

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

June 7, 2019

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, June 7, 2019, 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. Dylan Colcombe, 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 Lautman moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the June 7, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carries. (TAB 22) (Appendix A)

Approval of REVISED Meeting Agenda

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, approval of the June 7, 2019 revised meeting agenda. Motion carries. (TAB 22) (Appendix B)

*Added Commendation to Section VI.

*Removed Resolution, Item E, Section IX.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the March 29, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carries. (TAB 23) (Appendix C)

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Nicole Dunlop, President, Student Government Association, submitted the following comments to share with Council.

Hello Council of Trustees! My name is Nicole Dunlop and I am the new president of the SRSGA. I am regretful to say that I could not attend today's meeting. I have become a traitor to Slippery Rock this summer by taking an EMT course at IUP and today is our first lab.

We have had a successful transition to the new executive board and senate and we are already working to prepare for the fall semester. The new executive board and senate is comprised of

new and returning members to SGA, and with this experience from all areas of campus, we are striving to make sure that all students' voices are heard and for open communication between administrators and students.

We are planning to host town hall meetings throughout the year to create a two-way street of conversation between administration and students on large topics around campus. SGA has also approved Corinne Rockefeller as the chair of the restructuring committee, which will analyze the structure of our executive board and to make any changes needed to better serve the students. I will be encouraging students to come to SGA and express their ideas, concerns, or issues they may have.

Thank you. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in person.

Presentations

Commendations: Chair Jeffrey Smith presented a Commendation of Service to Dr. Philip K. Way, Provost/Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs. (Appendix D)

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President William J. Behre provided remarks (Appendix E)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Trustee Matt Lautman, chair, provided the following report:

This morning we met in committee with two action items: election of officers and changing the date of the December meeting. Information items included an update on PACT activities, and calendar mentions.

Systemness and PACT Update: PACT is the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees, our local chair Jeffrey Smith serves as President of PACT. Trustee Smith shared an update to the discussion on Systemness and trustees role in the process. With the system redesign in process, PACT has been active in reviewing the role of trustees. Three committees were formed to address various issues related to Systemness. The three committees are: 1) trustee selection process, 2) trustee commitment, responsibilities and evaluations committee, and 3) trustee advocacy committee.

PACT will conduct three regional meetings in the fall: host sites are Slippery Rock University, Mansfield University, and Kutztown University.

Proposed Council Meeting Dates – 2019/2020

- September 26 & 27, 2019
- ~~December 5 & 6, 2019~~
- December 12 & 13, 2019

- March 26 & 27, 2020
- June 4 & 5, 2020

Slate of officers to serve in executive roles 2019/2020 for consideration/approval by the full board:

Jeffrey Smith – Chair
 Joshua Young – Vice-Chair
 Dylan Colcombe – Secretary

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Senator White, motion carries.

Trustee Lautman shared that a matrix is being developed for the Presidential evaluation process.

Calendar mentions for Fall/Winter 2019 and Spring/Summer 2020 were included in the materials as information. This concludes my report.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)

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

We were very fortunate to have Dr. Philip Way, Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs share the “year in review.” The presentation addressed the 9 strategic goals driving the good work of the institution including program and curricular development, student success experiences, hiring practices for faculty and staff, community and alumni engagement, and creating a more diverse and inclusive campus.

This presentation is proof to what we already know to be true. That SRU is a leader in higher education in Pennsylvania and nationally and that we have a highly effective and dedicated team on this campus. Congratulations for your collective efforts and an incredibly successful 2018.

Thank you, Dr. Way, for your leadership to the Academic and Student Affairs areas over the past six years. We are indebted for your commitment and outstanding service to SRU. Congratulations on your appointment as the incoming President at Athens State University. We wish the very best to you and to your spouse Cheryl as you begin this new adventure.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.

Finance Committee (Agenda, Appendix H)

Trustee McCarrier chairs the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee met Thursday afternoon and discussed several topics.

Rebecca D’Imperio of Sightlines provided a presentation of SRU’s facilities benchmarking results from fiscal year 2018. The results are used to develop a key performance indicator that ranks all of the PASSHE schools. She noted that since 2013 the university’s progress has been noticeable and SRU improved from third to second this past year.

