

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

**March 27, 2026**

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, March 27, 2026, in the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center and via Zoom conferencing. Chair Angèle Stoebener called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

[SRU COT Meeting Materials March 2026](#)

**RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees present:** Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Domenic Ionta, Dr. Elise Michaux, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Mr. Dan Lavalley, Ms. Angèle Stoebener, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Joshua Young, Ms. Charl Severo

**Trustees absent:** Mr. Matt Lautman

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Trustee Young motioned to amend the agenda under items for Council action number C. The motion should read, academic program fees proposal, physician's assistant \$1950 per term first year, 3% second year, nursing, 25% of tuition, all terms, physical therapy, 1.25% of tuition. All terms, occupational therapy, 2.5% of tuition, all terms, and all fees would sunset at those rates in two years. Trustee Michaux, second. Trustee Taylor abstained. Motion carries. **(TAB 6, Appendix A)**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Angelucci moved, seconded by Trustee Young, approval of the December 12, 2025, quarterly business meeting minutes. Motion carries. **(TAB 7, Appendix B)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Connor Pavlicko, SRSGA President, provided public comment.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: All right. So, the last time we met was December. [I have] a couple of SGA updates from then, a really exciting one, actually. So, students came to me and expressed that they were looking for some more career readiness, professional development opportunities on campus, and one student met with Dr. Riley and said a photo booth to take headshots that we put in the Campus Success Center would be great. An opportunity for students to not have to look at other ways to get headshots. And I know a lot of clubs and organizations, you know, including SGA were wondering from year to year, how are we going to get all of these headshots done? And so, after working with the company to get a photo booth and Dr. Rindy's Career Center and a couple of students last month we were able to approve a request through Senate to bring the photo booth on campus. So, it's, you know, it's through it right now. It's going through shipping. Of course, it won't fit in the door, so we have to unpack the shipping. That's just our lot.

So, it is on the way and that is in the works. It's going to be a really cool little toy for orientation students to look at kids who are touring, things like that. And then students on campus are going to be able to, for free, go and take headshots just by putting in their email. Um, you get to pick a backdrop, you get to pick, you know, the camera style, things of that nature. Um, so that's really cool. Um, all the other campuses use, like, a backdrop photo booth, but we're better, so we picked the actual, like, enclosed booth with the door.

It's the best model for our students. And, you know, after we ask students, would you feel more comfortable if the door closed and people couldn't see you so you could actually take the pictures? They said, yeah. So that's why we went with that decision. Next, our Grubhub delivery robot idea. I don't know if we talked about this the last time that I was with you all. Okay.

So, this program it's still kind of in the works. We're still kind of testing, you know, models and theories and things of that nature, but we are working towards bringing a service to students where robots would deliver food into their dorms like front door. So basically, what would happen is the workers at the dining halls would take their already ordered food and put it in the robot, and the robot would be mapped for campus, and it would roll down, go to the door, the students will get the notification it was there. They would open it with their phone, take it, it would close and it would leave.

There's a various number of reasons that this is a good initiative to bring to campus. One convenience, obviously, is a huge deal for students. Look at Grubhub. How popular it is. It isn't helping anyone. It's just a convenience.

Also, for our students who have accessibility needs. This is a great option for them. If weather permitting, the robots work in all weather. So, if a student might need an accessibility accommodation for dining. This could be a very good way to look into that. Promo is also a huge thing. These robots can go into promo mode, and they can drive around with a flag during orientations, and new student days, and be a cool initiative. Something that Dr. O'Reilly and I talked about when students are up between 2 colleges, the college that is innovative and consistently working towards having things that students see on other campuses even if it is, you know, not their first choice. That could be the campus that they pick. And my position as an advocate for students is to constantly bring things to campus that students might see at other schools when they go and visit their friends, and they're like, that's really cool.

Okay, why don't we have that on our campus? So, over the past couple of months, you know, winter break into the spring semester. I've been looking at things to help innovate some of the spaces on campus. So, I'm very excited. So that's the SGA front.

Next up, Advocacy Day is happening on April 14th. We are going to the Capitol, ten of us accompanied by Dr. Riley and SRU Council Chair Stoebener will be off to Harrisburg to meet with legislators to advocate for high quality, affordable education. We've been meeting with students outside of SGA as well to kind of talk about what that means for them. Coincidentally, Honors College Dr. McGinty is also working with the PA Promise. He's a part of that initiative with APSCUF, and so he's been collecting postcards from students about what tuition, like tuition waivers and, you know, free housing and tuition means to them. So, I've been able to work with them and kind of read that feedback and get student data. I... I didn't coach him or anything. It was an initiative that he wanted to do, and I was like, wow, how funny we're doing the same thing. So, we were able to, you know, talk with them, talk about what tuition means to students, and you know what having a high quality affordable education means. So, I'm excited to go there on the 14th and talk to our legislators. We have a really good group of students going, and, obviously, Dr. Riley and SRU Council Chair Stoebener being there will be an amazing help as well. Now to address the elephant in the room, I believe it's time I've talked enough.

Today, you guys will be voting on the dining fee increase and the parking fee increase. So... in front of you, I have written our support statement, if you can call it that, if you would like to follow along with me.

So, this paper [referencing document distributed around the table] serves as context to why the student body did not vote yes to support the dining fee increase. (Appendix C)

But just before I go into this paper, let me, you know, kind of give you the overview. So, on February 9th, Dr. [Chris] Cole came to us to present the dining fee proposal. That proposal did not pass. Two weeks later, he came back, and he gave more clarity. That updated information did not go out to vote. So, we did not change our minds. We did not stay the same. We did not go out to vote on that second round.

So, moving on. So, over the past few weeks and months now, even SGA has been taking student life survey data which is given to us by students. We had over a thousand responses and working with the university faculty, staff, and affiliates to advocate for our constituents. So, as an organization, we feel like our mission to advocate for students has unfortunately been misrepresented. So, to ensure that you guys understand what we're actually advocating for, we've decided to give you context that we have yet to share.

So, SGA did vote against the support of the proposed dining fee increase, which was presented to us on February 9. This happened for various reasons, but the most important reason being when we were presented the data, we were not given any deliverables that were beneficial to students. SGA's voting body, which does not include myself, did not feel that voting yes would be properly representing the student body.

During this meeting, we expressed to the University and to Aramark that student data shows that students want more robust dining options, healthier options, and most importantly, nutritious options. Students express to SGA that while they enjoyed fries and chips as examples for sides with their meals. Students also wanted the possibility to pick fruits, vegetables, or other option to choose from. So, students didn't want that either or.

