

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

**March 24, 2017**

The quarterly business meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held Friday, March 24, 2017, in room 321 of the Robert M. Smith Student Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Matt Lautman, chair.

### **Recording of Attendance**

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Tom Breth, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Jeff Smith, Mr. William McCarrier, Senator Mary Jo White, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Mr. Robert Taylor, Ms. Monica Traggiai, Mr. Richard Wukich.

Trustees absent: Mr. Matt Shaner

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Taylor, approval of the Friday, March 24, 2017 meeting agenda. Motion carries. Agenda approved. (TAB 17) (Appendix A)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Traggiai, approval of the December 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carries. Minutes approved. (TAB 18) (Appendix B)

### **Approval of Minutes (Special Meeting)**

Trustee Breth Moved, second by Trustee Traggiai, approval of the December 22, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carries. Minutes approved. (TAB 19) (Appendix C)

### **Presentations**

#### **Jamaica Care Break**

Dr. Bradley Wilson, Associate Provost, Transformational Experiences, introduced SRU student presenters Allison Klemm, senior, Early Childhood/Special Education, Charleston, WV, and Brittany Terry, graduate student, Student Affairs in Higher Education, Pittsburgh.

### **Public Comments**

Chair Lautman welcomed public comments from the audience.

#### **Remarks from Logan Steigerwalt, SRUSGA President**

Good afternoon Chairman Lautman and the Council of Trustees, and thank you for allowing me to speak today. It is hard to believe that this will be my last COT meeting as SGA President, let alone as a student here at The Rock. Four years has seem to have gone by in the blink of an eye, but

there is no doubt that Slippery Rock University has left an impact on me that will last a lifetime, and I will be very proud to say that I attended Slippery Rock.

A lot of great things are happening and I am very glad to be reporting this news and progress for you all. A few of the key goals we ran on are starting to come to fruition. Commuter emergency overnight housing, dorm rooms that will allow commuter students to stay in them overnight due to inclement weather are slated to take effect next year. This is an excellent opportunity to use un-used dorm rooms to provide safe housing options for our students in case of bad weather throughout the night. We see this service mainly used by students who live more than 10 or 15 miles away. Our commuter senators have been working on this throughout the year and are very happy to see progress with the help of Res Life.

Another goal we ran on was more interaction with students. Currently happening, each senator is required to attend at least one club meeting that they are not currently a part of. This will allow senators to reach out to unfamiliar students, learn about their clubs, and inform them on what SGA is doing, and then in turn relay that information back to us. We are hoping that this builds long term relationships between clubs and SGA.

Another means of interacting with students will be the introduction of our Rock Olympiad, coordinated by our Student and Academic Affairs committee which is led by Abby Fugh, which will take place April 8th. This event will be a competition for student groups to participate in a variety of games and activities throughout the day. This will be a fun activity for student groups and hopefully raise awareness of who and what SGA is, along with providing students an activity to do on a Saturday in April. Just like the Thanksgiving Dinner, Dodgeball Tournament, Project Positivity week, and Safety week, all events that we have founded the past two years, we are hoping that this will become an annual event for students to look forward to.

Recently, we concluded this year's budgeting process and will have a daylong session tomorrow going through each and every submitted budget. So far, we have had 118 club budgets, along with about a dozen more new initiative requests, an increase of about 20% compared to last year. This will set a record for the amount of funding that SGA will be providing to clubs and organizations if this is to be passed. Brian Welsh, VP of Finance has done an excellent job in promoting how SGA can help out these organizations financially.

Also, in the very near future we will hold our annual Rising Star event. At this event, individuals and groups will be presented various awards for going above and beyond throughout the year. Categories range from outstanding Greek organization of the year, community service event of the year, and ultimately the individual student leader of the year. We co-host this event with AVI and it is a great time for everyone involved. Sarah Arpino, VP of Internal Affairs is doing an excellent job with this event.

All throughout this year, our organization has promoted civility on our campus and among our peers. To put this into practice, Rachel Lawler, our Parliamentarian has been working tirelessly to come up with exactly how to promote this. We recently distributed a survey campus wide to gauge what SRU students thought of about civility, and how civil they perceive campus to be. Based off of that, we will craft our campaign on how we will reach as many students as we can, and create a civility pledge that students will sign and hopefully follow. Ultimately, we want our students to be civil toward each other, and to feel comfortable during their time here at school.

