

MEETING MINUTES
SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

June 5, 2026

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, June 5, 2026, in the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center and via Zoom conferencing. Chair Angèle Stoebener called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Stoebener extended a special welcome to Dr. Jason Hilton, professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Educational Leadership, and SRU APSCUF President. Dr. Hilton will now be serving as the new faculty liaison for the Council. We are very happy to have him here with us. Dr. Hilton thanked Council for the opportunity and is looking forward to serving in this new role.

Chair Stoebener also welcomed Alex Momyer, our new student trustee. Welcome, Alex!

Meeting materials for this meeting can be found on the SRU Council webpage:

[SRU COT Meeting Agenda June 4-5, 2026](#)

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Domenic Ionta, Dr. Elise Michaux,
Ms. Angèle Stoebener, Mr. Alex Momyer, Mr. Joshua Young,

Trustees absent: Mr. Dan Lavalley, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Robert Taylor

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Trustee Angelucci moved, seconded by Trustee Michaux. Motion carries. **(TAB 6, Appendix A)**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Young moved, seconded by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the March 27, 2026, quarterly business meeting minutes. Motion carries. **(TAB 7, Appendix B)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connor Pavlicko, SRSQA President, provided public comment.

Well, happy summer! I only have a couple quick things to share with you today. I believe the last time we met was March 27. So, we approved a bunch of motions at our last formal meeting, and so I have them all bullet-pointed out with a little bit of technical terminology, and then I'll explain what they actually mean for students at the end.

First up, we have a 5% distribution from the investment portfolio market value, which totals \$339,284.50. This will be managed by the SGA VP of Financial Affairs for the fiscal year, and the purpose for this gives additional funding opportunities for recognized student organizations. This is also used for any supplemental requests, increased travel or additional mission-aligned opportunities for students. This is something that we do every year already. You'll find that two or three times throughout the semester, the Senate will approve the bulkier chunk of money to be added to this account.

What we did this year was we just took 5% of that portfolio, did the math, and we approved it en masse at the beginning of the year. Our new Finance VP Thomas is brand new, former Finance VP Jenna graduated. So, we wanted to give him a number that was clear at the beginning of the year to work with so he can kind of grow in that role.

Next up, we have a \$500,000 scholarship endowment from the bookstore's operational reserves to be transferred to the Slippery Rock University Foundation and dispersed as two \$10,000 scholarships per year, which will start in fiscal year 2028.

These scholarships will be going to student leaders based on merit. Our other scholarship through SGA is needs-based. So, when I was creating this scholarship, we decided to do it based off of merit. Student engagement is something that like changed my experience at Slippery Rock. For those of you that don't know, I'm an out-of-state student, I'm a first-gen student, so when I got here during WOW Week, I was like, WOW, what's going on?

And, so being able to, you know, engage my first couple of months on campus like those student leaders that were actually, you know, putting on events and making a change on campus, it inspired me to be the one sitting here talking to you guys right now. So, I really wanted to make sure that when we were thinking about a scholarship, it was going to be, you know, how do I give back to people that gave to me?

I just wanted to make sure that, you know, we were giving back something that changed my experience and changed how I viewed Slippery Rock. And I'm really excited for everyone who was able to receive the scholarship. \$10,000 is a lot. I remember going into the meeting and endowing the scholarship, and she was like, \$10,000? And I was like, wow, okay, so the first year is one \$10,000 scholarship, and then it will grow into two \$10,000 scholarships. So, I'm really excited for that, and really glad to be a part of creating that.

And then, next up, we have approved \$1M in funding from auxiliary reserves for the Child Care Early Learning Center Expansion Feasibility Study, which will be completed by December 31st of this year. And then, another project to share with you is approval of a \$1.6M funding request for the Intramural Field Complex and Campus Recreation enhancements, which will include heat and Wi-Fi for the MAC Shack, an electronic kiosk, which will show all the event happenings, security cameras, a press box for the MAC field, a PA system, a storage facility, scoreboards for the MAC field and for the softball field, and turfing for the softball fields. I don't play softball, but heard that not being on turf is a nightmare. The projects at the MAC field were a long time coming and needed done. We also have golf simulators for the ARC on order – on their way.

We will also have a headshot photo booth on its way that will placed in the Campus Success Center. And, finally, a thank you to the leaders who work with us, Dr. Wilmes, Dr. Riley, the SRU Foundation, and our team of 2 SGA advisors, 8 executive board members and 45 senators. There is a lot of brain power and I'm very grateful to be working with really smart people to get these projects done.

And I'm so glad to see Dr. Hilton sitting at this table. Dr. Hilton was my first mentor when I came to SRU, so I guess we've come full circle. And with that, enjoy the summer and thank you for your time. I will see you all in August.

COMMENDATIONS

- None

PRESENTATIONS

- Industry Support for Engineering
 - Dr. Nicole Dafoe, dean, College of Engineering and Science

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.

President's Report

June 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center

Commencement: We hosted 4 commencement ceremonies with an additional special event for the athletes from Lacrosse, Tennis, Baseball, and Softball who all made it to post-season play and who were scheduled to compete during the ceremonies scheduled for May 8th and 9th. This is the third year that we have done this and again received positive feedback from the parents and the students as well. This year we made some adjustments to the lighting and were able to use the jumbotron in an enhanced manner. We received positive feedback from those involved and as is our common practice following each event, we reviewed the content of the script and made adjustments where appropriate.

Spring/Summer 2026 Graduates

Groups of Unique Students	Awarded	Still Pending	Total
Total undergraduates	922	397	1319
Master's	239	105	344
Doctorate	84	15	99
Other GR (certificate/principal cert)	7	2	9
Total graduates	330	122	452
Grand Total	1252	519	1771

Enrollment: We continue to focus on enrollment for fall of 2026, while diligently attending to the retention and persistence activities that support our current students. The information provided is as of May 22, 2026. These numbers change slightly and as such the numbers presented in the presentations may vary from those listed below.

Currently, we are at 1661 deposits with a budget goal of 1582 for incoming first year students. This reflects an increase of 46 students or 2.8% 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 continue to work on enhancing our anti-melt efforts. We evaluated the effectiveness of last year's digital campaign and have made changes. 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 continues to improve year over year. Students and their families appear to be utilizing the resources of the university to secure appropriate housing. The SRU Parent Facebook page has included many positive posts regarding triple suites, which is calming the nerves of many incoming students and their families. Faculty contracts and obligations have been set with an understanding that things could change. 1579 students have registered for orientation and 1548 (98%) 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.

Transfer total applications are up by 29 (3.7%) but deposits are down by 22 (7.3%). The transfer market continues to be an area of focus and concern for SRU. 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. We anticipated the partnership with BC3 and CCBC in nursing would enhance our efforts, but the numbers are not as significant as we would have hoped. We continued our Transfer Intensive training with American Association of State Colleges and Universities (ASCUE). 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 up as are fall applications. We also anticipate some shift from the College of Education, with the dean transition.