So, in March, when meal swipes were changed, SGA saw changes that we do not agree with because they don't align with the data that we were given, nor does it align with the feedback that we were presented to the University and Aramark.

We want students to have the most robust nutritious options for their meal swipes, and even with the current changes being made, we still do not feel like that is being met. On March first, ARAMARK made their monthly changes to the student options for meal swipes. So instead of taking our feedback and including nutritious and healthy options for students, which was the feedback that SGA provided in an open forum meeting. They took away choices for students. So, for example, at Quaker Steak and Lube, with their side options, you were able to pick between fries or chips. This wasn't an option that we were advocating to be taken away.

Students were saying that although this was a great option, we wanted the option to pick something else. It wasn't about the content of the meal. It was about the option to pick what they wanted to. So now the student feedback is, we feel like we're being punished for our advocacy. And so... during supper club, which is an initiative, for those of you who don't know, it's an initiative made by ARAMARK that gives students the opportunity to provide feedback for their meal swipes. Students gave feedback that they were unhappy with the changes of the meal swipe side options. In response, the Aramark general manager explained to them that SGA wants healthier meal options, and we have them to thank for this change. Um, so the claims that SGA supported, or the claims that SGA suggested that ARAMARK make meals healthier as an answer to why the meal swipes are not favorable by students this month is a misrepresentation of our advocacy and of our words. Um, and that does not align with how we want to serve students.

Information like this being misinterpreted is a real issue, and we want to go on the record with this information, not as an opportunity to make the environment hostile, but rather to have open transparency with you all. So let me be clear. SGA does not support dining options that do not represent the best option for students. And we will continue to work with ARAMARK and the University to ensure that this is a service that every student gets

optimal use of. I know this is a lot of information to take in at one time, but I do feel very strongly that this vote is going to impact the student body as a whole largely.

**[Public Comment turns to discussion]** And I want to open it up to you guys to see if you have questions. I want to be as open and transparent as possible, but also still remain an advocate for students.

**(SGA President ends report)**

Trustee Taylor: Yeah, I have a question. And first of all, let me commend you and the students for providing this type of feedback, because generally we don't get this kind of direct feedback from you. So, I applaud you as the leader of your organization and the students for stepping up and giving us this information. It does take a lot of courage. Secondly, as a long-standing member of the Council, I would want to say to you that there is no room on this campus for retribution of dissenting ideas. And if you feel that you've experienced that on this campus. Then I apologize as one of the leaders on this campus, because that is not the environment or the culture at Slippery Rock University. It was never intended to be that way. And I'm embarrassed if that, in fact, is occurring on campus.

Trustee Taylor: I would ask you a question, though. and I missed most of the presentations yesterday, so I don't know, this is probably simple for answering.

Trustee Taylor: My understanding is that the State System Board of Governors approves the contract with the food vending service. So, we have no say in who is chosen here at Slippery Rock to provide us with food service.

Trustee Taylor: My understanding is also that the Board of Governors and the State System negotiate the terms of those contracts so that we don't really have input into those contracts. And I want to be corrected by Dr. Riley and the staff, if any of my understandings are incorrect.

Trustee Taylor: And, my third understanding is that, at least in the past, when we, Slippery Rock University, controlled our own food contracts, we built into those contracts regularly scheduled annual step-ups because of inflation or changes in policy or what have you.

Trustee Taylor: Uh, and I don't know if what we're talking about today is that type of automatic step up that's built into the contract, or whether this increase is just some type of a discretionary increase. Maybe Dr. Riley could answer that for us. But if this is built into the contract. You know, our hands are going to be pretty much tied, so I would just want the students to understand that.

Trustee Taylor: Like, we're the last people on the face of the earth that have much to say about this food contract, except they make all the decisions upstairs at PASSHE as to what the contract's going to say and who's going to provide the food and what's going to be involved. And the one thing they were very smart doing when they were at the Board of Governors was they left the fee increases to us to make those determinations. So, I guess I'd want to know whether this is part of that annual step-up that's built into the contract, or whether this is a discretionary increase of some sort from Dr. Riley.

President Riley: Thanks, Bob. So, I'm going to actually defer to Carrie on this because she's the one who manages this contract. So, I think there are two separate things here that we're talking about, and I think the issue with Quaker Steak and Lube is the first time that I'm hearing about it. Connor and I had a conversation about healthy options, etc., just two nights ago. So, I was aware of the vote and aware of the concern about making sure that there were healthy options. Anything about any kind of retaliatory action is something that I'm hearing about right now, and we will certainly look into that, and see what actually happened, because, that's not something that I'm aware of, and I would agree with Trustee Taylor that that's certainly not what we advocate for or would do. But as far as the nuances, Trustee Taylor. Carrie, if you can talk about how that contract runs and the escalation clauses within there, and how that works.

Carrie Birckbichler: The contract does provide for Aramark to pass on the cost of food away from home, and also any increases in labor costs. So, it's been 2 years since we have increased the rate to students, and that was last approved as a 2-year increase.

Carrie Birckbichler: So, when we're looking at [food service costs] for 25-26, the CPI was 3.6. And I believe the year before the CPI was 5.22. So, what we did at the end of the day, the university absorbed some of that increase in an attempt to keep the cost down for our students. And then the other thing that does cost us money and you know, and it is trying to meet the needs of the students that we did increase the cost of the meal equivalency and that actually added a 1% cost to the contract. And the second piece that Aramark has wanted to do away with, and we have pushed back on is the equivalently used for the bottle of beverages, because if we push, you know, they're using that to save money, and we have said no. So, we are really, you know... Everything costs more. You go to the grocery store; you go to restaurant. Everything costs more. So, we really are just moving along that CPI to the students, and we're not even covering all that CPI.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: Can I try?

Chair Stuebener: Sure.

SGA President Connor P.: Okay, yeah. And I guess I probably didn't explain this well. Students also are 100% aware that I mean students that live on campus might not grocery shop as much, but they see the prices increasing. They... they are aware. I mean, as students, we all know that it's costing more to serve food, and we're not, you know, I don't want to come here and say, I wanted to stay zero flatline all of the time. As a student, do I want to pay more? No one wants to pay more for anything. I mean, that's not like something that I would come in here and advocate for. It's unrealistic. But I and a piece that I talked to Dr. Riley about a long time ago, when we were introduced on February 9th, when we saw the presentation. There was information missing that [we received] 2 weeks later. We were represented information that was valuable to the members of SGA prior to voting on that information. And so... The reason that I feel strongly about this today is because when you're thinking about this vote, you know what could happen if the dining contract goes out to bid?