In regard to today's agenda, this past Monday during our Formal Senate Meeting, it is customary for us to vote on the proposed fee increases to either write a letter of support, or to not write one. Both of the fee increase proposals, A VI and the student health center, passed the senate vote with a majority, and you should be able to find a letter of support from myself in with your materials.

Lastly, starting next week, SGA election campaigning begins. There have been two tickets that have formed, and I look forward to seeing the entire process unfold. No matter how the vote goes, I am confident that the group in office for next year will continue growing the reach and impact of the Student Government Association here on campus.

A lot has been accomplished this year. I am looking forward to seeing all of our goals and objectives completed within these next few weeks. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity these past two years, and I wanted to say thank you to all of you for serving on this council and continuing to govern the decisions to continue moving our beloved University forward, especially in difficult times surrounding the State System Schools. Through all of your initiative, it is easy to see how and why Slippery Rock continues its success both state-wide and on a national level. Thank you for your time and I will now answer any questions that you may have.

*Hearing no questions, Chair Lautman thanked Logan for updating Council on SGA activities and for his leadership as SRUSGA President. Congratulations, Logan, as you begin graduate studies at Notre Dame following graduation from SRU!  
We know you will stay connected to the ROCK!*

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Cheryl Norton provided the Report of the President (Appendix C1)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)**

Trustee Taylor provided the following comments on behalf of Trustee Jeff Smith, chair of the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee met this morning at 10:00 a.m. and discussed a number of informational items and had one action item for Council consideration.

Lois Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Budget, presented the SRU Financial Risk Assessment to Council. Slippery Rock University is in a strong and "green light" position within the System and has shown remarkable performance, ranking #2 in the System looking at all metrics related to risk. Congratulations to President Norton, her leadership team, and all SRU community members on a job well done!

### **Approval of SRU COT Meeting Dates:**

The committee approved the proposed 2017-2018 meeting dates:

September 28-29, 2017  
 December 7-8, 2017  
 March 22-23, 2018  
 June 7-8, 2018

Chairman Lautman provided an update to the Presidential Search Process.

A special meeting was held December 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. The Governance Committee met at 10 a.m. followed by the meeting of the Council at 10:30 a.m. Both meetings were open to the public. Two items for action: 1) Nominate and approve three Council members to serve on the SRU Presidential Search Committee; 2) Nominate and approve the appointment of a Council member to serve as a non-voting member on the SRSGA, Inc. Advisory Board, and any other matter that comes before Council.

Council Chair Lautman presented the following Council members to serve on the Presidential Search Committee for consideration and vote by the full membership.

Jeff Smith, chair  
 Bob Taylor  
 Tom Breth

Trustee Wukich was appointed to serve as the trustee representative on the SRSGA, Inc. Board of Directors as a non-voting member.

A special meeting of the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees convened March 9, 2017 at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Lautman.

At this meeting, Council considered the selection of members to serve on the SRU Presidential Search Committee pursuant to Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Board of Governor's Policy, Section B2(b))2), (4), and 7 of 1983-13-A: Process for Recommending a Presidential Appointment, and any other business that comes before it.

Two action items were addressed at this meeting:

1) Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Taylor, the requirement that all participants of the Presidential Search Committee (PSC) shall sign a confidentiality agreement as a requirement to participate on the search committee. Roll Call Vote: 8 in favor, 2 opposed, motion passes.

2) Trustee Smith moved, second by Trustee McCarrier, to approve five members selected by Council to serve on the Presidential Search Committee (PSC). Roll Call Vote: 8 in favor, 2 opposed, motion passes.

The names of community members brought forward for consideration and approval by the full board are:

Molly Mercer (executive)  
 Michael White (non-instructional)  
 Corinne Gibson (at-large)

Scott Albert (at-large)  
Seungku (Steve) Park (at-large)

The first meeting of the Presidential Search Committee is scheduled for April 12.

The next item for discussion related to the Presidential Search Committee is the appointment of an interim President. *BOG Policy 1983-14-A: Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers*, outlines the guidelines for this appointment. The Chancellor's Office coordinates this effort. Chairman Lautman will be discussing this item with the liaison from the Chancellor's office in the near future.

In other business, Chairman Lautman acknowledged a letter sent to Council from the President's Commission on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation.