Financial Picture/Budget Scenarios:

As of the April 30, 2026, financial close, the 2025-26 results are tracking closely to budget, with a few notable variances. Tuition and fees are on target with budget, while other revenues such as interest income will be less than budget due to the Pennsylvania budget impasse at the beginning of the fiscal year. Other miscellaneous revenues will fluctuate related to sales/services and reimbursement activities throughout the remainder of the year. Personnel expenditures will experience vacancy savings, which are being calculated by payroll period. SRU continues to experience significant health insurance actuarial adjustments and the increase in prescription costs resulted in nearly \$1M in additional cost. Personnel and non-personnel savings will be analyzed at the end of the year for strategic planning purposes and the early payoff of outstanding debt.

The initial CPP has been submitted to PASSHE for the 2026-27 school year with projections to FY28-29. 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 approximately \$3M into summer projects to address the current and future structural and functional needs of the university. This year's projects are less visible than last year's but equally important to the overall operations of the university.

MacFarland Recreation Sports Complex: The turf project was completed in the fall of 2025. The use of the fields has been remarkable. SGA has pledged an additional \$1.6M in additional enhancements, to essentially increase the broader functionality. This includes adding Wi-Fi to the area, heat to the restroom building, a scoreboard, a shot clock, and a shed to store equipment. These improvements will allow extended use of the fields and will also allow NCAA competition to be conducted on the field. Turfing the infield of the two softball fields is also being explored.

Residence Halls and Suites: 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.

Morrow Field House: Significant renovations are planned for the Morrow Field House over the next three years. We are currently engaged in early planning for this major renovation. We will be replacing the basketball hoops this summer, as they currently present a safety risk. This replacement is not inconsistent with future plans, and the new hoops can be used in any configuration that might occur in the future.

Heating Plant: We are replacing the DE alkalizer tanks.

Academic Buildings: In the Art 1 Building we are making ADA Accessibility Improvements. Within the Academic Master Plan, Chemistry and Engineering Renovations design for the renovations have begun. The Dirty Lab layouts have been developed and are being reviewed. CHP Renovations are advancing through the design phase.

Residence Halls: We are finishing the HVAC work on the residential suites. In Building A, we are conducting cooling tower repairs and replacing the heat exchanger plate. In Building B, we are replacing the cooling tower and replacing the heat exchanger plate and engaging in loop cleaning. In Watson Hall we will be conducting loop cleaning, replacing the heat pumps on the first floor, and repairing the cooling towers. In Building D, we will be replacing the cooling tower. In Building F, we will be replacing the heat pumps on the first floor.

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 May. The goal of the meeting was to review the data dashboard and centralized data hub for all higher education providers within the Commonwealth.

Strategic Plan: Our strategic plan has now been in full implementation for more than two years 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. It is time for us to take a step back and to evaluate the gaps and to determine if we need a shift in our goals. We have a workshop planned for June 15th, during which we will conduct a complete review of the plan and the implementation framework and will develop our strategy for the next two years. A step back is necessary at this phase to ensure focus and alignment to our overall vision. 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

Pillar 1: a robust, supportive, and inclusive culture.

1.1.c. Employee Appreciation Event: Combined Employee Service Recognition and Employee Appreciation celebrations. (Lead: Human Resources)

1.1.c. Employee recognition initiatives: Drafted awards and nomination criteria; awarded monthly "You Rock" winners; hosted employee community events. (Lead: Pillar 1 Working Group)

1.2.b. Improve employee accessibility to digital and physical resources: Drafted ADA appeals process & distributed campus-wide communication on ADA process and resources. (Lead: Climate and Culture)

1.2.b. Offer engagement opportunities centered on culture and heritage: Hosted MLK commemorative speaker event. (Lead: Climate and Culture)

1.3.a. Engage, inform, and ignite stronger connections among members of campus community: Revised SRU Campus Update to be unit- and area-specific. (Lead: Marketing and Communication)

1.3.b. Finalizing and adopting new brand platform: Consolidated feedback, launched, and activated new brand platform; conducted digital advertising discovery. (Lead: Marketing and Communication)

1.3.b. Provide opportunities to engage the campus and external communities: Submitted Speaker Series proposal. (Lead: Pillar 1 Working Group)

1.4.b. Align staff evaluation cycle to calendar year: Completed AFSCME evaluation cycle standardization plan to shift staff evaluations from hire-date to calendar year. (Lead: Human Resources)

1.4.e. Develop and implement alternative work schedules: Implemented four-day-a-week summer work schedule option for AFSCME, SCUPA, and managerial employees (Lead: Human Resources)

Pillar 2: academic discovery and human growth.

2.1.a. Develop new program in Nursing: Acquired approvals for new nursing program plan. (Lead: Academic Affairs)

2.1.a. Provide analysis for financial sustainability for new programs: Developed financial analyses for new nursing and aviation programs. (Lead: Finance and Administration)

2.1.c. Explore stronger partnerships with local community colleges: Finalized and activated plan for future collaboration. (Lead: Enrollment Management)

2.2.c. Identify factors that contribute to the student experience at SRU: Administered Student Government Association student life survey. (Lead: Student Affairs)

2.2.c. Improve functionality of campus environment: Created "Rock the Walk" campaign to promote campus walkability. (Lead: Pillar 2 Working Group)

2.3.a. Increase Retention (Enrollment Management, Academic Affairs)

Fall 1 to Fall 2 Retention												
Current Cohort Retention - 2025				Two Year Prior Cohort Retention - 2023				Three Year Prior Cohort Retention - 2022				
As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	
4/24/2026	1548	1327	85.7%	4/26/2024	1530	1296	84.7%	4/21/2023	1459	1180	80.9%	
5/1/2026	1548	1336	86.3%	5/3/2024	1530	1305	85.3%	4/28/2023	1459	1196	82.0%	
5/8/2026	1548	1343	86.8%	5/10/2024	1530	1314	85.9%	5/5/2023	1459	1201	82.3%	
5/15/2026	retention report not archived			5/17/2024	1530	1312	85.8%	5/12/2023	1459	1202	82.4%	
5/22/2026	1548	1336	86.3%	5/24/2024	1530	1312	85.8%	5/19/2023	1459	1207	82.7%	

Fall 1 to Fall 3 Retention												
Current Cohort Retention - 2024				Two Year Prior Cohort Retention - 2022				Three Year Prior Cohort Retention - 2021				
As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	
4/24/2026	1546	1217	78.7%	4/26/2024	1458	1083	74.3%	4/21/2023	1366	986	72.2%	
5/1/2026	1546	1221	79.0%	5/3/2024	1458	1088	74.6%	4/28/2023	1366	993	72.7%	
5/8/2026	1546	1231	79.6%	5/10/2024	1458	1091	74.8%	5/5/2023	1366	995	72.8%	
5/15/2026	retention report not archived			5/17/2024	1458	1092	74.9%	5/12/2023	1366	997	73.0%	
5/22/2026	1546	1223	79.1%	5/24/2024	1458	1091	74.8%	5/19/2023	1366	997	73.0%	

