.

Michael May provided updated Fall 2025 enrollment and retention numbers. The nursing 1+2+1 pathway has 4 new students planning to begin this fall while the new engineering programs are contributing to a 65% increase in new engineering numbers for the fall. Information about FAFSA filing in Year #2 of Better FAFSA was also shared.

Ken Bach reported significant progress in University Marketing and Communication. Brand Research is complete, incorporating extensive stakeholder engagement and competitor analysis, shaping the upcoming brand strategy and September launch. The Web UX and Digital Habits Survey initiated immediate action, prioritizing mobile experience, intuitive navigation, and program pages. Ongoing projects include a Natural Language Processing Artificial Intelligence assistant named Rocky-bot and Program Finder redesign, driving efficiency and an overall savings of \$48,700. A complete website overhaul is strategically planned for AY 2025-2027 to enhance digital presence.

Dr. David Wilmes provided updates from the division of Student Affairs reporting on the success of the Rock Life program as this specialized certificate program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities moves into its third academic year. He also provided updates on Campus Recreation and the Student Health Center and gave an overview of housing occupancy for Fall 2025.

Chair Stoebener, this concludes my report.

Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

Trustee Jeffrey Smith chairs the Finance and Administrative Committee who provided this report.

The Finance and Administrative Committee met at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12.

The meeting started with a presentation by Gordian, formerly known as Sightlines. Talis Vitols and Brett Marburger led the discussion. Overall, Slippery Rock University is in excellent shape in comparison to its sister PASSHE institutions.

SRU facilities have a greater utilization ratio than its PASSHE sisters. It also has a lower risk percentage than those universities based on the overall lower age of its facilities. Despite a dip in spending for a couple of years in the recent past, Slippery Rock has been the leader in PASSHE in terms of combined asset reinvestment.

Overall, the KPI index used by Gordian shows Slippery Rock to be the class of the PASSHE system.

Carrie Birckbichler provided the financial update through the third quarter of the fiscal year. There was nothing unexpected or concerning about either the E&G revenues and expenses or in the Auxiliary revenues and expense summary.

Carrie also provided some background information on the development of the Comprehensive Planning Process. The current three-year plan shows that the University should be able to move seven million into the University reserves as a result of revenues exceeding expenses. Next year the amount is projected to be nearly eight million. In 2026-2027 the revenues and expenditures will be the same and in 2027 – 2028 expenditures will be about 2.7 million greater than revenues.

Scott Albert provided an extensive update on the capital projects underway on campus, although the 16-million-dollar value is less than what was spent last year, the sheer number of projects has made the management task incredibly challenging.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Chair Stoebener 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.

Troy Miller, vice president, University Advancement, provided the trustees with a report ranking PASSHE schools on total fundraising based on the CASE Voluntary Support of Education Report. Troy described the report, and then showed that within the 2023/24 year, Slippery Rock was ranked fourth in PASSHE. He then presented the campaign progress report demonstrating that the Slippery Rock Campaign had raised over \$16M in its first two years of the campaign. That represents 54% of the total campaign goal with 33% of the campaign timeline completed.

Troy then provided an update on development goals for the year to account for why the campaign was tracking better than expected. In Fiscal Year 2024/25, Development expects to complete 695 donor/potential donor visits. Currently, 659 visits have been completed (95%) and the Division is on track to complete the goal. The Division had a goal \$5M and raised \$5,324,128.42 (106%) of goal. The Division completed 87% of their goalsetting solicitations (80% goal) and were successful 59% of the time (50% goal). Finally, the Division had a goal of submitting 100 major gift proposals and submitted 110 proposals.

Troy noted that the goals were instituted in October of 2024, but that they were 12-months goals. Therefore, the fact that all goals have already been met, or are on track to be met, is extraordinary.

Kelly Bailey, director, Alumni Engagement, then provided the trustees with an update on the CASE engagement report that Slippery Rock completed for the first time this fiscal year. Of the six PASSHE Universities that submitted their report, Slippery Rock ranked second in alumni engagement behind only Bloomsburg University. It should be noted that this included statistics for only three of the four categories of alumni engagement, where the other Universities submitted statistics for all four categories. Slippery Rock did not yet have the communications category complete when the report was due. Kelly then provided a comparison between Slippery Rock University and other IPEDS schools. Again, Slippery Rock ranked near the top. Kelly finished up the alumni engagement analysis with a review of the process and Slippery Rock University results. These results will provide a baseline to test strategies for future growth in alumni engagement.

Kelly then provided an update on the SRUAA Alumni Board election, Alumni Weekend, and a list of upcoming alumni events.