Mr. David M. Jacobson, CPA Principal, CliftonLarsenAllen LLP, provided the 2019 Audit Planning information. He touched on the deliverables, timeline, responsibilities, audit focus areas. Mr. Jacobson will present the audit results at the December 2019 Council of Trustees Meeting.

Ms. Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, presented a financial update. Ms. Mercer reviewed the FY 2018/19 fiscal year, the FY 19/20 projections, and long-range financial scenarios. She reported that the current year is on track to budget. The 19/20 projections are still under development, and work will be occurring throughout the summer to present a balanced budget to the trustees in September. Ms. Mercer presented various long-range financial scenarios that the university is analyzing. President Behre emphasized the importance of our decision-making in the years ahead especially pertaining to tuition rates and net price.

Dr. Mohammadi, Senior Vice President for Administration and Economic Development provided information on the feasibility of repairs and/or upgrades to the Gail Rose Lodge. Dr. Mohammadi stated that without extensive repairs, the building is a safety hazard and the university has found that repairs and/or upgrades are not financially advantageous and have asked the Council to approve a resolution to demolish Gail Rose Lodge.

The committee reviewed Contracts, Fixed Assets and Service & Supply Purchase Orders, which will move forward for approval today.

As part of the Council's annual requirement, Trustees were offered the opportunity to tour campus facilities. Jeff Smith, William McCarrier, Dylan Colcombe and President Behre toured Boozel Dining Hall, the Equestrian Center and Rock Apartments. During the tour, updates were provided on turfing of campus athletic fields, the Performing Arts project, University Union renovation, McKay window replacement and bathrooms, Old Main roof replacement, as well as the Engineering/Science labs feasibility study.

Additional reports were provided to the committee as informational items; including the quarterly Financial Report, the Facilities and Planning Project List, and HR Personnel items.

This concludes my report.

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

Trustee Taylor, chair of the University Advancement Committee, reported on activities of the SRU Foundation, Inc., and Office of Alumni Engagement.

Dr. Amir Mohammadi, interim Vice President for University Advancement, reported on the following topics:

- Status of Gail Rose Lodge
 - After much deliberation, it was determined the Gail Rose Lodge is a safety hazard and cannot be repaired. The best option moving forward is to demolish the building.
- Vice President for University Advancement Search
 - The Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. contracted with RPA Inc., an executive search and consulting company, to provide identification, cultivation, and recruitment of candidates for the position of Vice President for University Advancement and for consulting services associated with that process.

President Behre presented information regarding the Senior Class Gift.

- Chairman Taylor was very interested in finding a way to engage students in the campaign. In the past, we have not created an opportunity for graduating students to participate in a senior class gift. Now we will. We have two student volunteers on board for this initiative. We are viewing this as a way to build class spirit and begin to develop a spirit of philanthropy among our students and future alums.

President Behre and Dr. Bucha presented three resolutions to name one laboratory and two study rooms in the Strain Safety Building.

- Vincent Showalter Emergency Response and Fire Training Laboratory
- Wilma J. Cavill Student Study Room
- Kyle McFeely Student Study Room

Dr. Bucha provided financial reports on the SRU Foundation and the SRUF Campus Housing from the quarter ending March 31, 2019.

- Total Net Assets & Liabilities of the SRU Foundation, Inc. totaled \$40,615,971
- The SRU Foundation, Inc. investment portfolio value totaled \$32,112,442.
- The SRUF Campus Housing Inc., & subsidiary net assets & liabilities totaled \$118,352,566

Ms. Swift reported on development activity since the March meeting of the Council of Trustees.

- Gift income as of March 31 totaled \$2,258,343
- As of this meeting, Gift income reached \$2.9M
- Development officers conducted 304 visits and made 163 proposals for support.
- The number of Founders' Society members (donors who give \$1,000 or more annually) totaled 460.
- The final result of the 2019 Giving Day was \$139,109 by 1,709 benefactors.