The final item was amending the quarterly business meeting agenda with the addition of the SRU COT meeting dates. Trustee Taylor moved, second by Trustee Breth to amend the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Traggiai moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the COT meeting dates to be voted on at the quarterly business meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

This concludes my report.

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

Senator Mary Jo White chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Senator White provided the following report of committee activities.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. yesterday. We listened to one informative presentation and had two items brought forward for review and action by Council.

Dr. Jeffrey Loveland, Associate Professor/Coordinator, Biology, presented a thorough proposal of the Entry-level Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy. A motion was made by Trustee Angelucci, second by Trustee Traggiai, approval of the program proposal to move forward for consideration by the full Council.

Dr. Aksel Casson, Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Programs, presented a proposal to name the Archaeology Lab, The Edmund Dlutowski Laboratory for Archaeological Science. Mr. Dlutowski was instrumental in guiding high school students and SRU students on excavation digs throughout the region. He was very generous in donating equipment and providing resources necessary for a successful and memorable fact-gathering excavating experience.

Trustee Traggiai moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval for the naming opportunity to move forward for consideration by the full Council.

Chairman Lautman reminded Council that consultants from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) will be on campus April 25. The schedule for the visit is being completed in accordance with the consultants' guidelines.

Dr. David Wilmes, associate provost, Student Success, provided a presentation entitled, "Providing Quality and Affordable Education."

This concludes my report.

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

Trustee Breth reported committee activities of the Finance Committee. The committee met yesterday at 2:00 p.m. to review a number of items for action and information.

A number of presentations were presented to Council:

Dr. Amir Mohammadi and Mr. Scott Albert provided a presentation of the Capital Budget. Dr. Mohammadi presented a Master Plan update. Mr. Albert presented, Demand Response Credit, for Council information. Ms. Kris Benkeser presented information related to the Health Services Fee proposal, and Ms. Deb Pincek, presented information on the Dining Hall Services Increase (according to CPI).

Following the presentations and discussion, Trustee Angelucci moved, second by Trustee Traggiai, to move all action items forward for consideration by the full board.

Items brought forward for action:

- Capital Budget
- Contracts
- Fixed Assets
- Service & Supply Purchase Orders
- Health Services Fee
- Dining Hall Services Increase (according to CPI)

Information items included the monthly financial report, the facilities and planning project list and personnel items.

This concludes my report.

#### **University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)**

Trustee Bob Taylor chairs the University Advancement Committee. The committee met at 3:00 p.m. yesterday. Dr. Ed Bucha, executive director and Samantha Swift, director of development for the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., provided updates.

As of December 31st, \$1,367,582 has been raised. Gift officers have traveled to Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North & South Carolina, New Jersey, West Virginia, Texas and throughout Pennsylvania to visit with 200 donors and prospects. As a result of the visits, 125 proposals have been presented garnering several five-figure gifts.

The Founders' Society (honoring constituents who have donated \$1,000 or more this fiscal year) currently has 313 members compared to 246 last year. Additionally, three new charitable gift annuities were established this fiscal year totaling \$70,000.

The Annual Fund's newest initiative, Crowdfunding through social media, increased 96% over last year.

Other current fundraising and engagement initiatives include the Presidential ‘Farewell Tour, the Hearst Foundation grant proposal, and the Peoples Natural Gas campus visit. The 8,881 Campaign leveraged the highest SRU enrollment in history as a fundraising opportunity. All members of the SRU community will receive an email to participate in support of this one-day crowdfunding opportunity. Watch out for the email and GIVE! The Scholarship Luncheon, scheduled for April 1, is bringing together more than 140 scholarship donors and recipients. Upcoming events include the Rock Football Golf Outing, April 29, and the Women’s Golf Outing, June 23.

Dr. Bucha shared Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. net assets and liabilities, total revenues and expenses, and investment portfolio activity as of December 31, 2016. Total net assets of \$31.2 million, is the largest in the history of the Foundation. The \$26.3 million investment portfolio market value also is the largest in Foundation’s history.

An overview of the Residence Suites revenue since inception of the project in 2006 was also provided. Additional information shared included capital projects the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. has supported within the last 10 years, and a 10-year summary of scholarship funding provided to Slippery Rock University students.

Dr. Bucha led a discussion on University Advancement, its purpose, structure, and opportunities for future enhancement at Slippery Rock University.