And how can that affect students? Because right now, just like every other aspect of Slippery Rock, we are the lowest for dining plans. You know what I mean? And if you look at those charts, I mean, it's... their numbers. This... this contract going out to bid could mean increasing students fourfold. I mean, it could be a 400% increase for students. So, I don't want you guys to think that I'm coming here and advocating for a 0% increase at all, because I understand that that's not fiscally responsible for anyone to advocate for it.

I'm simply saying that had we known on February 9<sup>th</sup> what it looks like if we got to bid versus here's what it looks like if we don't go out to bid. I think the Senate would have viewed that differently. Do I think that the vote would have changed? I can't say that with confidence at all, because we didn't have a vote the second time.

However. The first presentation had no mention of if we were going to go out for bid. I was unaware of that information until after we'd already voted. The second meeting that we had two weeks later, there was a new slide show with a graph that said, here's what your numbers are going to raise to when it goes up. That... that is why I'm here and making this statement so bold and so clear, because it's my job to advocate for students, and if students already want to pay 0, it's in their best interest to pay the proposed increase, rather than what it could look like if we go out to bid and the harm that could do to students fiscally.

President Riley: Thank you for that, Connor. And, you know, Connor refers back to me several times because we have a good relationship and we go back and forth a lot. I just want to clarify this so that we're clear, and I appreciate again your being able to articulate this and also being able to state your concerns. What I think I am hearing you say is, although the group voted no initially, if they had seen that other data, it might have influenced them.

President Riley: You don't want the contract to go out to bid, and although you would prefer a zero-based, you understand why we were going with the increase that we have, and you are not encouraging us to vote no on that, because you are concerned about what the cost might be if we had to go out to bid. Is that correct?

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: I'm very concerned of what the cost could be if this contract goes out for bid.

President Riley: Great. I just want to make sure that we're clear on that. And then the second thing, so let's say that the vote does go forward, and you still have concerns, and this is what you and I talked about the other night, is that although there have been meetings with Aramark, you still want to make sure that there are more healthy options out there, and that's an ongoing conversation.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: That is, if we do go with this, you know, we don't want to change the contract, all of that kind of thing, but we do want some more healthy options.

President Riley: And you're here advocating for that. Is that correct?

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: Correct, yeah.

President Riley: Okay. Yes. Students on February 9 had no deliverables to have a reason to vote yes in that initial meeting they were not met with anything concrete or significant enough, because to them it looked like we just want to raise the price. That is what they saw was a price tag on this during the second meeting, when there was more context granted to them, they were a lot more informed to make that decision. Good. And that is one step of this.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: Yeah, students want the option to choose. That is all students have always said to me. We want to choose in our dining plan. And, you know, options are great, and I understand where you're coming from, Carrie, [Birckbichler] as well. You guys are already advocating for things too.

You know, for options for students. But like I said in my presentation, like students didn't say they don't want to have fries or chips as sides, similar to how they didn't say they didn't want carrots or celery sides. Students don't want to have to pick the either or more.

President Riley: That's it. Great.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: And if I can expand a little bit about the timing. The original meeting where the student life survey results were supposed to be shared was canceled. So unfortunately, the survey was shared on the same evening that the plan was presented. So, at that point in time we didn't we have those results, couldn't even address, you know, those results. And then I think that is what we tried; you know that Dr. Cole did try to do.

President Riley: Two weeks later.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: Correct. Yeah, I just think that if students knew that the contract could go out for bid on February 9th, which that information was given to us not even 2 weeks later. I think that could have been a determining factor in how students decide it. And that is a huge piece of this puzzle to me.

President Riley: And we appreciate you coming in and letting us know that although it was initially no vote, if we had had that second presentation, which is what you shared with me as well, then, you know, [the vote]could have been different. And you can't state what people would have voted, but you are not in support of us having to go back out for bid. And that's great. We appreciate that.

Trustee Taylor: Madam Chairman, just, I don't want to violate your protocol. So, if ever, if any anybody else on the Council has questions, I guess what I understand is I have to sit and wait until everybody else talks. So that's fine.

Trustee Taylor: But I do have a question. I'm really confused. Are we voting today on going out for a new contract for food service? Because I didn't think we had that authority or jurisdiction now.

Chair Stuebener: No, we are not, Trustee Taylor.

Trustee Smith: Bob asked a question that I don't think was answered.

Trustee Taylor: Well, it definitely was not. No, I'd like to follow up on it, but go ahead, Jeff. Thank you.

Trustee Smith: Or maybe he was making an assumption as a question that I would like you to clarify, because I didn't understand it that way. His understanding was that PASSHE and the Board of Governors select and negotiate the food service contract. I did not think that was true. So, someone, I would like you to give a definitive answer to his question. The other point I want to make, and I think this is I'll just leave this to the administration to handle internally. But as I sit here and listen to what Connor has said and, and of my 13 years of sitting here listening to SGA reps come in and talk. Yours has been the most insightful of all of that. So, thank you for the nice parting gift.

Trustee Smith: But I get the impression listening to Connor talk, that when they were presented information it was, here's what we want to do in terms of an increase. The alternative is, we're going to go out for bid. I never heard that we were going out for bid. It was my understanding that the bid is 2 years down the road. And this, there's something doesn't sound right here.

President Riley: Carrie, please answer Trustee Taylor's question first, then Trustee Smith's.

Carrie Birckbichler: It was a multi-university contract, and Aramark did win that contract. The individual negotiations for year-to-year price increases belong to the university.

Trustee Taylor: Okay, that's good to know. Thank you. So, then the question is, so now you're looking at a 6.74% increase. So, that's not educational CPI this year. So are you just increasing the educational CPI number in order to make up the lost money that you had to expend last year and the year before, because I think you said you had to make up the differences on some of the contract in the previous years.

Carrie Birckbichler: No, we are looking at this to increase wants across two years, so we would not come back for a fee increase next year. So, this savings generated would cover the majority of the cost, although we would land in a small deficit for year two. So that is, it would really be a 2-year increase. When I met with my SGA representative, they like that predictability of looking at 2 years versus an annual increase.

Trustee Taylor: But again, you don't. The contract is not indexed to educational CPI is what you're saying, right?

Carrie Birckbichler: It is indexed to the cost of food away from home.

