

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

December 7, 2018

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, December 7, 2018, in the Theatre of the Robert M. Smith Student Center. Jeffrey Smith, chair, called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. William McCarrier, Mr. Jairus Moore, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Senator Mary Jo White, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Joshua Young

Trustees absent: Mr. Tom Breth

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the December 7, 2018 meeting agenda. Motion carries. (TAB 16) (Appendix A)

Approval of Minutes

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Senator White, approval of the September 21, 2018 meeting minutes. Trustee Young abstained – was not present. Motion carries. (TAB 17) (Appendix B)

Presentations

Commendations: Chair Jeffrey Smith presented the following Commendations on behalf of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees. (Appendix C)

Trustee Lautman moved to approve the Commendations, Trustee Angelucci second, motion carries.

First Responders: Student volunteer firefighters for the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Unit.

In appreciation for your contributions to the citizens of Pennsylvania, your support of Slippery Rock University's longstanding tradition of community service, and your efforts to improve the greater Slippery Rock community as a valued member of the Slippery Rock Borough Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Team.

**Jacob Baird
Seth Billstone**

**Matt Brand
Kyle Lewis**

**Alex Coppella
David Miller**

SRU Football Team: In recognition of your winning the 2018 PSAC-West Conference Championship

and your exemplary performance in winning two games in the 2018 NCAA Division II football playoffs; for the honor you bring to the University and the positive example you set both on-and-off the field through your scholarship, athleticism and leadership.

Shawn Lutz: In recognition of being named the PSAC West Football Coach of the Year

and for leading the 2018 Slippery Rock Football Team to a perfect 7-0 record in the division on the way to The Rock's 16th PSAC West title, and then on to two victories in the 2018 NCAA Division II football playoffs. Your accomplishments, both on-and-off the field, have brought great honor to Slippery Rock University.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

Senator White moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, approval to read into record the Governor's Proclamation congratulating President William J. Behre, Ph.D., 17th President of Slippery Rock University. Motion carries.

Trustee Angelucci read into the record the Governor's Proclamation. Congratulations to President William J. Behre, Ph.D., upon the occasion of your Inauguration as the 17th President of Slippery Rock University. Signed, Tom Wolf, Governor.

Presentation:

The Power of Design: da Vinci Bridge Demonstration

A team of engineering students at SRU assembled a self-supporting bridge – da Vinci bridge. The purpose of the project was to demonstrate that the power of engineering lies in the creative design, teamwork, and collaboration. A dozen students consisting of builders, lifters, runners, spotters, and supervisors designed and built the bridge using only two-by-six lumbers (4 feet long) with no ropes or nails. The project is a part of ENGR 110 introduction to Engineering at SRU, taught by Dr. Steven Wei, Professor and Program Director of Engineering, Department of Physics and Engineering at College of Health, Environment, and Science.

Public Comments

Comments from SRSGA

Elizabeth Hernandez, vice president, Academic and Student Affairs; on behalf of Dallas Kline, president, Student Government Association

Good Morning Council of Trustees. President Dallas Kline regrets that she is unable to attend today due to class but she sends her best wishes for a safe and warm holiday season. My name is Elizabeth Hernandez and I am the Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association, Inc. Over the past semester, we have been working hard for the students at Slippery Rock University, and we thank you for giving us time to give our report. Since August, our senators and executive board have put in a combined 1,970 hours of work. We have hosted a variety

of events including Harvestfest, Student Safety Week, and Paws for a Cause. We have also continued running our annual movie series in which we have shown 14 movies with our attendance for the semester falling at around 1,590 students. We have approved a variety of new organizations including Debate Society, Actuarial Science Club, and Campus Wishmakers. Our new Diversity and Inclusion committee completed their advocacy project, which involved educating students and encouraging participation in the midterm election. They collected and mailed absentee ballots for students, worked to provide buses to the polling stations, had flyers with information on where to vote based on where students reside, and hosted a social media contest on Election Day. The Student and Academic Affairs committee completed the Student Life Survey and worked tirelessly to find a permanent location for the food pantry. We are pleased to announce that we will be working to get the food pantry up and running on the first floor of the Macoskey Center. Finally, just this week we approved an ad hoc committee to focus on restructuring the senate. As always, the Student Government Association welcomes all of you to come to our meetings. Our first formal meeting of the spring semester will be in the Smith Student Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on January 28. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President William J. Behre provided remarks (**Appendix D**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)

Trustee Matt Lautman, chair, provided the following report:

This morning we met in committee with one action item and two information items on the agenda.

