

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

March 23, 2018

The quarterly business meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held Friday, March 23, 2018 in Room 315 (Theatre) of the Robert M. Smith Student Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by William McCarrier, chair.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Dr. Alfonso Angelucci, Mr. Tom Breth, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Jeff Smith, Mr. William McCarrier, Ms. Suzanne Vessella (by phone), Mr. Jairus Moore, Mr. Richard Wukich, Senator Mary Jo White.

Trustees absent: Mr. Robert Taylor

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Trustee Lautman moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the Friday, March 23, 2018 meeting agenda. Motion carries. Agenda approved. (TAB 16) (Appendix A)

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the December 8, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carries. Minutes approved. (TAB 17) (Appendix B)

Trustee Breth moved, second by Trustee Angelucci, approval of the February 23, 2017 special meeting minutes. Motion carries. Minutes approved. (TAB 18) (Appendix C)

Presentations

Demonstration – Department of Safety Management

Dr. Joseph Cali, professor, Safety Management

Dr. Angela Bernardo, associate professor, Safety Management

Tyler Vanchure, student, Safety Management, Dubois, PA

Public Comments

**President's Remarks, Slippery Rock Student Government Association
Provided by Riley Keffer on behalf of Rachel Lawler**

Thank you for allowing me to speak today on behalf of Rachel Lawler, Student Government President of the Slippery Rock Student Government Association.

To start off, one of our biggest achievements this spring semester would be the addition of a new Vice President position for the SRSGA. Understanding that social justice issues may evolve

around diversity and inclusion within our campus community, it was important for us as student representatives to provide support and guidance for those who may be involved in an unjust situation. Because of the ever-changing nature of social justice, the conversation to promote the ad hoc Social Justice Committee to a standing committee of the SRSGA, along with adding a new Vice President position started picking up steam last semester.

Committees led by Parliamentarian Brennan Smith and Social Justice Chair Victoria Davis worked so diligently on the constitutional amendment and description of the position duties. During a formal meeting, the final Senate vote resulted in the creation of a position elected by the student body as a whole. Elections for the VP of Diversity and Inclusion will occur during the general elections starting early March and will go into effect for the 2018-2019 academic year.

In other exciting news, our VP of Student and Academic Affairs Scott Vogelgesang has been working towards the establishment of a Food Pantry for students on campus. The logistics of the pantry are still being finalized, however the location of the pantry will be in the Macoskey Center. In addition, SGA co-sponsored an event with the Department of Facilities Planning and Environment Safety to bring Lisa Hamp to campus. She was 1 of many students who survived the Virginia Tech shooting in April 2007. Many students attended and were engaged and respectful during her moving and informative presentation of the tragedy.

Another year of budgeting has come and gone and VP of Finance, Riley Keffer and his committee worked very diligently hosting open sessions and one-on-ones for student clubs and organizations. This year a total of 115 club and organizations submitted budgets requesting over \$2,000,000 for the next academic year. Budgeting day is scheduled for tomorrow Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m. to review the budgets and recommend approval to the Senate in April. Job well done Finance Committee!

Election season for SGA is underway. Voting will begin on April 11 and conclude on April 16. Winners will be announced on April 16 and then the transition meeting for the newly elected SGA Executive Board and Senate will be the week of April 30. VP of Internal Affairs and Election Commissioner, Sophie Sarver and the Election Committee is in the process of promoting elections to the student body through flyers, social media, information tables and most importantly face to face conversations with interested students.

VP for Campus Outreach, Dallas Kline and her committee are putting together their final pieces for an online resource tab that will be on our CORE page and website. This resource tab will be available for students to find contact information, location and hours of operation for the Student Health Center, Bailey Library, Tutoring Center, etc. The first ever "Go with the Flow" event, hosted by the Chair of the Social Justice Committee Victoria Davis, will be starting in a couple weeks, where student groups are encouraged to donate feminine hygiene products for an organization called VOICE. And, finally, the Senate is busy approving new club and organizations and weekly funding requests in order for our student groups to be successful toward their goals.