Trustee Taylor: And what? But that's not 6.74% this year. So, I'm trying to understand.

Carrie Birckbichler: This is across 2 years. Now, Aramark also wanted additional percentages to cover their labor cost increases.

Chair Stuebener: So, I think we're almost getting into the discussion around the fee increase itself. Trustee Taylor. This was the public comment section. So, I would ask that we pivot this to whenever we get to the motion around the fees and Trustee Taylor, I believe we can answer all of your remaining questions at that point, and the same with Trustee Smith. I know you had a couple follow up [questions].

Trustee Taylor: Oh, okay.

Chair Stuebener: Are we good?

Trustee Smith: I asked for clarification, and I pointed out something to the administration. I will have comments when we get to the actual motions. Okay. But this is public comment.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko: Yes, last thing I had was on a lighter note, SGA elections are April 8th through April 10th, and I'm running uncontested. So, for the most part, see you guys in June.

Chair Stoebener: Thank you, Connor.

SGA President Connor Pavlicko.: Thank you guys.

### COMMENDATIONS

- Dr. Danette DiMarco, Faculty Liaison to the SRU Council of Trustees, September 2023 to March 2026 (Appendix D)
- Ms. Charli Severo, student representative on the SRU Council of Trustees (Appendix E)

### PRESENTATIONS

- None

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

**Karen S. Riley, Ph.D.**

The University continues to demonstrate steady progress across enrollment, student success, and strategic execution as we move through the spring semester.

Enrollment:

Spring enrollment, as of the February 18 census, reached 8,096 students, reflecting an increase of 140 students, or 1.8 percent, over the prior year. This growth is complemented by continued gains in student retention, with first-year retention increasing by 0.9 percent, second-year retention by 2.2 percent, and third-year retention by 1.6 percent. These positive trends are supported by strong engagement across recruitment activities, including campus visits, high school outreach, Saturday programs, and Open House events. Collectively, these efforts are strengthening the top of the enrollment funnel, which is especially critical as we prepare for the anticipated demographic enrollment cliff.

COHORTS	Total Cohort	+/-
2025 FR	94.0%	-0.6%
2024	94.6%	
2023	93.3%	
2024 SO	83.2%	+2.6%
2023	80.6%	
2022	78.2%	
2023 JR	76.5%	+2.3%
2022	74.2%	
2021	72.1%	

Fall-to-spring retention remains a core institutional strength. Although first-year retention declined slightly by 0.6 percent, the overall persistence rate of 94.0 percent remains strong and continues to position the University well for long-term student success and graduation outcomes. Retention gains among sophomore and junior cohorts further reinforce this positive trajectory.

Our focus remains firmly on Fall 2026 enrollment. As of March 13, 2026, applications have increased by 3.7 percent to 5,982, while offers have risen by 1.9 percent. Most notably, deposits are up 10.5 percent, and the yield rate has improved by 2.3 percentage points to 29.4 percent. This increase in yield is particularly encouraging, as it reflects growing confidence in the University’s value and reputation among prospective students and their families. Undergraduate headcount is currently up by 125 students, or 10.5 percent.

	<b>FALL 2026</b>	<b>DIFF. YOY</b>	<b>% DIFF. YOY</b>	<b>FALL 2025</b>	<b>FALL 2024</b>	<b>FALL 2023</b>
Applications	5,982	+215	+3.7%	5,767	6,006	5,742
Offers	4,473	+83	+1.9%	4,390	4,328	4,311
Offer%	74.8%	-1.3%		76.1%	72.1%	75.1%
Deposits	1,316	+125	+10.5%	1,191	1,196	1,127
Yield%	29.4%	+2.3%		27.1%	27.6%	26.1%

Graduate enrollment is holding steady for the summer and shows an increase of 39 students for the fall compared to 2024, although comparable 2025 data is unavailable due to the OneSIS implementation. Transfer enrollment, however, is down slightly by six students, or 3.7 percent, and remains an area of focused attention as we work to strengthen this important pipeline.

New academic programs continue to play a critical role in driving enrollment growth. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Construction Management, and the expanded nursing pathways have collectively contributed to enrollment gains and generated 390 applications. Without these programs, overall applications would be down by approximately 175 students year over year. This clearly underscores the importance of aligning program development with workforce demand and moving with appropriate urgency to remain competitive in a changing higher education landscape.

Financial Picture/Budget Scenarios:

From a financial perspective, revenues and expenditures remain aligned with the approved budget. However, the University experienced an approximate \$500,000 loss in interest revenue due to delays in receiving state appropriations. Looking ahead, the proposed flat state funding for FY27 presents a significant challenge. Given existing collective bargaining agreements, inflationary pressures, escalating service contracts, and energy cost increases of approximately 20 percent, a flat appropriation effectively represents a reduction in available resources. While the University is not experiencing enrollment declines, we are actively evaluating strategies to manage these pressures while continuing to provide a high-quality educational experience.

Construction Projects:

Operationally, the University has not undertaken major construction projects in recent months due to severe winter conditions, which required facilities and grounds teams to focus on maintaining safe campus operations during one of the most challenging winters on record.

### Strategic Plan:

Implementation of the Strategic Plan continues to move forward with strong engagement across the campus community. Cabinet members have worked closely with Pillar Chairs to refine action plans, and working groups remain actively engaged in advancing key initiatives.

**Pillar 1: Inclusive Culture** - Efforts under the Inclusive Culture pillar have focused on strengthening communication, enhancing branding and storytelling, and expanding training and support for both employees and students.