Fall 1 to Fall 4 Retention												
Current Cohort Retention - 2023				Two Year Prior Cohort Retention - 2021				Three Year Prior Cohort Retention - 2020				
As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	As of...	Revised cohort count	# Retained	% Retained	
4/24/2026	1530	1041	68.0%	4/26/2024	1364	883	64.7%	4/21/2023	1450	953	65.7%	
5/1/2026	1530	1047	68.4%	5/3/2024	1364	885	64.9%	4/28/2023	1450	959	66.1%	
5/8/2026	1530	1051	68.7%	5/10/2024	1364	884	64.8%	5/5/2023	1450	967	66.7%	
5/15/2026	retention report not archived			5/17/2024	1364	885	64.9%	5/12/2023	1450	963	66.4%	
5/22/2026	1530	1065	69.6%	5/24/2024	1364	887	65.0%	5/19/2023	1450	965	66.6%	

2.4.c. Develop continuing education with PA Carpenter's Union: Developed full proposal & obtained curriculum committee approval. (Lead: Academic Affairs)

2.4.c. Offer professional development opportunities based on need/interest: Developed professional development tracks for managers and AFSCME clerical employees. (Lead: Human Resources)

2.4.d. Launch initial non-traditional student partnership programs: Promoted SRU aviation program in collaboration with CCBC. (Lead: Enrollment Management)

Pillar 3: community impact and collaboration.

3.1.a. Design and implement a sponsorship campaign: Engaged community partners as scholarship sponsors. (Lead: University Advancement)

3.1.a. Increase community involvement: Engage university in service and community engaged scholarship across the university. (Lead: Center for Community Engagement)

ACE Partnerships leveraged interdisciplinary expertise across all five SRU colleges to address community priorities, strengthen regional organizations, and advance community well-being.

College of Health Professions: Advancing Health, Rehabilitation, and Well-Being

- Expanded therapeutic animal-assisted support through co-developed protocols with George Junior Republic and HOPE AACR that increased access to therapeutic services and strengthened organizational capacity.
- Grew evidence-based group supports through programming at Glen Moore Place, Butler County Prison, and George Junior Republic that expanded social support networks and strengthened practitioner training pipelines.
- Embedded sustainable occupational therapy at Autumn Grove through adaptive protocols that addressed complex functional needs and established sustainable systems for long-term care.

College of Education: Strengthening Educational Success Across the Lifespan

- Advanced inclusive youth pathways through targeted life-skills interventions at Grove City High School that increased social integration, self-determination, and access to educational, vocational, and extracurricular opportunities.
- Elevated early childhood development through candidate-designed classroom interventions at the SRU/SGA Pre-K Center that contributed to measurable developmental gains among young learners.
- Accelerated early literacy through intensive small-group tutoring at Slippery Rock Elementary that improved reading comprehension and supported student academic success.

Haverlack College of Business: Building Organizational Sustainability and Capacity

- Strengthened pet-rescue through student-led field research with Grove City Area Pet Rescue that generated actionable donor insights and enhanced long-term funding sustainability.
- Built communication capacity through professional digital storytelling and media frameworks that strengthened organizational visibility, stakeholder engagement, and strategic communication.

College of Liberal Arts: Advancing Civic, Social, and Community Engagement

- Supported justice-system rehabilitation through data-informed neuro-musicology programming at the Butler County Prison and George Junior Republic that enhanced rehabilitative outcomes and strengthened organizational capacity.

College of Engineering and Science: Applying Research and Innovation to Community Challenges

- Advanced engineering-informed community solutions by translating engineering assessments at Misty Hollow Residency into actionable financial and logistical implementation strategies.

Significance of Spring 2026 Partnership Outcomes

Sustainability: Increased regional capacity through programs, systems, and infrastructure designed to generate lasting community impact beyond the semester.

Lifespan Impact: Advanced community well-being across the lifespan by addressing needs from early childhood through older adulthood.

Connectivity: Expanded regional networks through cross-sector partnerships and interdisciplinary collaborations.

Together, these outcomes demonstrate how ACE Partnerships leverage the strengths of all five colleges to advance SRU's mission through community-engaged learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and measurable regional impact.

3.4.a. Decrease the amount of waste by increasing the use of digital formats: Converted Payroll forms to digital fillable formats. (Lead: Human Resources)

3.4.b. Update heating plant: Applied for heating plant renovation funds. (Lead: Finance and Administration)

Pillar 4: financial sustainability & resource stewardship.

4.1.a. Athletics operations: Standardized reporting, 12% collection, and apparel contracts; achieved \$300k scholarship contribution; eliminated student wage overspend; advanced cashless payment rollout. To date this will be the first time that Athletics has met their obligations to the university and has stayed on budget. (Lead: Finance and Administration)

4.1.d. Hire Chief Information Technology Officer: Posted CITO job announcement. See university communication below. (Lead: Finance and Administration)

As we continue to build the leadership team that will carry SRU boldly into the future, we have made the decision to conclude the current searches for our **Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Information Technology Officer** and engage a national search firm to lead both efforts going forward. This decision reflects our deep commitment to finding the very best talent for these vital roles. We remain committed to advancing leadership candidates who will champion our people, advance our technology, fortify our resiliency, enhance our campus culture, and strengthen The Rock for years to come. We are grateful to everyone who expressed interest in these positions and the search committee members who have guided the process to date. Current applicants are encouraged to reapply through the national search process. Details regarding the search firm, timeline, and application process will be shared shortly once the position vacancies are ready to be posted.

4.1.d. Improve ticketing system software: Improved ticket tracking and response time. (Lead: Finance and Administration)

4.1.d. Efficiently allocate physical resources: Replaced copier/printer contract.(Lead: Finance and Administration)

4.1.e. Increase efficiency and effectiveness in committees and commissions: Evaluated and aligned president's commissions; reviewed committees at the college, university, and APSCUF levels for relevance and consolidation. (Lead: Climate and Culture)

4.2.a. Increase grant funding. Hired McNees to assist with grant identification and grant submissions. (Lead: Office of the Provost, President and University Advancement)

4.2.a. Obtain funding to update safety technology: Replaced police technology. (Lead: Finance and Administration)

4.2.c. Fundraising campaign execution: Created Annual Development Plan and implemented Campaign Plan in pursuit of \$5M fundraising goal. (Lead: University Advancement)

4.2.d. Design and implement a scholarship campaign: Developed Campaign Case Statement. (Lead: University Advancement)

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. Lisa Horton will be joining us as the Head Women's Flag Football Coach. to serve as the Head Men's Wrestling Coach. Both coaches will start on July 1, 2026, and will begin recruiting for a 2027 start for competition. They will be adding assistant coaches July 1, 2027. They will be planning and preparing for their own sports this year and will also be supporting the overall athletic department.

Our goal for Athletics is to finish in the top 3 within the Dixon Cup standings each year. This year we fell short, finishing in 5th place. However, with this fifth-place finish in 2025-26, Slippery Rock becomes the only school in the PSAC to finish in the top five in each of the last seven years in the conference's annual all-sport competition. The Athletic Director is working with each head coach to evaluate their season and to explore opportunities for how they can improve next year.