Finally, Foundation Board Chair, Mark Palmer, and Foundation Executive Director Dave Hollenbaugh provided a brief financial update, a student housing summary, and cash flow illustrations.

The Slippery Rock University Foundation balance sheet showed an increase of a little over \$1M year-to-year and showed \$53,651,335 in total net assets. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hollenbaugh then provided a 10-year Housing summary that included surplus, management fees, personnel costs, capital improvements, maintenance and repair, total facility upkeep, and support for scholarship funds. This presentation included an estimated capital request through 2041.

The Foundation then updated the Council of Trustees on the types of private gifts and how they are housed and managed within the Foundation.

Chair Stoebener, this concludes my report.

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Trustee Elise Michaux chairs the Governance Committee. A transcript of meeting proceedings is provided for the record.

There were no presentations, with two action items on the agenda.

Point of Order: Trustee Smith noted that he requested a motion to be placed on the agenda, and it was not. Chair Michaux acknowledged a motion will be forthcoming.

1. SRU Council Meeting Dates: September 2025 – June 2026

- September 18-19, 2025
- December 11-12, 2025 (**Commencement, December 13**)
- March 26-27, 2026 (**Spring Break: March 15-22**)
- June 4-6, 2026

Trustee Taylor posed a question to Tina Moser asking if this schedule conflicts with the Easter holiday. Tina confirmed it does not. [Good Friday, April 3, 2026 , Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026]. Trustee Angelucci noted he would most likely not be able to attend the June 4-5 meeting dates. Chair Michaux acknowledged Trustee Angelucci's comment. Item moves forward for full Council consideration at the quarterly business meeting.

2. Election of Officers (nominations/announce slate of officers) 2025-2026

Governance Chair Michaux introduced the action item, election of officers for 2025-2026, and opened the floor for nominations.

Trustee Smith moved, second by Trustee Taylor, to nominate Josh Young, chair, Charli Severo, vice chair, and Dan Lavalley, secretary to the Council for 2025-2026.

Trustee Smith: "I'll share my rationale for this nomination. Last year I did something I've never done as a trustee, and that was really to give in to peer pressure. I had committed to Josh, that I nominate him as chair, and unfortunately, when there were some objections, I agreed to revise my motion. I feel I was wrong to do. So, at this point, I'm making this motion to right what I felt was a mistake on my part."

Trustee Smith: "I've nominated Charli as vice chair because, in my opinion, she's demonstrated a level of involvement that has exceeded what prior student trustees have done. And I need to point out, we've had some really good ones. I think this appointment would be a recognition of efforts."

Trustee Smith: "Finally, I've nominated Dan as secretary because I don't know if he's had the opportunity to be an officer during his tenure on council, and I wanted him to have that chance before his term was complete."

Chair Michaux: "is there any further discussion"?

Trustee Taylor commented, "Yes, I'm just going to bring up my annual comment, which is I still believe that every member of this council ought to have the opportunity at some point to be the chairperson of the council. There are still people on this council who have not served in the chairperson's role, which we won't control. We know Butch has his reasons for not doing that, Dan has not served in that role, Elise has not served in that role. So again, I just think as a general principle, I think everybody that serves on council at some point ought to be permitted to be the chairperson of the board if they're still in their term and they can do that. So that's my only comment."

Chair Michaux: "Any other discussion"?

Trustee Ionta: "I am not on the committee, can I comment"? Chair Michaux: "You may".

Trustee Ionta: "And I have no problems with the people that are nominated in those positions. My only comment is that since I've been on [the council], traditionally the individuals have served two years, they've served two year terms, and I think our officers in the position that they've been in have done a really nice job. And so, I think the same officers should be here for next year."

Trustee Lautman: "Only a comment, I am not on the committee, so just for consideration. I think that when you serve as chair, I think that your second year you get some momentum. I have confidence in the work that Angele has done leading the Board. I hope there will be some consideration. It's always hard to have these conversations because it's not speaking negatively against a member, but in my opinion, positively. So, as you do your deliberation, I would look for some consideration for her to serve as a second term and then making the slate and including Dan. Again, I do not want to speak negatively about other members, and I think it would be hard to say that his engagement, I don't think has been to the level necessarily that we would say let's do executive committee just over the last six years. If he's eager to do it and there's been a conversation with him and he's committed, then I mean, I would just want to hear it. But that's just my two cents, not on the committee. And again, it's always difficult because anybody can lead. But that's just my general thought and I think I would be remiss if I didn't say out loud."

Chair Michaux: "Thank you, Dom. Thank you, Matt. Any other discussion"?