- **Advance Access and Belonging 1.2.c.** Integrate action initiatives from C5 subcommittee into current strategic plan: Formed subcommittee to explore alignment (Lead: Pillar 1 Working Group)
- **Communication and Branding 1.3.a.** Building inter-connectedness: Found stories of faculty, students, and alumni across multiple stakeholders (Lead: Marketing and Communication)
- **Communication and Branding 1.3.a.** Collaboration between Marketing and Communication/Enrollment Management: Engaged with Carnegie Communications as a partner to commence a branding/marketing student, needs assessment, and website audit (Lead: Enrollment Management)
- **1.3 Communication and Branding 1.3.a.** Engage, inform, and ignite stronger connections among members of campus community: Marketing-specific updates: This week at the Rock and Rock Roundup (Lead: Marketing and Communication)
- **1.3 Communication and Branding 1.3.b.** Brand Positioning and Marketplace Research: Marketing and communications operational assessments (MOCA) (Lead: Marketing and Communication)
- **1.3 Communication and Branding 1.3.b.** Create a campaign to tell "Why SRU": Collaborated with communications and marketing consultant. (Lead: Pillar 1 Working Group)
- **1.3 Communication and Branding 1.3.b.** Create optimized conversion pages for prospective students: Reimagine program finder for prospective student research and lead-conversion (Lead: Marketing and Communication)
- **1.4 Training and Support 1.4.a.** Establish a clerical strategic planning committee that will develop a three-part clerical training series: Provide micro trainings monthly beginning in the Fall to clerical employees. (Lead: Human Resources)
- **1.4 Training and Support 1.4.d.** Expand student knowledge of resources.: Enhanced visibility of SRU Concern Center; developed marketing plan; featured in high traffic areas of SRU website and MySRU (Lead: Student Affairs)

**Pillar 2: Academic Discovery** - Within Academic Discovery, progress includes the continued development of high-demand programs, expansion of work-based learning opportunities, and enhancements to advising, accessibility, and leadership development.

- **2.1 Excellence and Goal Attainment 2.1.a.** Develop new program in Aviation: Add additional partnership: BC3 (Lead: Academic Affairs)
- **2.1 Excellence and Goal Attainment 2.1.a.** Develop new program in Nursing: Admit 1+2+1 (Lead: Academic Affairs)
- **2.1 Excellence and Goal Attainment 2.1.b.** Monitor and improve work-based learning program: Grew participation and improve upon stated goals. (Lead: Enrollment Management)
- **2.2 Premier Student Experience 2.2.b.** Exemplary Advising Series: Exemplary advising workshop series (Lead: Academic Affairs)
- **2.2 Premier Student Experience 2.2.c.** Improve accessibility on campus: Update Alumni House bus stop structure and RSSC elevator signage (Lead: Pillar 2 Working Group)

- **2.2 Premier Student Experience 2.2.f.** Reimagine Emerging Leadership Experience program as a multi-year program with leadership tracks: Developed new plan for ELE; reconfigure program; launch (Lead: Student Affairs)
- **2.4 Expanding Learning Pathways 2.4.a.** Expand recreation certifications: Developed list of potential recreation certifications that could be offered by Campus Recreation (Lead: Student Affairs)
- **2.4 Expanding Learning Pathways 2.4.c.** Develop continuing education with PA Carpenter’s Union: Developed LOI (Lead: Academic Affairs)
- **2.4 Expanding Learning Pathways 2.4.d.** CTRA Grant (Certified Teachers Grant/Apprenticeship Grant): Prepared grant and obtained needed signatures (Lead: Academic Affairs)

**Pillar 3: Community Impact** - Community Impact initiatives have centered on building a more coordinated approach to engagement, including the development of a centralized structure to support partnerships and outreach.

- **3.2 Educational Outreach 3.2.d.** Assess current state of community engagement: Determined stakeholders and content of report; outlined report metrics; developed template (Lead: Pillar 3 Working Group)
- **3.2 Educational Outreach 3.2.d.** Increase internal partnerships and collaboration: Formed the advisory council (Lead: Pillar 3 Working Group)
- **3.2 Educational Outreach 3.2.d.** Increase internal partnerships and collaboration: Created a central hub / front door for community initiatives (Lead: Pillar 3 Working Group)
- **3.3 Alumni and Industry Partnerships 3.3.c.** Create an alumni group for Jump Start participants and mentors: Worked with Alumni Affairs to collect alumni contact info and launch group (Lead: Student Affairs)

**Pillar 4: Financial Stewardship** - Under Financial Stewardship, the University has implemented zero-based budgeting practices, advanced operational efficiencies, upgraded classroom technology, and strengthened IT services and planning processes. Several operational priorities continue to receive focused attention.

Cybersecurity remains the most significant institutional risk, and the University is currently evaluating external partners to provide 24/7 monitoring and enhanced protection. Additionally, a new athletics vendor agreement has been implemented to improve cost efficiency, transparency, and support for student-athletes. We are also working closely with the Student Government Association to establish a sustainable reserve and spending plan to ensure responsible stewardship of student funds.

Advancement efforts have been particularly strong, with the University experiencing the most successful fundraising year in its history. Momentum has accelerated the timeline for the comprehensive campaign, and new partnerships are being developed to expand grant opportunities and external funding sources. Engagement with elected officials and regional leaders remains a priority, supporting both advocacy efforts and broader institutional visibility.

- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.a.** Review resource allocations.: Implemented a zero-based budget request process for FY 2025-26 (Lead: Finance and Administration)
- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.c.** Academic Affairs restructure: Re-evaluated new and unchanged departmental structures in AY 25-26 (Lead: Academic Affairs)
- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.d.** Convert Rhoads Hall First floor to residential space: Engaged design consultants, did renovation work, opened space for residents (Lead: Student Affairs)
- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.d.** Implement recommendations from IT review: Streamlined customer service (Lead: Finance and Administration) & hired a tech to support classroom technology (Lead: Finance and Administration)

- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.d.** Improve 5-year capital planning process for Housing & Residence Life: Developed new process for 5-year capital planning (Lead: Student Affairs)
- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.d.** Reset academic budgets: Created funding formulas (Lead: Academic Affairs)
- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.d.** Upgrade classroom technology: 20 classrooms upgraded (Lead: Finance and Administration)
- **4.1 Operational Efficiency 4.1.e.** Increase awareness about services/resources provided: Explored creating an inventory of equipment and authorization signatories with a process for end user requests (Lead: Pillar 4 Working Group) and survey to determine unmet faculty and staff resource (ex. software, equipment, etc.) needs (Lead: Pillar 4 Working Group)
- **4.2 Revenue Diversification 4.2.a.** Implement concrete funding award: Grant awarded (Lead: Finance and Administration)
- **4.2 Revenue Diversification 4.2.d.** Complete Events Website and roll out event forms process with pre and post event meetings: Implemented Events Development Plan (Lead: University Advancement).

Presidential activities for elevating the reputation of the University

We continue our efforts to elevate the reputation of the university. Engagement with business leaders as well as elected officials is crucial to the success of the university.