1) Trustee representation on SRSGA Advisory Board. The SRSGA Advisory Board of Directors is comprised of representation from the SRSGA Senate, the SRU Alumni Association, the Slippery Rock University Foundation Board of Directors, the SRU Administration, the SRU Faculty Union (APSCUF), and the SRU Council of Trustees. Due to the position being vacant, Council needed to appoint a member. Bob Taylor moved, second by Senator White, approval in committee to appoint Trustee William McCarrier to the board. The appointment will move forward for consideration by the full board.

2) President's Evaluation Process – Trustees will schedule an executive session in January to discuss trustees expectations for Dr. Behre.

3) Student Trustee Selection Process – Chairman Lautman reviewed Policy COT – 1.01 Selection Process of Student Trustee. Jairus Moore will graduate in May. The student trustee position is advertised through CORE, The Rocket, and was shared across divisions and with the Student Government Association. The committee will meet in February to interview candidates and move forward recommended candidates for President Behre's consideration. The local process will be completed before spring break with a candidate selected to interview with the Chancellor's Office. The student trustee is appointed by the Governor and does not require Senate approval.

Jeff Smith is representing the Council on the student selection committee and Jairus Moore will chair the committee. Committee members include representation from the Student Government

Association, the University Administration, the Council of Trustees, the Faculty, the Non-Instructional Staff. Tina Moser serves as presidential designee on the committee.

Information items included discussion as to the role and responsibility of trustees. With the system redesign in process, PACT has been active in reviewing the role of trustees. Trustee Jeff Smith, president of PACT and Trustee Lautman attended and participated in panel discussions at the PACT Meeting, October 12, at the Dixon Center.

Calendar Mentions for Fall/Winter 2018 and Spring/Summer 2019 were included in the materials as information. This concludes my report.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Trustee Alfonso Angelucci chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The committee met yesterday afternoon. There were no action items and two presentations on the agenda.

We heard from Dr. Philip Way, provost/vice president and Ms. Mary Hennessey, assistant to the provost, as to the Middle States process (Planning and Expectations). Earlier today trustees participated in a Middle States Workshop and were provided additional information about the Middle States process and how trustees are involved.

Dr. Bradley Wilson, associate provost, Transformational Experiences, provided an overview of open education resources and textbook affordability.

With no further items to address, the meeting adjourned.

Finance Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)

Trustee McCarrier chairs the Finance Committee. The committee met yesterday to review a number of items for action and information. In addition to the routine items, there was one presentation by David Jacobson of CliftonLarsonAllen. Mr. Jacobson reviewed our financial statements and an audit overview. We were very pleased to learn we had a clean report and no material weaknesses. Congratulations to Molly Mercer and her financial team for their diligent efforts.

Action items:

- Affiliated Entities Certification of Compliance
- Contracts
- Fixed Assets
- Service & Supply Purchase Orders

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Young, to move forward all action items for consideration by the full Council. Motion carries.

Information Items:

- Financial Report
- Facilities and Planning Project List
- HR Personnel Items

With no further items to address, the meeting adjourned.

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix H)

The University Advancement Committee met yesterday and was called to order by Trustee Matt Lautman.

President Behre gave an update on the efforts to hire a fundraising consultant to determine readiness for a major gifts campaign for Slippery Rock University. Three firms presented proposals earlier this week and the committee recommended the top two for Dr. Behre's review. The committee will be moving forward with the top rated firm.

Dr. Amir Mohammadi reported on the success of the President's Tent at the SRU Football home games and the status of the Gail Rose Lodge.

Ed Bucha provided financial reports on the SRU Foundation and the SRUF Campus Housing from the quarter ending September 30th.