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. 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.

2025-26 Overall Athletics Recap

- Announced addition of two new sports with men's wrestling and women's flag football coming in 2027-28 to expand varsity athletics offerings to 19 teams.
- Placed fifth in the Dixon Trophy standings to mark the seventh straight year in the top five. No other schools in the PSAC have placed in the top five in each of the last seven years.
- Eight of the 11 Slippery Rock athletic programs that track team win-loss records finished the season with a winning record. The 11 teams combined for an overall winning percentage of .570 (157-118-4), which was slightly up from a .566 overall winning percentage in 2024-25.
- Four SRU teams won PSAC titles in 2025-26, including the women's track & field program sweeping both the indoor and outdoor titles. SRU also won the women's tennis title and the women's lacrosse title in the spring.
- Six of the 11 team sports that track wins and losses qualified for PSAC postseason play, while the XC teams also both sent full rosters to the PSAC Championships and SRU qualified a league-high 102 total track & field athletes for the PSAC Championships. In total, 12 of the 17 SRU teams were represented in postseason championship competition in 2025-26.
- SRU had two teams qualify for NCAA national tournament play in 2025-26 with women's lacrosse and women's tennis both reaching the NCAA Round of 16.
- SRU had two teams reach top 10 national rankings in Division II national polls (women's lacrosse and football) and three teams reach top 25 national rankings (tennis).

- Individually, Slippery Rock had 85 athletes earn All-PSAC honors (down from 117 in 2024-25).
- SRU earned 13 PSAC major “Of the Year” awards with four coaching awards and nine student-athlete awards. Western Division Coach of the Year honors went to Noreen Herlihy (WSOC), Taryn Burkholder (LAX), Matt Meredith (TEN) and the women’s track & field coaching staff. Athletes that earned PSAC major awards included JayJay Jordan (FB), Iyanna Wade (WBB), Paige Jenkins (LAX), Logan Anderson (MTF), Maddie Cavanaugh (SB), Rachel Baker (SB), Aleigha Dubroc (LAX) and Amaia Balaguer Brau (TEN).
- 41 athletes earned all-region honors with 16 individuals going on to be named All-Americans (down from 72 all-region and 20 All-America in 2024-25).
- Academically, Slippery Rock had 56 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honorees (up from 54 in 2024-25).
- As of May 28, SRU had two athletes earn CSC Academic All-America honors (Michael Henwood (FB) and Nicole Kempton (TEN)). This number should go up as the spring awards are not out yet and we are likely to have multiple lacrosse and track & field athletes make the teams. It will be early July before the final spring teams are announced.
- Five Slippery Rock athletes – Nicole Kempton (TEN), Jonathan Wess (MITF), Jennifer Cichra (WITF), Seaton Wozniak (MOTF), Erin Melcher (LAX) – earned PSAC Champion Scholar Awards for owning the highest GPA of all athletes at their respective PSAC finals sites.
- Four Slippery Rock athletes – Michael Henwood (FB), Jennifer Cichra (WXC), Logan Anderson (MITF), Seaton Wozniak (MITF) were named to PSAC Top 10 teams. This number could go up. The spring team has not been announced yet and SRU has four strong nominees.
- SRU had a total of 87 student-athletes earn Academic All-PSAC honors in the newly created awards program this year (only juniors and above eligible, must be on campus four full semesters before qualifying, must have a 3.50 cume GPA and must meet participation/performance standards).
- Most of the team academic honors and end of the year major academic individual awards have not been announced yet. SRU is likely to earn a few PSAC Team GPA awards and will have 200+ students named to PSAC Scholar-Athlete honors.
- Administrators involved in national leadership roles include Roberta Page finishing her term as chair of Division II Management Council in January and moving into a SAAC liaison role with Division II; Andrea Miller Grady serves on the Division II national committee for softball; Jon Holtz is the president of the Division II Sports Information Directors Association and chairs the Division II cabinet for the College Sports Communicators.

Baseball

- Finished year with a 30-18 overall record and ranked fourth in the PSAC West standings (16-12).
- Qualified for the PSAC Tournament for a fourth consecutive season.
- 30 wins secured the 21st 30-win campaign under head coach Jeff Messer and represented the third highest victory total by the program over the last 16 years.
- Five athletes named to All-PSAC West Team.
- Michael Kitko was a consensus all-region honoree.
- Head coach Jeff Messer became the seventh winningest coach in NCAA Division II history during the season.
- Five athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Four athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.
- Academic All-America program is ongoing.

Men’s Basketball

- Finished year with a 17-12 overall record for the program’s eighth consecutive winning season.

- Qualified for the PSAC Tournament for a ninth consecutive season after going 10-10 in conference competition to take fifth in the PSAC West standings.
- SRU ranked fourth in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage defense.
- The 17 wins in 2025-26 was tied for the most inside the program over the last seven years.
- Mack Staunch named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- One athlete named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Women's Basketball

- Concluded season with a 7-19 overall record.
- Iyanna Wade was named the PSAC West Freshman of the Year.
- Head coach Ryenn Micaletti received the L.P. Hill Unity in Sports Award.
- Three athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Kayley Joseph-Bernard accepted into the Women's Basketball Coaches Association "So You Want To Be A Coach" program for student-athletes with intentions on embarking on a coaching career.
- Three athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Men's Cross Country

- Placed 7th at PSAC Championships.
- Placed 12th at NCAA Atlantic Region Championships.
- One All-PSAC runner.
- One All-Region runner.
- Team earned USTFCCCA All-Academic honors.
- Six individuals named to USTFCCCA All-Academic team.
- Two athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Women's Cross Country

- 6th place at the PSAC Championships.
- 8th place at the NCAA Atlantic Region Championships.
- Team won two meets and finished no lower than eighth in any event.
- Three All-PSAC runners.
- One All-Region runners (Jennifer Cichra)
- Team earned USTFCCCA All-Academic honors.
- Three individuals named to USTFCCCA All-Academic team.
- Jennifer Cichra named to PSAC Fall Top 10.
- Three athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Field Hockey

- Finished season with a 5-12 overall record.
- The Rock's five wins under first-year head coach Missy Revesz were the most inside the program since 2022.
- Lucy Hutchinson earned All-PSAC West recognition and Megan Rude was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Senior Team.
- Ranked seventh in the nation with six National Field Hockey Coaches Association Scholars of Distinction (GPA of at least 3.9 for first semester of 2025-26 academic year).
- SRU was one of 19 teams in Division II field hockey to earn the NFHCA Team Academic Award (Team GPA of at least 3.5 for first semester of 2025-26 academic year).

