

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

**September 21, 2018**

The Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees held its quarterly business meeting Friday, September 21, 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. Tom Breth, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. William McCarrier, Mr. Jairus Moore, Mr. Jeffrey Smith

Trustees absent: Senator Mary Jo White, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Mr. Robert Taylor

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the September 21, 2018 meeting agenda. Motion carried. (TAB 17) (Appendix A)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the June 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried. (TAB 18) (Appendix B)

### **Presentations**

#### **Chairman Smith presents Freedom Award to President Behre**

Mr. Jeffrey Smith, chair, Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees, accepted the Freedom Award on behalf of SRU at the Aug. 24 ceremony hosted by the Pentagon. Slippery Rock University was recognized by the Department of Defense as one of 15 recipients nationally to win a 2018 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest U.S. government honor to employers for support of National Guard and Reserve employees.

Nominations must come from a military member employed by the business or organization. Dr. Gary Clark, an SRU assistant professor of physical and health education and an Army Reserve member, nominated the University and attended the Aug. 24 ceremony.

#### **ROCK 30**

Karen Perry, director, Campus Recreation

Allison Wilton, communication major, Bradford, Pennsylvania

Dekkel Bachar, graduate student, Adapted Physical Activity (MS), Thornhill, Ontario

Karen, Allison and Dekkel presented a new campaign initiated by Slippery Rock University's Office of Campus Recreation encouraging all members of the campus community to ROCK 30, which means to get 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

### **Commendations:**

Courtney McQuaide, exercise science major, Saltsburg, D2 National Championship, pole vault (Appendix C)

Women's Field Hockey Team  
(Appendix D)

### **Public Comments**

#### **Comments from SRSGA**

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

My name is Elizabeth Hernandez and I am the vice president of student and academic affairs for the Student Government Association. I am a senior political science major from Grove City, Pa. I am here speaking today on behalf of our president, Dallas Kline, who unfortunately, cannot be in attendance due to having class. I thank you for allowing me time to speak today on behalf of the SRSGA.

We are ecstatic to be back in the swing of things now that the fall semester is officially underway. The SRSGA has been working hard since the week before classes. We had a successful two-day retreat that included team building with a scavenger hunt in Pittsburgh, parliamentary procedure lessons, and senate 101 training. We also hosted a number of successful WOW events thanks to our Vice President of Campus Outreach, Chadwick Burdick. Some key highlights of these events were the Picnic on the Quad, the Commuter Reception, and the Outdoor Movie by the dorms.

We have been hard at work recruiting new senators to join our organization. We received five applications for the Parliamentary position that led to a successful appointment of sophomore, Eric Lehman. We are sitting at around 23 applications for our 15 vacant positions. We are hoping to fill the two graduate, four freshmen, three commuter, and six building vacancies at our October 1<sup>st</sup> Formal meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Student Center.

Next week we will be distributing the Student Life Survey via CORE, to assess the needs and concerns of students. There will be a variety of prizes offered for students who participate. In addition, our Internal Affairs committee will be planning our participation in Homecoming this year. The overall theme will be "There's No Place like Homecoming," which allows student organizations to select a city as their theme throughout the whole week. SGA has selected Dallas, Texas for our theme. Next week, 12 of our senators will be traveling to Bloomsburg University for the annual BSGP conference with all of the PASSHE student government associations.

One final update that we are proud of is the official launch of our Social Justice Committee that became an SRSGA standing committee last year. Our Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Kennedy Moore, has been dedicating her time learning more about our campus culture and meeting with a variety of offices around campus including the Office of Global Engagement, Office of Disability Services, and the Office for Inclusive Excellence. She is also a member of the President's Commission on Race and Ethnic Diversity. The Social Justice committee is also leading the civic engagement project in which they are encouraging students to register to vote. During the last

election year, only 11% of our students participated. Kennedy and her committee have plans to hand out absentee ballot request forms, print and provide mailing supplies for voter registration applications, and secure buses to polling stations on Election Day.

As always, you are invited to our formal meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. every other Monday in SSC Theatre. Our next meeting will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can also follow us on Twitter @srsga. Thank you for your time and attention, have an enjoyable weekend.

## **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 and two information items on the agenda.

1) Certifying Resolution – Order of Succession, Trustee Breth moved, Trustee McCarrier second, motion carried. The Resolution was approved in committee to move forward for consideration by the full board.

2) PACT Dues (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) – Trustee Breth moved, Trustee McCarrier second, motion carried. The PACT Dues request was approved in committee to move forward for consideration by the full board.

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.

Also shared as information were Calendar Mentions for Fall/Winter 2018 and Spring/Summer 2019. This concludes my report.

### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)**

Trustee Alfonso Angelucci chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. In his absence, Trustee Lautman provided the report.

#### **Review of Academic Programs**

The committee met yesterday at 1:15 p.m. to review two new academic programs. Trustee Lautman indicated that trustees appreciate the history/background information to review prior to program approvals at the quarterly business meeting.

Dr. Melanie Anderson, professor, School of Business and Ms. Theresa Phipps, associate professor, School of Business, presented the program proposal for the Master of Accountancy program.

The Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program has become the more preferred graduate degree for individuals who desire to work in public accounting firms or become CPA's. This program will join the current MBA, offering students seeking graduate business degrees a choice of direction.

Trustee Moore moved, Senator White, second, motion carried, to move forward the proposal for consideration by full Council.

Dr. Larry Breitenstein, assistant professor, Public Health and Social Work, presented the Master of Social Work program proposal. Social Work is a professional and academic discipline that improves the quality of life of individuals, groups and communities. In Pennsylvania and nationally our graduates are leaders in countless organizations with successful careers as clinicians, community organizers, director and educators.