As my term as SGA President comes to a close, I soon learned that you can never be fully prepared to hold a position with great prestige such as the President of the entire student population, and I will be honest, every day was not easy. Especially when tough decisions needed to be made for the sake of the organization, but boy did I learn a lot and as much as it saddens me that I will be graduating in May, I am very grateful for the unexpected experiences that the Slippery Rock Student Government Association has granted me.

With President-elect Dr. Behre joining the SRU family and a new SGA Executive Board and Senate in office, my hopes are that the relationship between administration and the entire SRU community continues to move forward and grow even stronger than before. Slippery Rock University has so much to be proud of and I cannot wait to come back as an alumna bleeding green and white and spreading ROCK Pride forever!

Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees, I thank you for your time and commitment to our institution, our community and most importantly, the student voice. The Slippery Rock Student Government Association has enjoyed working with you this year!

Have a great weekend and Happy Spring!

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Interim President Philip Way shared the Report of the President (Appendix D)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)

Trustee Smith, chair of the Governance Committee, reported the activities of the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee met this morning at 11 a.m. and discussed a number of informational items and had one action item for Council consideration and approval.

At the June meeting, Council will vote on the following slate of officers presented by the nominating committee: Jeff Smith, chair; Alfonso Angelucci, vice-chair; Richard Wukich, secretary. Trustee Breth made the motion, Senator White second, motion passed by committee.

Trustee Smith was pleased to share the very good news that the Presidential Search Process was completed. On March 14, The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education elected Dr. William J. Behre, provost of Georgian Court University, to be the next president of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, effective July 1. Dr. Behre was introduced to the university community, including students, faculty, staff and others, during a welcoming reception yesterday in the ballroom of the Smith Student Center. We are so pleased with the outcome of the search and very much look forward to having Dr. Behre with us.

Trustee Smith shared the calendar mentions and distributed the Council of Trustees bylaws and asked members to review the bylaws. Further discussion and any action to amend the bylaws will take place at the June Governance Committee meeting.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Senator White, chairperson, yesterday at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. James Dombrosky, Assistant Professor, Hospitality, Event Management and Tourism, presented the Master of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management program proposal. The MS in Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) program is in line with the University's mission to provide high quality graduate academic instruction, promote professional performance, and address the educationally related needs of the region. The HTM is a 30-credit professional degree to be delivered completely online. The program is designed to be completed in 24 months.

Dr. Bradley Wilson and Dr. George Brown presented the proposal to establish an Honors College at Slippery Rock University. As Dr. Brown explained, the Honors Program has operated successfully for many years. Over the past three years, a strategic plan was developed to elevate the program to an Honors College. Benefits of an Honors College include, higher level of institutional recognition, better coordination with other administrative and academic units, incentive for recruitment, and promotion and recognition of student excellence.

Other presentations included an enrollment management update by Dr. Amanda Yale, Associate Provost, Enrollment Management and an academic programs update by Ms. Carrie Birckbichler, Associate Provost, Academic Planning, Resource Management and Assessment.

There was no other business to come before the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Finance Committee (Agenda, Appendix G)

Trustee Breth chairs the Finance Committee. The committee met yesterday at 2:30 p.m. to review a number of items for action and information.

Dr. Amir Mohammadi and Mr. Scott Albert provided the SRU Campus Master Planning update, the Capital Budget Submission FY 18-19 and an update on the Performing Arts project. Ms. Molly Mercer, Associate Vice President, Finance, presented the financial report and budget updates.

Following presentations and further discussion, all action items were moved forward for consideration by the full board.

Items presented for action:

- Continuation of STEM H Fee
- Capital Budget (FY 18-19)
- Contracts
- Fixed Assets
- Service & Supply Purchase Orders

Jim Dillon, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, PASSHE, will present the financial risk assessment report tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., RMS Student Center, RM 320.

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

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix H)

Trustee Robert Taylor chairs the University Advancement Committee. Trustee Angelucci chaired the meeting in Trustee Taylor's absence.

The University Advancement Committee met at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2018. Dr. Amir Mohammadi, interim vice president for university advancement, Dr. Ed Bucha, executive director, and Samantha Swift, director of development for the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., provided updates.