This concludes my report.

#### **Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix H)**

Council met this morning in executive session with President Norton.

### **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

#### **Entry-Level Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy (TAB 6) Appendix I**

Senator White moved, second by Trustee Traggiai, approval of the Entry-Level Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy program.

Roll Call Vote: 10 in favor; 0 opposed. Motion carries unanimously

Trustee Angelucci	Yes	Trustee Traggiai	Yes
Trustee Breth	Yes	Trustee Taylor	Yes
Trustee Lautman	Yes	Trustee Vessella	Yes
Trustee McCarrier	Yes	Trustee Wukich	Yes
Trustee Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes

#### **Capital Budget (TAB 7) Appendix J**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Senator White, approval of the Capital Budget.

Roll Call Vote: 10 in favor; 0 opposed; Motion carries.



Trustee Angelucci	Yes	Trustee Traggiai	Yes
Trustee Breth	Yes	Trustee Taylor	Yes
Trustee Lautman	Yes	Trustee Vessella	Yes
Trustee McCarrier	Yes	Trustee Wukich	Yes
Trustee Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes

**Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 8, 9, 10) Appendix K**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Senator White, approval of Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders.

Roll Call Vote: 10 in favor; 0 opposed; Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Angelucci	Yes	Trustee Traggiai	Yes
Trustee Breth	Yes	Trustee Taylor	Yes
Trustee Lautman	Yes	Trustee Vessella	Yes
Trustee McCarrier	Yes	Trustee Wukich	Yes
Trustee Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes

**Health Services Fee (TAB 11) Appendix L**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Traggiai, approval of the Health Services Fee.

Roll Call Vote: 7 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passes.

Trustee Angelucci	Yes	Trustee Traggiai	Yes
Trustee Breth	Yes	Trustee Taylor	No
Trustee Lautman	No	Trustee Vessella	No
Trustee McCarrier	Yes	Trustee Wukich	Yes
Trustee Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes

*Trustee Breth commented that sometime before the March 2018 COT Meeting, trustees want to receive a report on data re: user fees.*

**Dining Hall Services Increase (according to CPI) (TAB 12) Appendix M**

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the Dining Hall Services Increase.

Roll Call Vote: 6 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion passes.

Trustee Angelucci	Yes	Trustee Traggiai	Yes
Trustee Breth	No	Trustee Taylor	No
Trustee Lautman	Yes	Trustee Vessella	No
Trustee McCarrier	Yes	Trustee Wukich	No
Trustee Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes



**The Edmund Dlutowski Laboratory for Archaeological Science (TAB 13) Appendix N**

Senator White moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the “Edmund Dlutowski Laboratory for Archaeological Science.”

Roll Call Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Angelucci	Yes	Trustee Traggiai	Yes
Trustee Breth	Yes	Trustee Taylor	Yes
Trustee Lautman	Yes	Trustee Vessella	Yes
Trustee McCarrier	Yes	Trustee Wukich	Yes
Trustee Smith	Yes	Senator White	Yes

**SRU Council of Trustees Meeting Dates**

Trustee Traggiai moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, to amend the meeting agenda with the addition of item I., **SRU COT Meeting Dates**. Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee McCarrier, second by Trustee Taylor, approval of the COT Meeting dates. Motion carries unanimously.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**SRU Council of Trustees Meeting Dates – 2017/2018**

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**Financial Report (TAB 14) (Appendix O)**

**Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 15) (Appendix P)**

**HR Personnel Items (TAB 16) (Appendix Q)**

**Divisional Reports (TAB 20)**

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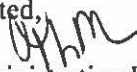
Trustee Angelucci – On March 8, I had the pleasure of attending the Brass and Wind Ensemble, and wanted to extend my congratulations to the students on an exceptional job. Congratulations to Mr. Jonathan Helmick for his commitment to the students and to the University.

Senator White – I wanted to congratulate our student trustee, Monica, for her selection as the Senior Outstanding Woman by the SRU Alumni Association. Thank you, Monica, for your service to Council and congratulations on your many accomplishments.

Trustee Wukich - I recently attended the National Council on Education on Ceramic Arts. The Conference is headed to Pittsburgh, March 2018. Their enthusiasm is very high about our signature program, the ceramic water filter program. We expect 7,000 attendees to come to Pittsburgh.

With no further business, the Friday, March 24, 2017, Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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