- Placed 15 student-athletes on the NFHCA Division II National Academic Squad. SRU was tied for 10th in the country in total honorees to make the National Academic Squad. The Rock's 15 honorees, or 62.5 percent of their 2025 roster, matched a four-year high for the program.
- Six athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Football

- Finished year with a 6-4 overall record.
- Nationally ranked for eight weeks. Finished the year receiving votes in the final poll.
- Three different players earned at least one All-America honor.
- OL Joe Cooper was the only Division II player invited to the East-West Shrine Bowl.
- Cooper had a rookie minicamp invite from the New York Jets.
- DB Michael Henwood was a national semifinalist for the William Campbell Trophy, was named a CSC first team Academic All-American and was named to the PSAC Fall Top 10 team.
- OL Joe Cooper was a national finalist for the Gene Upshaw Lineman of the Year award.
- RB JayJay Jordan was named the PSAC West Offensive Athlete of the Year.
- Three All-Region players.
- Nine All-PSAC selections.
- 16th consecutive winning season (9th longest active streak in the country).
- QB Brayden Long named to PSAC Fall Top 10.
- Six athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Six athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.
- Seven athletes named to the Hampshire Honor Society by the National Football Foundation.

Men's Indoor Track and Field

- 2nd place at PSAC Championships.
- Three athletes earned All-America honors at National Championships (Logan Anderson, Seaton Wozniak, Drew Layton).
- Logan Anderson broke the all-time PSAC record in the heptathlon.
- Three SRU records set (weight throw, shot put, heptathlon).
- Logan Anderson named PSAC Male Field Athlete of the Year.
- Logan Anderson named Atlantic Region Male Field Athlete of the Year.
- Tabitha Bemis named Atlantic Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year
- Seven All-Region honors for individuals.
- Two PSAC individual champions.
- Seven All-PSAC individuals.
- Jonathan Wess was named the PSAC Champion Scholar award winner.
- Two PSAC individual champions.
- Logan Anderson and Seaton Wozniak were named to PSAC Winter Top 10 honors.

Women's Indoor Track and Field

- PSAC Champions for the third year in a row.
- SRU coaching staff was named PSAC Coaching Staff of the Year.
- Eight All-PSAC individuals.
- One PSAC individual champion (Allie Taylor).
- Four All-Region honors in individual events.

Women's Lacrosse

- Won the first PSAC title in program history and earned a No. 1 seed in NCAA Tournament.
- Finished the year ranked No. 8 in the final IWLCA national rankings. Reached program all-time highs of No. 4 in the IWLCA rankings and No. 3 in the USA Lacrosse Magazine rankings.
- Went 10-0 in the PSAC West for the second straight undefeated division title.
- Won 20 straight games and finished with a 20-1 overall record for the best record in program history. Set a new program record for single season wins for the third year in a row (15, 18, 20 the last three years).
- Taryn Burkholder named PSAC West Coach of the Year for third year in a row.
- Paige Jenkins named PSAC West Defensive Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row.
- Aleigha Dubroc named PSAC West Freshman of the Year.
- Six players named All-Region team. All six also named to USA Lacrosse Magazine All-America team.
- Three players named to IWLCA All-America team.
- SRU had a program record eight All-PSAC honorees.
- Lily Ventresca named PSAC Tournament MVP.
- Lily Ventresca elevated to an executive board position within the NCAA Division II national SAAC.
- Nine athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.
- Six athletes will be named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team in the coming weeks.

Men's Outdoor Track and Field

- 2nd place at PSAC Championships.
- Four individual PSAC champions.
- Seaton Wozniak named PSAC Champion Scholar Award winner (highest GPA at PSAC meet).
- Three men qualified for National Championships.
- Three All-Americans: Zach Gose, Logan Anderson, Seaton Wozniak.
- 10 individual All-Region honors.
- One SRU record set (Zach Gose in hammer throw).
- 15 athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.
- Five athletes will be named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team in the coming weeks
- Academic All-America program has not started for Track/XC yet.
- Major PSAC and regional awards have not been announced yet.

Women's Outdoor Track and Field

- PSAC Champions to complete 2025-26 sweep of indoor and outdoor titles for second year in a row.
- Won PSAC-leading 19th all-time outdoor women's title.
- Won two individual PSAC event titles.
- 12 individual All-PSAC honorees.
- Six individual All-Region honorees.
- 19 athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.
- Five athletes will be named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team in the coming weeks
- Academic All-America program has not started for Track/XC yet.

Men's Soccer

- Finished season with a 7-7-3 overall record and a 4-4-2 showing in the PSAC West.
- Seven wins in 2025 was the program's third highest single-season victory total in the last decade.
- Missed out on qualifying for the PSAC Tournament by a single point in the PSAC West standings.
- Kaden Reynolds, Ryan Hanes and Colton Spence named to All-PSAC West Team.

- Colton Spence earned all-region honors.
- Six athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Three athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Women's Soccer

- Finished year with a 12-4-1 overall record for the program's 29th consecutive winning season.
- Went 12-1-1 inside the PSAC West to win the division's regular season championship.
- SRU's .781 winning percentage was the fourth highest single-season winning percentage in the program's storied history.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of the PSAC Tournament.
- Noreen Herlihy named the PSAC West Coach of the Year.
- Six athletes named to All-PSAC West Team.
- Libby Zacharyasz earned all-region honors.
- Six athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Head coach Noreen Herlihy became the 23rd winningest coach in NCAA Division II history during the season.
- Three athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Softball

- Finished year with a 27-20 overall record and ranked second in the PSAC West standings (20-8).
- 27-20 record marked the program's third winning season in the last four years while also qualifying for the PSAC Tournament for a fourth consecutive season.
- 27 wins in 2026 tied for the third most in single season in program history.
- Maddie Cavanaugh named the PSAC West Athlete of the Year and PSAC West Freshman of the Year.
- Rachel Baker named the PSAC West Pitcher of the Year.
- Maddie Cavanaugh, Rachel Baker and Jordyn Pelles named to All-PSAC West Team.
- Maddie Cavanaugh and Rachel Baker earned all-region honors.
- Maddie Cavanaugh was a finalist for the Division II Freshman of the Year award while also becoming the first consensus All-American in program history.
- Five athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Aubrey Mansfield set program records in games played, games started and doubles.
- Four athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.
- Academic All-America program is ongoing.

Tennis

- Had arguably the best season in program history, finishing 16-4 overall and ending the year ranked No. 24 in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.
- Won the program's first PSAC Tournament title since 2003.
- Earned eighth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth on the way to winning a regional championship and making the Round of 16 in the national tournament for a second consecutive year.
- Amaia Balaguer Brau voted the PSAC West Athlete of the Year for a third consecutive season.
- Amaia Balaguer Brau named the ITA's Senior Player of the Year.
- Head coach Matt Meredith won his 400th career match during the season and was named the PSAC West Coach of the Year.
- SRU athletes claimed five of the 13 spots on the 2026 All-PSAC West Team.
- Amaia Balaguer Brau and Alissia Kivi concluded the year ranked in the ITA's national singles poll. Kivi and Nicole Kempton were also ranked in the ITA's final national doubles poll.