Dr. Mohammadi presented the following topics:

- Foundation ESCO Update
- Endowment Spending Policy
- PASSHE Performance Indicator Ranking

Dr. Mohammadi leads the Advancement Advisory Group and presented an overview of the work of the advisory group, reviewed organizational structure, and shared future initiatives to enhance donor cultivation.

Dr. Bucha provided fiscal and activity updates as of December 31, 2018:

- Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. Assets, Liabilities, and Endowment
- Net Assets and Liabilities were \$37.9 million on December 31, 2017, compared to \$32.4 million on the same date in 2016.
- The investment portfolio increased a total of \$4.4 million as of December 31, 2017, when compared to December 31, 2016.
- SRUF Student Housing LLC Assets and Liabilities
- Net Assets and Liabilities totaled \$114,260,896 as of December 31, 2017.

Ms. Swift provided development updates as of December 31, 2018:

- Gift Income Total
- Gift income received as of December 31, 2017, totals \$1,526,000, an increase of 11% over the same date last year and 51% of the current fiscal year-end goal of \$3 million.
- Development Activity
- Council of Trustees members are invited to participate in the Second Annual Giving Day crowdfunding project, March 26, 2018. If you have questions regarding how you may participate, please see Samantha Swift.
- Development officers have conducted more than 367 personal solicitations, stewardship, cultivation, and discovery visits with alumni and friends of the Slippery Rock University. The University Advancement Committee met at 3:30 p.m. yesterday and had a robust agenda of presentations and discussion items.

We are pleased to have a presentation by Ms. Suzanne Williamson, University Legal Counsel, scheduled for March 24 with our SRU affiliates and Council of Trustees.

Executive Session (Agenda, Appendix I)

Council met this morning in executive session with Interim President Way.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Master of Science in Hospitality & Tourism Management (TAB 6) (Appendix J)

Senator White moved, second by Trustee Lautman, approval of the Master of Science in Hospitality & Tourism Management. The program proposal will move forward to the Chancellor for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.

STEM-H Fee Continuation (TAB 7) (Appendix K)

Trustee Breth moved, second by Senator White, approval to reaffirm the continuance of the STEM-H Fee on a permanent basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Budget (FY 18-19) (TAB 8) (Appendix L)

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

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

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

INFORMATION ITEMS**SRU Council of Trustees Meeting Dates – 2018/2019**

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Financial Report (TAB 12) (Appendix N)**Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 13) (Appendix O)****HR Personnel Items (TAB 14) (Appendix P)****Financial Assessment: Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (TAB 15)****Divisional Reports (TAB 19)****FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Trustee Wukich – Thank you to Interim President Philip Way for his leadership during this transition period.

Trustee Breth – Thank you to Jeff Smith, Bob Taylor and the entire search committee for their commitment in working through the process to identify our next president. These individuals put so much time in to this process and the outcome was just as we had hoped. Dr. Behre will be a fantastic addition to the community as the next leader of SRU! Thank you all.

Trustee White – I am so pleased to learn about the interesting program through service learning called Dream Chasers, in which students work with individuals in area nursing homes. This is a fascinating program and a wonderful way to engage our students in community outreach.

Trustee Smith – Thank you again to all of the search committee members for their incredible work. I made many friends during this process and appreciated the dedication and team effort. A special thank you to Mary Hennessey for her work with the committee. And, to Interim President Way, your leadership during this time is much appreciated.

Trustee Moore – I am humbled and so appreciative to serve as the student trustee. Thank you all for your support and I look forward to learning more and being an active voice for the students on this Council.

Trustee Lautman – Thank you to the search committee members and thank you, Interim President Way, for your leadership during this time.

Trustee Angelucci – I had the pleasure of attending the wind ensemble performance and it was incredible – very talented students. Also, congratulations to the Field Hockey Team.

Trustee McCarrier – Many thanks to the leadership of the University, to our enrollment management team for their incredible work, and to the campus community as a whole for ensuring that students have a positive learning experience. Slippery Rock University is a special place!

With no further business, the Friday, March 23, 2018, Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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