Trustee Young: "So, I would respectfully decline the nomination at this point. I've had some changes in my life. I have some election stuff coming up in November and just can't commit to [accept this nomination] and I may not be at the September meeting. So, I wouldn't want to take over and not be at the first meeting. So, with that, I respectfully decline the nomination."

Trustee Taylor: "I would only rebut Matt we've for many years had a turnover in leadership on this council. So, the two year concept is, I mean, I understand your position, but again, going back to what I think is the ability for everyone to have an opportunity to serve, you get a six year term on this council. If each chairperson spends 2 years, that means you're going to have 3 different [chairpersons] over a six year council term. It's possible that you only get one term on this council. And ergo, you may be you, you're literally one of eight who don't get the opportunity to be chair because three other people have each had a two year term. So, part of my argument, I don't think one year is a bad thing. But I also think all of us are on a limited term here and all of us are going to be able to serve as chair at some point. The numbers just don't match up if everybody's serving 2, 3, 4 year terms."

Trustee Taylor: "And quite frankly, there are a number of universities in the system who have had the same chairman for 10 years and have said that that's not the best concept either."

Trustee Taylor: "So, I don't think change is bad. I think it brings creativity. I think it brings new ideas. I think it brings different perspectives to the situation. I'm ambivalent to the slate that's been offered versus anybody else's opinion on people. But the concept that we're possibly locking people out of the opportunity, I think, is a little bit prohibitive."

Trustee Smith: In light of Josh's declined nomination and the fact that my conscience is clear now, I have no problem withdrawing my motion.

Chair Michaux: "Okay, thank you. I would echo Matt's and Dom's sentiments since I've been on [the council] as well and I think we all started at similar times. It's been understood. I like Matt's words of you get momentum after that first year. And, if I myself excluded from this, I believe that the work that Angèle has done the past year as chair in establishing, you know, trainings for us and getting us trying to be on one accord speaks to her leadership. And I know weekly she has meetings with President Riley, connects with folks, is going above and beyond to attend events and, you know, she has a very demanding position outside of here. And to be dedicated the way she has and just jumping on board and then to step into this role speaks to her leadership."

Chair Michaux: "So with that being said, we could move forward with the [same slate of officers] as this past year keeping the same chair, vice chair and secretary, right"?

Chair Michaux: "So how do we proceed"?

Trustee Ionta: "Get a motion from your committee to keep the same slate of officers."

Trustee Michaux: "So, could I have a motion to keep Angèle Stoebener as chair, Elise Michaux as vice chair and Charli Severo as secretary"?

Josh Young: "I make the motion and Madame Chair, you can second".

Chair Michaux: "Second. All in favor"?

Trustee Taylor: "Can we have a discussion on this"? Chair Michaux: "Sure".

Trustee Taylor: "Sorry, we're doing this maybe in a public meeting".

Trustee Taylor: "But I think Angèle is probably in a bit of a conflict of interest on this.

I've been concerned for the last 12 months that she has a conflict of interest in this position. Her employer manages all the banking"...

ULC Ferguson: "Mr. Taylor, if you don't mind, I think probably it's a good thing to step into executive session if you have questions."

Trustee Taylor: "Happy to do that, happy to do that."

Chair Michaux: "Thank you. We are now moving into executive session."

[Executive Session]

Chair Michaux: "Welcome Back." "We broke for executive session to discuss personnel matters and now we are back with a motion on the floor [to present the slate of officers for election]: Angèle Stoebner as chair, Elise Michaux as vice chair, and Charlie Severo, secretary. Is there further discussion"?

Trustee Taylor: "Could I make a point of order"?

Trustee Taylor: "Could I make a point of order, Mike"?

Trustee Taylor: "Is it possible to amend this motion to allow for three separate motions, one for each of these positions"?

ULC Ferguson: "So, it's a committee meeting, you just have to ask the maker of the motion if they'll accept that."

Trustee Taylor: "Would you be willing to break that out over three separate motions"?

Trustee Young: "Yes, that's fine."

Josh Young: So, I make a motion for chair for the term of June 2025 to June 2026 Angèle Stoebener."

Chair Michaux, "Second".

Chair Michaux: Discussion? None: All in favor: committee members, yes [in unison]; Trustee

Taylor: No, Abstentions: none. Motion carries.

Chair Michaux: "Thank you".

Trustee Young: I make a motion to appoint for the term of June 2025 to June 2026 for Vice Chair, Elise Michaux.

Chair Michaux: Second, any discussion? All in favor: committee members yes [in unison],

Opposed: none, Abstentions: none. Motion carries.

Trustee Young: I make a motion for the term of June 2025 to June 2026 for Secretary Charli Severo.