Trustee Moore moved, Senator White, second, motion carried, to move forward the proposal for consideration by full Council.

### **Presentations**

- Dr. Amanda Yale, associate provost, Enrollment Management, provided an enrollment update.
- Ms. Carrie Birckbichler, associate provost, Academic Planning, Resource Management and Assessment, provided a status update on new programs.

This concludes my report.

### **Finance Committee (Agenda, Appendix H)**

Trustee McCarrier chairs the Finance Committee. He asked Trustee Breth to provide the report. The committee met yesterday to review a number of items for action and information. In addition to the routine items, there were two presentations:

- Dr. Amir Mohammadi, Vice President for Finance, Administrative Affairs, and Advancement Services and Ms. Molly Mercer, associate vice president, Finance, presented the 18/19 proposed budget for trustee approval.
- Dr. Mohammadi presented the Harrisville Building parking update.

#### **Action items:**

18/19 Proposed Budget  
Contracts  
Fixed Assets  
Service & Supply Purchase Orders

Trustee Moore moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, to move forward all action items for consideration by the full Council.

#### **Information Items:**

Financial Report  
Facilities and Planning Project List  
HR Personnel Items

### University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix I)

The University Advancement Committee met at 3:15 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2018. Dr. Amir Mohammadi, interim vice president for university advancement, Dr. Ed Bucha, executive director, Ms. Samantha Swift, director of development for the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., and Ms. Kelly Bailey, director of alumni engagement provided updates.

Dr. Mohammadi presented updates on Advancement related activities he initiated and maintains including:

- Advancement Committee Advisory Group
- Gail Rose Lodge Sub-Committee
- Campaign Council RFP Development Sub-Committee
- Communications Sub-Committee

Ms. Swift and Ms. Bailey presented a summary of findings and recommendations from Advancement Communication and Coordination Sub-Committees and noted the positive response from constituents regarding increased communication activities.

Dr. Bucha provided fiscal and activity updates as of June 30, 2018:

- Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., Assets, Liabilities, and Endowment
  - Net Assets and Liabilities were \$37,039,991 million on June 30, 2018 compared to \$33,870,188 million on the same date in 2017, and represents the highest ever asset total in the Foundation's history.
  - The investment portfolio totaled \$30,951,355 as of June 30, 2018 compared to \$28,566,095 on June 30, 2017, also representing an all-time high.
  - Dr. Bucha also noted the Foundation received its 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive clean opinion from an independent certified public accounting firm acknowledging its financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2018 present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position.
- SRUF Campus Housing Inc. and Subsidiary Assets and Liabilities
  - Net Assets and Liabilities totaled \$118,054,827 as of June 30, 2018.
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Ms. Swift provided development updates as of June 30, 2018:

- Gift Income Total
  - Gift income received as of June 30, 2018, totaled \$2,951,525, an increase of 9.12% over the same date last year.
- Development Activity
  - Gift officers conducted 685 personal visits and presented 470 proposals resulting in 40 new or increased scholarships during the 2017-18 fiscal year.
  - SRU Giving Day exceeded all goals reaching \$54,000 in contributions from 693 donors.
  - The 2018 President's Scholarship Gala income totaled \$142,000, and the Sunset Serenade generated \$138,000 last fiscal year.
  - Ms. Swift presented the 2018-2019 Development Plan, which emphasized fundraising efforts specific to the scholarships and several capital projects.

**Executive Session (Appendix J)**

Council met this morning in executive session with President Behre.

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Master of Accountancy – (Program Approval) (TAB 6) (Appendix K)**

Motion: The Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania approve the Master of Accountancy program proposal to move forward to the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for final approval. Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Moore. Motion carries unanimously.

**Master of Social Work (Program Approval) (TAB 7) (Appendix L)**

Motion: The Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania approve the Master of Social Work to move forward to the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education for final approval. Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Moore. Motion carries unanimously.

**2018-2019 Proposed Budget (TAB 8) (Appendix M)**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Moore, approval of the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget. Motion carries unanimously.

**Contracts (TAB 9), Fixed Assets (TAB 10), Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 11) (Appendix N)**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Moore, approval of the Contracts, Fixed Asset, Service and Supply Purchase Orders. Motion carries unanimously.

**Certifying Resolution – Order of Succession (TAB 12) (Appendix O)**

Certifying Resolution – Order of Succession is in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A: Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers. The Order of Succession Plan lists in rank order the members of Slippery Rock University's executive management team to act on the President's behalf in his absence. Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Breth. Motion carries unanimously.

**PACT DUES (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) (TAB 13) (Appendix P)**

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Breth, approval of the 2018-2019 PACT Dues. Motion carries unanimously.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Meeting Dates

December 6-7, 2018

March 28-29, 2019

June 6-7, 2019

### Financial Report (TAB 14) (Appendix Q)

### Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 15) (Appendix R)

### HR Personnel Items (TAB 16) (Appendix S)

### Divisional Reports (TAB 19)

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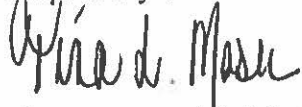
**Trustee Breth** – Welcome, Dr. Behre! I was fortunate to join Council shortly after Dr. Norton's arrival and it was a wonderful experience working with her as President. Dr. Behre, I can already see the energy and excitement you have about the institution and your commitment to the students. It is fantastic having you on board and I look forward to working with you for as long as I continue on Council.

**Trustee Smith** – I share Trustee Breth's sentiments and echo a warm welcome to Dr. Behre. This was a wonderful meeting and a day of celebration. It is always a very good day to be at SRU.

**Trustee Moore** - I wanted to say thank you for the incredible support to the ROTC program.

With no further business, the September 21, 2018 business meeting of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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