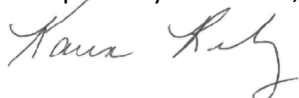
- House budgetary hearings – I was asked to represent Slippery Rock at the House budget meetings on March 11, 2026, with the Chancellor. This panel included PASSHE and Community Colleges.
- Campus visit - Senator Lyndsay Williams- Senator Williams took a campus tour and then had lunch with students from SGA. She was very interested in the cost of higher education. She also provided the students with some information on how they could best engage local officials during their advocacy day.
- Meeting - Senator Scott Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson came to campus to talk about the Multi-Modal grant that we received with the Slippery Rock Borough. This grant will provide light fixtures on Main Street and will cover about \$800k in cement work around the Slippery Rock University campus.
- Bi-Monthly meetings with Butler County Commissioners Geyer, Boozel and Osche
- Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission
- Ireland Pennsylvania Trade Commission

Summary:

In summary, the University is performing well across key indicators, including enrollment growth, student retention, and strategic execution. At the same time, external financial pressures and demographic shifts require continued focus on innovation, program development, and disciplined resource management. The institution is well-positioned to navigate these challenges while continuing to advance its mission and serve its students effectively.

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

## Awards and Rankings

- [Newsweek ranks SRU among its 'Best Colleges for Women'](#)
- [U.S. News touts SRU for online programs](#)

## University News

- [Food pantry supporting students will be enhanced by state grant](#)
- [AACSB reaffirms SRU School of Business as top 6% in the world](#)
- [SRU's new four-year nursing degree empowers purpose-driven careers](#)
- [SRU and Borough receive \\$1.1 Million state grant to improve community access](#)
- [Carnegie Foundation endorses SRU with 2026 Community Engagement Classification](#)

## Faculty Focus

- [Rony appointed to National Advertising Review Board](#)
- [History professor helps return Panama's founding documents to its people](#)
- [Biology faculty, students publish research on cellular stress responses](#)
- [Any Orville elevates teacher preparation through award-winning research](#)
- [Eisenreich's music education initiative received national award for community involvement](#)

## Student Spotlights

- [Biology researchers are leading the analysis of insect declines in western Pennsylvania](#)
- [Sport Management majors achieve practical experience by working at Super Bowl LX](#)
- [Rock PRSSA named best in Pittsburgh region again](#)
- [Natalie Krulac engages in research of music's effect on focus of students with ADHD](#)
- [Dimajio Locante helps to create a summer to remember for area youth](#)

## Alumni Network

- [Taylor Bronowicz, '19 achieves lasting success as her school's Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Jensen Troy '23, is a rising star in marketing and communication](#)
- [Jenna Kriley, '23, turned undergraduate opportunities into graduate success](#)
- [Gina Novario, '17, '21 OTD, improving the lives of people with disabilities](#)
- [Joshua Young, '04, appointed president of the Caln Township Board of Commissioners](#)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Executive Session (TAB 1 Appendix F)

No Report – Closed Session

### Academic and Student Affairs Committee (TAB 2 Appendix G)

Trustee Alfonso Angelucci chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Zieg presented fee requests for the clinical healthcare programs: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Occupational Therapy. These fee requests are designed to address the escalating expenses of securing the necessary clinical training site experiences and supporting classroom equipment for our students.

He also provided a brief update on SRU's Academic Master Plan, enrollment in the new Engineering programs, and shared progress on the upcoming Construction Management workforce partnership program.

Mike May provided final results for Spring 2026 enrollment as well as retention. He shared admission funnel numbers for Fall 2026. Finally, he shared an update about the new GrowPA program which assisted 381 Slippery Rock students with more than \$1.8 million in financial aid this year.

Ken Bach reported on the progress of the branding initiative, unveiling the "Own It. Rock It." messaging framework and visual identity. The presentation included a compelling Core Story, Messaging Rationale, along with sample language and visual styles for recruitment and advancement initiatives.

Dr. Wilmes presented the accomplishments of our student organizations, sharing that campus is a vibrant and engaging community. He also explained that involvement in a campus organization increases a student's retention probability by 2%.

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

### **Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee (TAB 3 Appendix H)**

Trustee Severo provided the report on behalf of Trustee Lavalley, chair. The Finance and Administrative Affairs Committee met with the Council of Trustees on Thursday, March 25, and discussed several topics.

Ms. Birckbichler, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial and Budget Update for the second quarter of FY 2025-26. After a five-month delay, the Commonwealth approved the FY 2025-26 budget in late November. 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. It was noted that most contractual pay increases will not be recognized until January 2026.

Auxiliary actuals for the period are in line with projections. Increased enrollment has resulted in increased revenue for Fall 2026. No auxiliary fees were increased for FY 2025-26.

The following fiscal year 2026-27 fee requests were reviewed by Council:

- Dining Fee - The University requests to increase Dining Services meal plan fees 6.74%. The increase is based on the Consumer Price Index for Food Away from Home. The cost of the food service contract increased 6.22% in 2025-2026 due to the cost of goods and desired program enhancements,
- Parking Permits - The University requests to increase the parking permit fee by \$75.00 for full-year permits, resulting in an annual permit fee of \$100.00. Contingent on successful negotiations, the University also anticipates offering an option for a satellite parking lot permit for \$25.00 per year.
- Student Life Enhancement Fee - The University requests to increase the Student Life Enhancement Fee \$1 per credit hour for undergraduate students. If approved, the average full-time student would see an increase from \$75 per semester to \$90 per semester. The fee serves

as the primary source of funding for the division of student affairs including programming, activities, student engagement offices, and student support offices.

- The University is requesting a \$2.00 per credit increase, from \$21 to \$23 per credit, or \$276 per semester for full-time Undergraduate In-State students. The fee serves as the primary source of funding to enhance student access to technology to support student success.

The capital budget request to the State System was presented for approval. The funding request includes renovations to Morrow Fieldhouse, McKay Education Building, Eisenburg Classroom Building, and the conversion of the Heating Plan to natural gas.

Information Items Included:

- Report of contracts and purchases issued from October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025
- December 2025 Financial Report
- March 2026 Facilities and Planning Project Lists
- Human Resources Personnel Items
- Divisional Report

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

### **Governance Committee (TAB 4 Appendix I)**

Dr. Elise Michaux chairs the Governance committee. The Governance Committee met yesterday at 4:15 p.m. There were three items for discussion. There was one action item.

Trustee Charli Severo, chair of the Student Trustee Selection Committee, provided her report.

The student trustee selection committee met March 10 and interviewed four excellent candidates for the role of student trustee. Following much discussion, the committee by unanimous vote selected Alex Momyer to move forward as the finalist for the role of student trustee.