Chair Michaux: Second, any discussion? All in favor: committee members yes [in unison],

Opposed: none, Abstentions: none. Motion carries

Chair Michaux: So, we've got informational items. Calendar mentions are attached, as well as the bylaws. Any other business? Hearing none. "We are adjourned. Thank you."

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

SRU Council of Trustees- Nomination/Election of Officers (2025 – 2026)

Chair Stoebner presented the slate of officers brought forward from the Governance Committee held this morning at 8:30 a.m.

Trustee Taylor: Point of Order, could we break these [actions] out separately? Chair Stoebener, yes:

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Angelucci:

Move to elect Angèle Stoebener, chair, SRU Council of Trustees, (2025-2026)

9 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions: motion carries.

Alfonso Angelucci	yes	Domenic Ionta	yes
Matt Laumtan	yes	Dan Lavallee	yes
Charli Severo	yes	Elise Michaux	yes
Angèle Stoebener	yes	Jeffrey Smith	yes
Joshua Young	yes	Bob Taylor	no

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee Severo

Move to elect Elise Michaux, vice-chair, SRU Council of Trustees (2025-2026)

10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions: motion carries.

Alfonso Angelucci	yes	Domenic Ionta	yes
Matt Lautman	yes	Dan Lavallee	yes
Charli Severo	yes	Elise Michaux	yes

Angele Stoebener	yes	Jeffrey Smith	yes
Joshua Young	yes	Bob Taylor	yes

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Young, moved, second by Trustee Angelucci
Move to elect Charli Severo, secretary, SRU Council of Trustees (2025-2026)
10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions: motion carries.

Alfonso Angelucci	yes	Domenic Ionta	yes
Matt Laumtan	yes	Dan Lavallee	yes
Charli Severo	yes	Elise Michaux	yes
Angèle Stoebener	yes	Jeffrey Smith	yes
Joshua Young	yes	Bob Taylor	yes

SRU Council of Trustees meeting dates (2025 – 2026)

Trustee Severo moved, second by Trustee Michaux, approval of the SRU Council Meeting Dates: September 2025 – June 2026. Negative vote, Trustee Angelucci. Motion carries.

- September 18-19, 2025
- December 11-12, 2025 (Commencement, December 13)
- March 26-27, 2026 (Spring Break: March 15-22)
- June 4-6, 2026

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Quarterly Business Meeting Date:

- September 18-19, 2025

Divisional Reports (TAB 8)

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Contracts: (TAB 10) (Appendix H)

Facilities & Planning Active Projects List (TAB 11) (Appendix I)

HR Personnel Items (Tab 12) (Appendix J)

- Instructional Appointments: Summer 2025
- Instructional Appointments: Academic Year 25-26
- Administrator Appointments
- Non-Faculty Athletic Coach Appointments
- Management Appointments
- Support Staff Appointments
- Retirements
- Resignations

Budget/Financial Report (TAB 13) (Appendix K)

CliftonLarsonAllen Planning Communication: (Tab 14) (Appendix L)

Comprehensive Planning Process (TAB 15) (Appendix M)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustee Angelucci offered thanks to the administration and having the opportunity to talk with faculty and staff yesterday, it was time well spent and offered thanks for the hard work they do. "They do the heavy lift, and we know that." "And thank you to the trustees for volunteering their time, we have great people around this table, and I feel honored to serve with you."

Trustee Smith: "I would like to congratulate the staff and the trajectory over the last couple of years. The improvement is mind boggling, and I think you all did a great job."

Trustee Smith: "And, this has become my tradition to congratulate the retirees, a happy time, as they move on to their next adventures. This quarter I would like to recognize 11 people with a total service of 320 years, which is pretty amazing."

Dr. Joe Cali	Professor	College of Business	36
Dr. Patricia Campbell/Stapleton	Associate Professor	Environmental Geosciences	28
Dr. Rose Hellman-Houser	Associate Professor	Curr, Inst, Educ Leadership	27
Jessica Jopp	Assistant Professor	Lang, Lit, Cultures & Writ	10
Susan Kushner	Associate Professor	Expl Studies and Acad Prog	34
Dr. Wenhao Liu	Professor	Phys and Health Education	21
Dr. Larry McCarthy	Assistant Professor	Fin, Acct, Mktg & Econ	40
Dr. Sunita Peacock	Professor	Lang, Lit, Cultures & Writ	30
Dr. Mark Shotwell	Professor	Biology	32
Dr. Bonnie Siple	Professor	Rehabilitation Sciences	30
Kathleen Manning	Library Technician	Library	32

With no further business, Chair Stoeber called for adjournment. Trustee Young moved, Trustee Michaux second, to adjourn the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees business meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, 

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