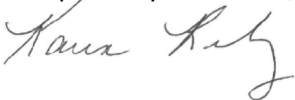
- Dari Sakhanova earned the prestigious Arthur Ashe, Jr. National Leadership and Sportsmanship Award from the ITA.
- Nicole Kempton was named the PSAC Women's Tennis Champion Scholar.
- Four athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Nicole Kempton will be named a first team CSC Academic All-American (does not come out until first week of June).
- Head coach Matt Meredith became the 12th winningest coach in NCAA Division II history during the season.
- Three athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

Volleyball

- Finished season with a 10-17 overall record.
- Lauren VonderHaar earned All-PSAC West recognition.
- Lauren VonderHaar earned broke the program's career blocks record.
- 2025 team set a single-season program record in blocks per set.
- Four athletes named to College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team.
- Three athletes named to Academic All-PSAC team.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.
President

UNIVERSITY NEWS

[Recreational therapy program upholds prestigious CAAHEP accreditation standards](#)

[SRU partners with PA State Police to create paths for students](#)

[SRU theatre programs earn prestigious NAST accreditation](#)

AWARDS AND RANKINGS

[SRU achieves 17th year as a Princeton Review 'Green College'](#)

[SRU recognized on U.S. News' 2026 list of Best Graduate Schools](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS (AWARDS)

[Abby Becker recognized with top academic honor in State System](#)

[SRU student receives \\$25,000 scholarship from Chick-Fil-A](#)

[Students win statewide Frederick Douglass debate tournament](#)

[Civil Engineering student earns ASCE award for academic achievement and service](#)

[SRU students pitch business plans at Butler County Shark Tank Competition](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS (RESEARCH, ENGAGEMENT)

[Sophia Duncan conducts research connecting occupational therapy to cancer care](#)

[Psychology student researcher finds purpose and passion in neuroscience study](#)

[Justin Nowelle bolsters community support for local library](#)

[SRU students gain experience as working media at the NFL Draft](#)

FACULTY FOCUS

[Inspired by son, Anning offers forward-thinking approach to muscular dystrophy care](#)

[SRU faculty awarded CareQuest grant to advance integrated medical and dental care research](#)

ALUMNI NETWORK

[Teacher of the year empowers students through skills honed at SRU](#)

[Alyssa Mascolo credits purposeful relationships as key to early-career excellence](#)

[Angele Stoeber named chair of Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees](#)

[Tyler Anderson transforms Rock Solid connections into 30 under 30 excellence](#)

[Zoe Johnson, '24, provides once in a lifetime experience at Winter Olympics](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Session (TAB 1 Appendix C)

No Report – Closed Session

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (TAB 2 Appendix D)

Trustee Alfonso Angelucci chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Zieg and Dean Nicole Dafoe of the College of Engineering and Science presented a new program proposal for a BAS in Construction Management. This program represents a highly collaborative effort between SRU and local industry partners to meet regional workforce needs by providing an applied educational experience tailored specifically for adult learners who have completed a Carpenters Apprenticeship program and who are actively employed in the construction trades. Dr. Zieg also provided an initial timeline for the upcoming Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaccreditation process, which will culminate in a site visit in Spring 2029.

Mike May provided updates for Summer and Fall 2026 enrollment, including retention. He provided information regarding the enrollment fee, relevant financials, and strategies to make the related programming and services financially sustainable.

Ken Bach provided an update to the brand activation, highlighting the strategic approach of key performance indicators. The marketing plan includes consistently evaluating media investment to ensure the highest performing ads deliver to the best fit prospects at the appropriate time in their search for the lowest cost of acquisition. Top performing enrollment actions tracked included the completion of RFI forms and application submission across display ads and pay-per-click search terms, supported by a diversified mix of tactics to drive reputation and top-of-mind with best-fit households.

Dr. Wilmes provided highlights from the 2026-27 academic year including: over 52,000 students in attendance at campus events, over 560 reservations of the MacFarland Intramural Fields, over \$500,000 in grants secured by the Dean of Students' office, and \$1.6 million in commitments from the Student Government Association to support campus recreation upgrades and enhancements. Dr. Wilmes also provided a brief summary of the

university's work to develop a new approach to developing intercultural learning to prepare students for a complex global society.

Chair Stoebener, this concludes my report.

Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee (TAB 3 Appendix E)

The Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee met with the Council of Trustees on Thursday, June 4, 2026, and discussed several topics. Trustee Momyer shared the report on behalf of Trustee Lavallee, chair of the committee.

Ms. Birckbichler, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial and Budget Update for the third quarter of FY 2025-26. With the completion of the spring billing process, academic year tuition revenue is projected to meet budget projections. Due to the delay in approval of the FY 2025-26 budget by the Commonwealth, interest earnings are projected to fall short of budget projections.

Auxiliary actuals for the period are in line with projections.

An overview of the 2026-27 Comprehensive Planning Process (CPP) was presented. A future workshop is planned to review the fiscal year 2026-27 budget as tuition and state appropriation are determined.

Talis Vitols from the Gordion Group provided a benchmarking and analysis presentation of the status of the University's facilities. Key topics covered include a space analysis, the need for continuing capital investment and a review of several key performance metrics.

Information items included:

- Report of contracts and purchases issued from January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026
- March 2026 Financial Report
- Facilities and Planning Project Lists
- Human Resources Personnel Items
- Divisional Report

And, that, Chair Stoebener, concludes my report.

Governance Committee (TAB 4 Appendix F)

Dr. Elise Michaux chairs the Governance committee. The Governance Committee met this morning. There were two items for discussion and three items for Council action to move forward to the full Board for consideration.

Discussion items included the topic of moving quarterly business meetings to a one-day meeting format. Other PASSHE schools are using a one-day model. A template was provided for Council consideration. This item will be revisited at a future meeting due to the anticipation of new and reappointments on the Council.

A second item for discussion is the Emeritus Policy with Council designation. Trustee Young shared at the March meeting that he would review the draft policy and bring back for Council consideration. Trustee Young asked to put the final policy on the agenda for action at the next quarterly business meeting.

Action items included:

1) The slate of officers for 2026 – 2027:

- Joshua Young, chair
- Alfonso Angelucci, vice-chair
- Alex Momyer, secretary

ACTION: Approved

2) Meeting Dates for 2026-2027

- September 17-18, 2026
- December 10-11, 2026 (Commencement December 12)
- March 25-26, 2027 (Spring Break, March 7-14)
- June 10-11, 2027

ACTION: The meeting dates were tabled for further discussion by the new executive committee.

3) Certifying Resolution: Order of Succession: (BOG Policy 1983-14-A) which states in rank order the management executive team to act on behalf of the University President temporarily or if there is a vacancy. This is an annual requirement to submit to the Chancellor prior to the start of the fall semester.

ACTION: Moved forward to the full board for consideration.

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

University Advancement Committee (TAB 5 Appendix G)

Joshua Young chairs the University Advancement Committee. The Committee met this morning at 9:00 a.m.