Ms. Kelly Bailey reported on Alumni Engagement activity since the March meeting of the Council of Trustees.

- April, May, and June Alumni Engagement events included:
 - Harrisburg, Cincinnati, and Columbus alumni receptions
 - The Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner
 - The combined SRUAA/Performing Arts Series Newsies performance
 - The SRU Day at PNC Park
- Upcoming events include:
 - Alumni weekend – June 21-23, 2019
 - SRU Alumni & Friends Golf Outing – August 5, 2019
 - SRU Day at Heinz Field – September 30, 2019
 - Homecoming Weekend – October 11-12, 2019

With no further business, the committee adjourned.

Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix J)

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

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Resolution to Demolish Gail Rose Lodge (TAB 6) (Appendix K)**

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval to demolish Gail Rose Lodge. Motion carries unanimously.

Contracts (TAB 7) (Appendix L), Fixed Assets, (TAB 8), (Appendix M), Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 9, Appendix N)

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

Naming Resolution: Vincent Showalter Emergency Response and Fire Training Laboratory (TAB 11) (Appendix O)

Trustee McCarrier moved, second by Trustee Young, approval of Naming Resolution: Vincent Showalter Emergency Response and Fire Training Laboratory. Motion carries unanimously.

Naming Resolution: Wilma J. Cavill Student Study Room (TAB 12) (Appendix P)

Trustee Taylor moved, second by Senator White, approval of the Wilma J. Cavill Student Study Room. Motion carries unanimously.

Naming Resolution: Kyle McFeely Student Study Room (TAB 13) (Appendix Q)

Trustee Young moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, approval of Naming Resolution: Kyle McFeely Student Study Room. Motion carries unanimously.

SRU Council of Trustees: Election of Officers, 2019-2020

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, approval of SRU Council of Trustees: Election of Officers, 2019-2020:

Jeffrey Smith, chair
Joshua Young, vice-chair
Dylan Colcombe, secretary

INFORMATION ITEMS**Next Meeting:**

September 26 & 27, 2019

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Financial Report (TAB 14) (Appendix R)**Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 15) (Appendix S)****HR Personnel Items (TAB 16) (Appendix T)****Divisional Reports (TAB 24)****FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Trustee Lautman – Welcome Dylan, to the Council. I look forward to working with you. Thank you Dr. Way for your innovation and forward thinking that has put Slippery Rock University on the map locally, regionally and nationally. Your role on the leadership team is recognized and appreciated. Thank you. Good Luck.

Trustee Taylor – Many could argue that Philip Way surrendered his opportunity to be the next president in 2017 by serving in the interim capacity. For me, personally, it was remarkable to see his leadership efforts throughout the year, he kept the ship stable and kept the waters as calm as possible. We owe you a great debt of gratitude and appreciate your efforts. I would also like to complement the facilities and grounds crew. The flowers are off the charts and the campus looks beautiful.

Trustee Smith – I would like to echo the comments made and wish you well, Philip. Thank you for everything you did for this University and for your leadership. Thank you for all of the personal advice about vacation spots and for being a friend. We expect you back at the dedication of Miller.

Trustee Angelucci – Thank you to the staff and faculty for another great year. We appreciate everything you do for students.

Trustee McCarrier – Welcome Dylan! Thank you, Philip, for the tremendous job as provost. You moved us ahead, and it was wonderful to have you as our interim president. Philip, you were an innovator and did so much for us. I am happy that you are going to be a President, but sad for SRU to lose you.

Trustee Young – Congratulations Dr. Way, best wishes and good luck. Dylan, as the new student trustee, if you need anything, you can always call any one of us. It's a great day to be at SRU.

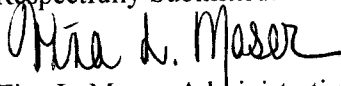
Trustee Colcombe – Thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to working with all of you.

Senator White – Congratulations, Philip. Best wishes in all of your future endeavors, God speed. Welcome to the Council, Dylan.

Trustee Vessella – Congratulations, Philip. Athens State University is in excellent hands.

With no further business, the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees business meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina L. Moser". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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