Alex is a Safety Management major from Punxsutawney, PA. He has held leadership positions in numerous campus organizations including Green & White Society, American Society of Safety Professionals, and the American Industrial Hygiene Association. Alex is a third year ARMY ROTC Cadet and a recipient of the McFeely Memorial Scholarship and the Brandon Burns Scholarship.

President Riley accepted the recommendation of the selection committee and moved Alex's nomination materials forward to the Chancellor's Office. Alex will now interview with Deputy Chancellor Dr. Randy Goin, and following that interview, Alex's nomination will move forward to the Governor's Office.

Charli thanked her fellow Selection Committee members: Trustees Stoebener and Angelucci, SGA President Connor Pavlicko, faculty representative Dr. Jenna Copper, AFSCME representative LuAnn Znosko, and Tina Moser for administering the selection process.

The topic of moving quarterly business meetings to a one-day format was brought forward for discussion with pros and cons shared by members. Following discussion, it was agreed that members will consider the change. Tina will do some research as others in PASSHE are currently meeting in a one-day format. We will revisit the topic at the June meeting.

Proposed meeting dates were shared for 2026-2027.

Trustee Young shared that he will review the University Emeritus Policy with trustee designation and bring back a revised policy for committee review at the June meeting.

The slate of officers presented for action at the June meeting:

- Joshua Young, chair
- Alfonso Angelucci, vice-chair
- Student trustee when confirmed, secretary.

Information items in the binders included calendar mentions and the COT Bylaws.

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.

### **University Advancement Committee (TAB 5 Appendix J)**

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 over \$27 million raised in the first two and a half years toward the \$30 million goal. It is interesting to note that more than \$12 million has been raised in the last year. Ninety-one percent of the goal has been raised with 2.5 years remaining in the campaign. Mr. Miller reminded the Council that the campaign will launch publicly in October of 2026.

Mr. Miller provided a campaign cabinet update and an affiliates update. The cabinet chose a theme and logo and finalized the campaign marketing plan while the university affiliates group reviewed government affairs and grants and reviewed points of pride from the university marketing and communications division.

The advancement division processed over 10,000 gifts in the last year, received the largest pledge in the university's history with the Haverlack gift to name the college of business, raised over \$10M in the first six months of the current fiscal year, increased alumni engagement by 15%, and accomplished nearly 500 meetings in the first eight months of the fiscal year.

Mr. Miller then announced the campaign theme and logo: Because This is The Rock.

Senior Director of Annual Giving & Alumni Engagement, Tim Richart updated the Council on the campus family campaign – the faculty staff campaign, essential when seeking external philanthropic support. He also discussed the engagement department's transition from the public phase of the comprehensive campaign to the public phase and discussed the role of the SRU leadership in this transition. He explained the role of engagement in identifying and cultivating new annual donors during the campaign and provided an update on Giving Day 2026.

Board Chair, Mark Palmer, and Executive Director, Dave Hollenbaugh, provided the Council with a 25/26 Foundation Budget update and reviewed the investment portfolio asset allocation. As of 31 January 2026, the portfolio is \$57,594,359. The Foundation also provided a performance overview on the portfolio. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hollenbaugh then reviewed SRUF Student Housing revenue and expenses.

Madam Chair this concludes my report.

## ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

### **Capital Budget FY 2026 – 2027 (TAB 14) (Appendix K)**

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Michaux approval of the Capital Budget FY 2026-2027. Motion carries.

Trustee Taylor: I have one question for you, Madam Chairwoman.

Chair Stoebener: Sure.

Trustee Taylor: And this really is going to be my mantra for all of these votes. We have asked repeatedly over the years, and this was even prior to Dr. Riley coming on board to be presented with three very basic documents that every ongoing organization uses to assess their financial position, and that is a balance sheet, a profit-loss statement and a cash flow statement. And while we get all sorts of beautiful charts and graphs with a lot of numbers on them. I'm just wondering, do we have accountants in our organization working on campus? And why can't we get a balance sheet at every meeting, a profit loss statement and an income statement, and a cash statement.

Carrie Birckbichler: We do have accountants. We do share the year-end results. They were shared, I believe, at the last meeting. They are posted online. All three statements are there.

Trustee Taylor: Okay, could we get those statements on a quarterly basis at our meetings going forward before we have to vote on whatever the financial question of the day might be?

Carrie Birckbichler: I would need to do some follow-up about that.

Trustee Taylor: Whatever you posted in December on a balance sheet is not the same balance sheet that you would post in March. The numbers will be entirely different.

Carrie Birckbichler: Yes, I will follow through.

Trustee Taylor: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that.

Carrie Birckbichler: I will follow through on that request.

Trustee Taylor: Thank you.

Chair Stoebener: Okay, and we will work to follow up. I think that's the first time Trustee Taylor, we've had that request since I've joined the Board, but we'll work with Carrie on that.

### **Finance/Student Affairs/Auxiliary Fee Proposal (TAB 15) (Appendix L)**

Trustee Young moved to increase the dining fee 6.74% for the 2026, 2027 year to a base for \$3770 for most common meal plan, increase the parking rate of \$50 per semester for on-campus parking, with an option for a \$25 per year off-site campus parking fee, raise the two technology tuition fee of \$2 per credit increase and raise the student life enhancement fee \$1 per credit. Trustee Ionta, seconded the motion.