Samantha Swift reported on the Development Activity. Fundraising goal: minimum of \$3,000,000 in private support. September 30 Gift Income Report: raised close to \$400,000, down \$162,000 from last year. Today: surpassed \$1,000,000 and \$100,000 ahead of last year at this time. Engaged in 100 visits and 72 proposals for support. The Founders' Society (\$1,000 or more annually): 205, 39% of 525 goal. Nine new or increased endowed scholarships and eight new annual scholarships.

The annual Sunset Serenade fundraising event for the equestrian center raised close to \$150,000.

Erin Bryer, assistant director of development, discussed crowdfunding and the Third Annual Giving Day, March 26, 2019. Crowdfunding revenue has increased exponentially since its inception in 2016 due to enhanced partnerships with student groups and organizations.

President Behre closed the meeting by discussing expectations and goals for alumni events and his hopes for continued engagement from the Council of Trustees.

Middle States Workshop (Agenda, Appendix I)

This morning, Provost Way led Council in a discussion of institutional priorities that will inform the Middle States self-study process.

To maintain accreditation, the University must demonstrate that we meet minimum qualifications for accreditation, such as:

- Being licensed to operate by state law;
- Operational, with students actively enrolled;
- Compliance with all federal and state laws;
- Mission-appropriate;
- And demonstrate adequate financial resources.

Trustees will be updated on the Middle States process at each quarterly business meeting moving forward.

Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix J)

Council met this morning in executive session with President Behre. No report.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**SRSGA Board of Directors - Trustee Representative (TAB 7) (Appendix K)**

Senator White moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval to have Trustee William McCarrier serve as the Council representative on the SRSGA Board of Directors. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution – Annual Certification of Compliance (TAB 8) (Appendix L)

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, to approve Resolution – Annual Certification of Compliance in accordance with *BOG Policy 1985-04-A: University External Financial Support*.
Roll Call: 7 yes; 2 no. Motion carries.

Trustee Angelucci	yes	Trustee Taylor	no
Trustee Lautman	yes	Trustee Vessella	no
Trustee McCarrier	yes	Senator White	yes
Trustee Smith	yes	Trustee Young	yes
Trustee Moore	yes		

Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchaes Orders (TAB 9, 10, 11) (Appendix M)

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Young, approval of the Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS**Next Meeting Date:**

June 6-7, 2019

Financial Statements and Audit Overview (TAB 12) (Appendix N)**Financial Report (TAB 13) (Appendix O)****Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 14) (Appendix P)****HR Personnel Items (TAB 15) (Appendix Q)****Divisional Reports (TAB 18)**

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Trustee Smith – Welcome Back Josh Young. Bob Taylor and I shared earlier that it is Pearl Harbor Day – the 77th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941). The attack, also known as the Battle of Pearl Harbor, led to the United States' formal entry into World War II. I would like to say, thank you to Jairus and the young men and women serving our country.

Trustee McCarrier – Slippery Rock University is a world-class University. It is always a pleasure to be on campus.

Senator Mary Jo White – Thank you, Dr. Way, for the Middle States presentation earlier today. This process is important for our self-analysis and to ensuring that students receive federal aid.

Trustee Young – It is an honor to be back in service as a trustee.

Trustee Moore – Congratulations to the students serving the community as first responders. It was great to see them recognized.

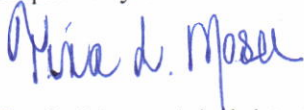
Trustee Angelucci – I wanted to echo President Behre's comments about the talent we have on campus in Music, Theatre, Dance and the Arts. I recently heard the wind ensemble and it is like listening to a professional orchestra – top notch. I would also like to congratulate again Coach Lutz on his recognition – you lead the team with class and leadership and that is very important.

Trustee Lautman – Congratulations to the University engaging in articulation agreements with BC3 – there was a significant amount of news coverage in the local newspapers about this partnership. Great work!

Trustee Taylor – Again, congratulations to our first responders – your service is appreciated and commendable. Congratulations to the football team and coach – excellent! It was very nice seeing SRU winning regularly as reported in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Dance, Theatre, Music, the Arts are critical to our programming. Thank you to the campus community for their hard work and dedication to this University. Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas!

With no further business, the December 7, 2018 business meeting of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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