Vice President Troy Miller provided a campaign update highlighting nearly \$29 million raised in the quiet phase of the campaign toward the \$30 million goal. Mr. Miller reminded the Council that the campaign will launch publicly in October of 2026.

Mr. Miller provided a campaign cabinet update and explained that during the next meeting on 15 June, the Cabinet will make a final decision on an increased goal based on the success of the quiet phase. In addition, the Cabinet will make a final decision on the location and time for the private launch event on 23 October 2026. All donors of \$25,000+ and all boards will be invited to the black-tie optional affair.

Senior Director of Annual Giving & Alumni Engagement, Tim Richart updated the Council on SRU Giving Day. Due to the comprehensive campaign, this year's Giving Day concentrated on number of donors and 2,343 donors gave during the 24-hour period. This represents an increase of 16% over last year and a 75% increase over the past six years. There were 730 new donors, 144 participating groups, and 562 parent and student donors which represents an increase of 86% over last year.

Mr. Richart then updated the Council on alumni engagement. As of 30 April 2026, nearly 10,000 alumni have engaged with their alma mater. This represents 13% of total alumni.

Board Chair, Mark Palmer provided the Council with a 25/26 Foundation Budget update and reviewed the investment portfolio asset allocation. As of 31 March 2026, the portfolio is \$55,783,239. The Foundation also provided a performance overview on the portfolio. Mr. Palmer then reviewed SRUF Student Housing revenue and expenses.

Madam Chair this concludes my report.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Certifying Resolution: Order of Succession (BOG Policy 1983-14-A) (TAB 16 Appendix H) states in rank order the management executive team to act on behalf of the University President temporarily or if there is a vacancy. This is an annual requirement to submit to the Chancellor prior to the start of the fall semester.

Trustee Angelucci moved, seconded by Trustee Young. No negative votes. Motion carries.

SRU COT Slate of Officers (2026-2027)

- Joshua Young, chair
- Alfonso Angelucci, vice-chair
- Alex Momyer, secretary

Trustee Michaux moved, seconded by Trustee Momyer. No negative votes. Motion carries.

Comment from the Floor: Trustee Michaux: I would like to say, thank you, Angèle, for your leadership as chair. You truly have set the standard and the tone for how we should be meeting together and advocating as trustees for SRU. You're going to Harrisburg, and really engaging with leaders. You've spent an enormous amount of time with me, and I know with others and I'm so appreciative for our late night calls. You have set the bar very high for us. Thank you for your leadership.

SRU COT Meeting Dates (2026-2027) (TAB 4)

Trustee Young moved, seconded by Trustee Ionta, to table the meeting dates discussion until a later time. No negative votes, motion carries.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2026 – 2027 Scheduled Meeting Dates: TBD

Division Reports **(TAB 8)**

Committee Presentations **(TAB 9)**

Contracts: **(TAB 10) (Appendix I)**

Budget/Financial Update **(TAB 11) (Appendix J)**

Facilities & Planning Active Projects List **(TAB 12) (Appendix K)**

HR Personnel Items **(Tab 13) (Appendix L)**

- Instructional Appointments: Summer 2026
- Instructional Appointments: Academic Year 2026-2027
- Administrator Appointments
- Management Appointment
- Support Staff Appointments

- Retirements
- Resignations
- Tenure

CliftonLarsonAllen Planning Communication (TAB 14) (Appendix M)

Comprehensive Planning Process (TAB 15) (Appendix N)

BAS Construction Management Proposal (TAB 17) (Appendix O)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustee Ionta: First of all, I would like to thank our outgoing chair Angèle, she really took a leadership role, and has been very active throughout her tenure as chair. And, I think you did a really outstanding job. And we appreciate that. So, thank you.

Trustee Ionta: Secondly, as you know, it's not unusual for me to compliment our staff and administration. As I've often said, we meet four times a year, and they do it on a daily basis. You know, we're number one in finance, number one in academics. Every time there's an evaluation, we're number one. And so, again, I'd like to compliment our administration and staff. And, today, I'd like to take it one step further. I've worked with educational leaders for over 50 years. I've worked with many outstanding educational leaders, and I think we are extremely blessed at Slippery Rock University for the leadership we have. You know, I recognize everyone, but I think today I want to individually recognize our President for the outstanding job that she's done in three years, and we thank you for that.

Dr. Jason Hilton: If I may add on to the theme of educators, talking about educators, I'll start with how I know what I know, and then share what I know. So, I've been here for 15 years as a professor of education, and I've had 4 presidents at this university in that time frame. I, unlike most professors of education who have backgrounds in curriculum and instruction, my PhD is in administration and policy studies, so I'm a student of leaders in education.

Dr. Jason Hilton: In addition, and not at all related to this role, I serve as the chapter president for the faculty union here and faculty and coaches union here at SRU. I'm the longest-serving chapter president in PASSHE, which makes me also the chair of the chapter presidents for all of the universities in PASSHE. So that's how I know what I'm about to share about President Riley.

Dr. Jason Hilton: So, President Riley is the best president I've worked under, and is the best president in the System for a number of reasons. Number one, she engages in shared governance, and not in a common way, that's a common term thrown around in leadership circles. But Dr. Riley shares in actual shared governance, and does that through a practice of solution-oriented conversations. How do we arrive at a solution that advances where we're going? When we disagree, how do we find the pathway forward? How do we go ahead? There's never a stop, there's never a, we're done. It's always about making change for the positive for Slippery Rock University.

Dr. Jason Hilton: Additionally, President Riley fosters a culture of well-being for everyone she encounters, and encourages everyone she works with to foster that culture of well-being. And, so, what that turns into is a sense of caring about how people are doing. This caring approach builds: a sense of caring about how the faculty are, the coaches, the staff, the students, the stakeholders. Everyone has an opportunity to be heard, everyone can find time in President Riley's office, and when they show up and give their comments and their feedback, President

Riley takes action on that, meaning that those comments are meaningful, meaningfully heard and meaningfully acted upon.

Dr. Jason Hilton: When we look at the things that President Riley has accomplished, one of the things that a lot of folks don't know, we talked about fundraising. Prior to President Riley, fundraising was anemic here. The only two schools that fundraised less than Slippery Rock University were Mansfield and Cheyney, which both have enrollments of less than 1,000 students apiece. Right? Now we're one of the top fundraising schools in 3 years, in the system. That's incredible. I don't think I've ever seen fundraising change that fast. And, so, that is President Riley's leadership, and as a consequence of that, we're allowed and permitted and privileged to engage in the type of innovative and academic programming that sets us apart.

Dr. Jason Hilton: You just saw we're number one in the system for GPA. The top students in the state want to come here, because of what we have here. You heard about these innovative trade and higher education partnerships that are developing here. That is how we become a 21st century institution, and how we break the cycle of questioning whether higher education is worth it. Come on. We create spaces where trade and higher education come together and serve everyone in the Commonwealth. We advance health professions at a price that, frankly, is a third of the price of competing institutions. Imagine how that empowers folks of Pennsylvania from rural backgrounds who may want to serve their community in a health profession role, right? They can do that here, and that was not possible beforehand. And the way in which that's being built out, if you look at the Academic Master Plan, the ideas around what our health professions will look like in the next 5 or 10 years, SRU will be a leading institution in that field.