Trustee Smith: I will say that I think the way the agenda was written. This idea that they're all lumped into a single vote was a little disingenuous. If going forward, I would suggest that you actually print the full motion. If you're going to do that, because my understanding of what the agenda was, those were individual items we would be voting on, which is what we have traditionally done for 13 years. But anyways. But what I really wanted to talk about, and actually now my comments, I don't have to justify them because they do apply to all of them. I think, as everybody here knows, you know, my term has expired. And I previously requested not to be reappointed, and it's been a great experience. But it is time for me to move on. My intent was to attend this meeting to ensure that there would be a quorum, but not to participate. However, I felt that these fee increases were a subject that is important enough that I needed to speak up and have a discussion about the fee increases in general. Now, I don't expect this discussion to change how anybody's going to vote on these items. But I do want to give my colleagues and the members of the administration something to think about going forward. When I first started as a trustee. Most of our discussions about increases were really similar to what we heard about the student life fee yesterday. In that they were mostly focused on improving the student experience. A large driver with the fee increase for the student life fee is to make the WOW experience even better for students by having more programming, totally student focused and just making the experience better. It was rooted in the philosophy of we are here for the students. And in the past, the debate on those kind of increases was really whether or not making a great event or a great program better was worth the cost of the increased cost of the students. However, in my opinion, that focus seems to switch to more of, let's charge what the market will bear. Every presentation seems to focus on how we're usually the low cost provider, and then if we raise the fees, we'll still be competitive, but we'll have more money. The argument seems to be that this will help us grow even more in the future. I disagree with that argument. First, while Slippery Rock is a great place, I believe these significant cost differentials are one of the aspects that have helped us grow. Once we lose that differential and become pretty much the same as everybody else. People are going to make their choices based on other criteria that may not be as beneficial to Slippery Rock. Or it may just simply drive people to other more affordable majors. I do not believe that fee increases should be based on the competition, or rather they should be based on what our costs are. To be clear, I have not advocated for the use of reserves to cover increases on a regular basis. What I've advocated for is that we should at least wait until our revenues are no longer sufficient to cover our expenses before we raise the cost to our students. When that happens, then the request of fees is appropriate. Sorry. I just don't think that it's fair to ask our current students and their parents to fund the future growth of the university, which is what we now are looking to do. This is not putting our students first. And I do understand that we need to grow and remain sustainable. But that should be financed through philanthropy and the State. It should not be on the backs of our current students and their parents. Now, I understand that some may not agree with me. Some may not even understand what I'm saying. But I do hope that you'll at least think about what I'm saying when faced with future requests for increases. Thank you.

**Chair Stoebener called for Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No, motion carries.**

Alfonso Angelucci	Yes	Jeff Smith	No
Domenic Ionta	Yes	Angele Stoebener	Yes
Elise Michaux	Yes	Bob Taylor	No
Charli Severo	Yes	Joshua Young	Yes

**Academic Program Fees Proposal (TAB 16, Appendix M)**

**Physical Assistant (\$1950/term, first year, (3% per year increase second year).** Trustee Taylor moved to only consider the physician assistant fee for 1950 per term, 3% per year increase. The fee will sunset at the end of two years. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

Chair Stoebener: Discussion?

Trustee Taylor: Yeah, I'd like to just make a comment following up on Jeff's comments. We all read the newspapers, we're all well aware that the Academy is slowly driving higher education in America into the ground, and we need to be more creative about how we do all of this, given that the old tried and true ways of operating just are not working. And unfortunately, everybody in this room is part of the Academy. It's why I voted against appointing Dr. Riley as a president a number of years ago because I thought she was nothing more than a product of the Academy. And I've told her that, so I'm not speaking out of turn at all. But I think that if all we're going to do is be the product of the Academy and continue to operate higher education in the same old fashion where we're just going to call on students and parents. This used to be a State System that allowed for first generation students and their families who couldn't afford to get to college to come to college. And we've well priced them out of this marketplace at this point. So, I just think these votes are almost criminal in the respect that we don't have to be held accountable for the dangerous damages we're doing to these families and the kids. And quite frankly, I don't want to be part of the Academy. I don't want to be part of the same old, same old that you all do with the secret handshake. I really think somebody's got to step out and do something more profound and more creative. So, I do compliment Dr. Riley and the team for doing some of that. The presentations on some of the diversification of revenue and income. I applaud you for that. It's the first we've seen a lot a lot of that type of thing at Slippery Rock in decades. So, I think you're moving towards that, but this is just another step in driving higher education into a dump site. And I think we really need to start to think about some of these votes before we just jump on board, because the Academy and those who have been grown through the Academy and risen through the Academy and have been taught and trained by the Academy tell us it's the right thing to do. Thank you, Madam Chairman, for the time to speak.

Chair Stoebener: You're welcome, Trustee Taylor.

**Chair Stoebener called for Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No, motion carries.**

Alfonso Angelucci	Yes	Jeff Smith	No
Domenic Ionta	Yes	Angele Stoebener	Yes
Elise Michaux	Yes	Bob Taylor	No
Charli Severo	Yes	Joshua Young	Yes

**Nursing (25% of tuition, all terms)**

Trustee Taylor moved to pass motion to pass a 25% of tuition increase for nursing for all terms. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

**Chair Stoebener called for Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No, motion carries.**

Alfonso Angelucci	Yes	Jeff Smith	No
Domenic Ionta	Yes	Angele Stoebener	Yes
Elise Michaux	Yes	Bob Taylor	No
Charli Severo	Yes	Joshua Young	Yes

**Physical Therapy (1.25% of tuition increase, all terms)**

Chair Stoebener: There was an error that we had fixed on the agenda, Trustee Taylor, so it is 1.25%. The percentage is 1.25% Thank you. Okay, so I have a motion. Do I have a second? Trustee Young seconded the motion.

**Chair Stoebener called for Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No, motion carries.**

Alfonso Angelucci	Yes	Jeff Smith	No
Domenic Ionta	Yes	Angele Stoebener	Yes
Elise Michaux	Yes	Bob Taylor	No
Charli Severo	Yes	Joshua Young	Yes

**Occupational Therapy (2.5% of tuition decrease, all terms)**

Chair Stoebener: There is one item remaining for occupational therapy at 2.5% of tuition (decrease) with the sunset of 2 years. Trustee Young moved, seconded by Trustee Angelucci.

**Chair Stoebener called for Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No, motion carries.**

Alfonso Angelucci	Yes	Jeff Smith	No
Domenic Ionta	Yes	Angele Stoebener	Yes
Elise Michaux	Yes	Bob Taylor	No
Charli Severo	Yes	Joshua Young	Yes

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2026 Scheduled Meeting Dates:**

- June 4-5, 2026

Divisional Reports **(TAB 8)**

Committee Presentations **(TAB 9)**

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

Facilities & Planning Active Project List **(TAB 11) (Appendix O)**

HR Personnel Items **(Tab 12) (Appendix P)**

- Instructional Appointments: Effective Academic Year 2025-2026
- Administrator Appointments
- Management Appointment
- Non-Instructional Coach Appointment
- Support Staff Appointments
- Retirements
- Resignations
- Sabbaticals: AY 2026-2027
- Emeritus Status

Budget/Financial Report **(TAB 13) (Appendix Q)**

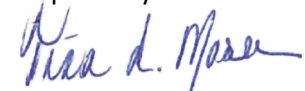
SRU COT Information Workshop: March 17, 2026 **(TAB 17) (Appendix R)**

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Trustee Angelucci thanked Charli Severo and Dr. Danette DiMarco. Thank you for everything. And, Charli, remember, this is the floor, not the ceiling with your graduation. Go get them. Good job. (applause)

With no further business, the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees business meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina L. Moser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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