Dr. Jason Hilton: Look at engineering. Prior to SRU engaging in engineering, and you heard it's the 10-year anniversary; you had to attend a big blue university in order to get that degree. Those universities are not known for being particularly kind to students, because they see students as butts in seats. I'm a graduate of one of them. They see students as butts in seats, not as people. We are different. And regularly, when you talk to students here who come to be engineers, you hear about their struggles with coursework and the way in which the university surrounds them with support and brings them forward, and the ability of this university to produce engineers that can serve, again, the entire Commonwealth, and do so at a price that is a fraction of what those other institutions cost. That's transformative.

Dr. Jason Hilton: Those are flashy programs, but I would also point out as an education professor that this is the top teacher-producing university on this side of the state. It is the number 3 teacher-producing university in the Commonwealth, larger than Pitt and larger than Penn State in producing its teachers. So not only do we do the exciting things, but we also do the legacy things well. This place was started as a normal school to train teachers; it continues to be a leader in training teachers in Pennsylvania. All of that starts with a president who understands the moment. Who understands what the future should look like, and who knows how to advocate for that, and most importantly, knows how to lead others to be on that same position. You saw a moment ago in the slides, she had us rowing in the same direction. This boat rose, and it rose fast, and it does so because of President Riley.

Dr. Jason Hilton: So that is what I know. So, thank you.

Trustee Momyer: I'd like to say that it is outstanding to see the pure leadership from all levels, from student level, from SGA, pouring so much money and efforts and leadership into our student body, and then also for our faculty and staff, because not only students are using the MAC fields. You can have everybody, even from Dr. Riley, taking walks around the campus. I see her in the morning. So, just the use of resources from the student level, but then

with faculty and staff, we have new programs that are coming that are going to help change the dynamics of Western PA, for the Carpenters Union, and initiatives like that.

Trustee Momyer: And, also for the fact of that we're taking that initiative to not look just one year down the road, but multiple years with our fundraising aspects. So, as a student, it's nice to hear, because it's helping others down the road, like my little sister, who is a freshman, or the students who are still in high school or elementary school, that SRU can carry that legacy of becoming better. Not striving for the status quo, but looking toward the future of being the top-tier school. Maybe not the Ivy League, but we are well known among the Penn State and Pitt [name recognition].

Trustee Momyer: And, I always like to say that SRU is a family. We care about one another, and although sometimes we may get off track, we have the support and resources from faculty and staff to guide us and help us get back on track and move forward. So, Dr. Riley and others are our parent figures, and you heard earlier from Connor that Dr. Hilton was one of his first mentors, so we are fortunate to have that one person to look up to. We might not think about it, that we have eyes on us, but in a leadership role, everybody's looking towards you. It might not just be the faculty and staff, but students, parents, grandparents, anybody, they're going to be looking towards us for that leadership and mentorship. So, I want to say thank you to everyone here.

Trustee Michaux: So, I'm going to share my perspective and not follow what has already been said, because it was said so well. So, for me, getting to be on the search committee for you, Dr. Riley, to now. What you said then to what you've shared now. Even according to the strategic plan and how it's been implemented, and hearing those highlights. It's not lost on me, the work and the dedication that it takes to get folks rowing in the right direction. It takes time, it takes effort, energy, conversations, negotiations, all the things. And so, the evidence, is when we get to come on a quarterly basis and just smile, I always leave here floating away. I think I say that almost every time for the Good of the Order, because the hard work is being done, and there's evidence behind it. And, for you to lead that ship again, it's thankless, right? But we can say thank you, and we're so grateful for your leadership. I am proud to be a trustee, I'm proud to be a two-time ROCK grad, and that never is tarnished because we have folks like you and this team who are absolutely dedicated to the work that you do. So, thank you for the stepping up, stepping out, challenging, it is not lost on us. We appreciate you. We see you, you are seen, you are heard, and you are valued. Thank you. Thank you all. And, Go Rock!

Trustee Young: I just wanted to acknowledge a couple people. First, Dr. DiMarco served as our faculty liaison for several years, and we appreciate all that she did to help counsel and advice and other items. Dr. Hilton, welcome. You, are going to be just as valuable as Dr. DiMarco, so thank you. Alex, welcome. When I became a student trustee, one of the other trustees told me that you are a trustee who happens to be a student. So, you know, continue to speak up, continue to advise Council on student issues, and give us your advice and opinions. As you know, Jeff Smith resigned as a trustee, and I want to thank him for his time and service to Slippery Rock University. He always announced the retirements, and I think it is important to acknowledge the people that gave years of service to Slippery Rock University. So, in his honor, I'll read the list of retirees this time.

Dr. Robert Isherwood	Associate Professor	Special Education	22 years, 7/31/26
Dr. Marcy Leeds	Professor	Public Health Services	41 years, 5/28/27
Dr. Judith Silva	Professor	Library, Arts & Archivists	25 years, 6/25/27
Dr. Carlis White	Assistant Professor	History	24 years, 6/30/26
Holly McCoy	CHRO	Human Resources	23 years, 8/21/26
Bonnie Simpson	Custodial Worker 2	Facilities & Planning	23.5 years, 5/29/26

Trustee Young: Dr. Silva was a faculty advisor to SRSGA when I was on student government. Dr. Silva, you made an impact on my life, and I'm glad to see that you're here. You pushed me to the trajectory that I'm on now. So, I'm glad you're here. And finally...to Holly, thank you for your service to the university. What you did here was important. What everybody does here is important. It has a great impact on many people's lives. I want to thank Angèle for her service. And I want to thank Dr. Riley for everything that you do for the university. I've had many titles here, student, student government leader, student trustee, trustee, chairman, but the title I'm most proud of is alumnus, so, thank you.

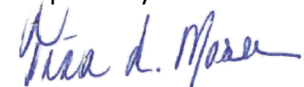
Trustee Angelucci: Thank you, all. Jason, impactful remarks, everyone, thank you. Dr. Riley, thank you. Fantastic and I can't utter another word.

Trustee Stoebener: So, I'll wrap up and we will adjourn. I just want to say thank you. Serving as chair on the Council of Trustees for my alma mater has been an incredible journey. Walking onto this campus as a student years ago, I would never have imagined that I'd eventually be sitting at this table, helping to shape the future of the place where I started. But we would not be standing here today without the exceptional leadership at the helm of this university. And I want to give the highest accolades to President Riley and her cabinet for their relentless hard work, steady vision, and unwavering dedication.

Trustee Stoebener: President Riley, your leadership has been a masterclass in navigating complex waters, and this cabinet has proven time and again that they are entirely devoted to the success of our students and our campus, and we truly would not be here without all of you. So, thank you to everyone. And Go ROCK!

With no further business, the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees business meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m. Trustee Young motioned, Trustee Michaux seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:



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