

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**  
**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY**  
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The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held Friday, September 27, 2012 in the Alumni House and Conference Center. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Eric Holmes, chairperson.

**Recording of Attendance**

Trustees present: Dr. John Hicks, Mr. Eric Holmes, Dr. Robert Marcus, Mr. Joshua Young,  
Dr. Dennis Murray, Ms. Grace Hawkins

Trustees absent: Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Mr. Robert Taylor

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Dr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Young approval of the September 27, 2012 meeting agenda. (Appendix A)

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Hawkins moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus, approval of the June 15, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. (TAB 1)

**Public Comments**

Dr. Patrick Burkhart, president of SRU APSCUF, provided comments.

Mr. David Wolfe, president of the Student Government Association, provided comments.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Resolution – Honoring the Service of Dr. Kathleen Strickland (TAB 9)**

Dr. Hicks presented to Dr. Kathleen Strickland, a “Resolution of Service” and offered congratulations on behalf of Council. Dr. Strickland retired with 24 years of exemplary service to Slippery Rock University. Her spirit of collaboration was evident through the many roles she held on campus including faculty member, assessment committee member, advisory board member of the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center, academic scholarship committee member, campus family campaign co-chair, and Dean of the College of Education, which she served with honor and distinction.

**Resolution – Naming of the Sue Shuttleworth Music Therapy Clinic (TAB 10)**

Mr. Young presented to Dr. Nicole Hahna (accepting on behalf of Dr. Shuttleworth) a Resolution naming the music therapy clinic, located in Swope Music Building, Room 103, the Sue Shuttleworth Music Therapy Clinic. Dr. Shuttleworth taught at Slippery Rock University for thirty-three years and throughout her tenure was director of the music therapy program.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic Affairs Committee

**Provost's Search:** The search process for the provost's position is drawing to a close. The search generated 79 applications. The committee will hold 11 airport interviews on October 4 and 5, and plan 6 final interviews. The final interview process should be completed by mid-November with a possible decision from the candidate made before the holidays.

**International Education:** The office began planning for the PASSHE Summit entitled Inclusive Excellence and International Education. The conference will be hosted at SRU on November 15 and 16, 2012.

**Academic Integrity Policy:** The Provost approved the Academic Integrity Policy for the institution. The policy spells out the policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, and other types of academic integrity issues, and provides a step by step procedure for exploring complaints. The policy is posted on the SRU website.

**Programs:** The Physics department will now be known as "Physics and Pre-Engineering." The College of Business, Information, and Social Sciences has submitted a Letter of Intent to PASSHE to develop an MBA in a blended format. The program will be taught part online and part at the Regional Learning Alliance. The College of Health, Environment and Science has submitted a Letter of Intent to PASSHE to develop a Master's in Physician Assistant program. The College of Health, Environment, and Social Sciences is also developing a Master's in Nursing program which will be taught online. The Special Education department was approved to offer a certificate that meets the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Autism Endorsement requirements.

### **College of Education: Emeritus Status for Dr. Kathleen Strickland**

Dr. Strickland has been at Slippery Rock University since 1988. She was a professor in the Elementary Education Department from 1988 to 2003 and in the English Department from 2003 to 2009. She was also Assistant Chair and Graduate Program Director from 1988 until 1999. She was Faculty Coordinator for the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Educational Technology (CETET) from 2007-2009. From 2009 until her retirement in 2012, Dr. Strickland served as Dean of the College of Education.

### **College of Humanities, Fine, and Performing Arts**

The college is dedicating Swope Music Building room 103 to Dr. Susan Shuttleworth and is renaming the room the Sue Shuttleworth Music Therapy Clinic.

### **Grants and Sponsored Research**

For the time period May 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, the Grants Office received notification of awards for ten grant proposals totaling \$300,729 with thirteen faculty and staff receiving funding.

**Enrollment Services:**

Fall 2012 data indicate that Slippery Rock's enrollment is down 1.76% overall.  
 College of Business, Information and Social Sciences majors increased by 5.3%  
 College of Health, Environment and Science increased by 7.6%  
 College of Education is down by 16.7%  
 College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts is down by 7.6%

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## Slippery Rock University - Student Profile

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Fall 2012 (Day 15) and Fall 2011 (15th Day)

	2012	2011	+/-	%
<b>Residence *</b>				
In-state	7,574	7,759	-185	-2.38%
<i>UG Out-of-State QPA 150% Tuition</i>	548	526	22	4.18%
<i>UG Out-of-State 200% Tuition</i>	269	265	4	1.51%
<i>Graduate Out-of-State</i>	95	96	-1	-1.04%
Out-of-state Total	912	887	25	2.82%
International	73	66	7	10.61%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,559</b>	<b>8,712</b>	<b>-153</b>	<b>-1.76%</b>
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	3,608	3,664	-56	-1.53%
Female	4,951	5,048	-97	-1.92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,559</b>	<b>8,712</b>	<b>-153</b>	<b>-1.76%</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>				
Non-resident aliens	73	66	7	10.61%
Black, non-Hispanic	408	416	-8	-1.92%
Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native	10	11	-1	-9.09%
Asian	39	51	-12	-23.53%
Hispanic	142	124	18	14.52%
White, non-Hispanic	7,338	7,466	-128	-1.71%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2	1	1	100.00%
Two or more races	142	102	40	39.22%
Unknown	405	475	-70	-14.74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,559</b>	<b>8,712</b>	<b>-153</b>	<b>-1.76%</b>

\*Based on the PA residency code, not the student's permanent home address

### Finance and Audit Committee

Dr. Dennis Murray, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, shared a report provided by Dr. Charles Curry, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Affairs.

The Robert M. Smith Student Center and west parking lot are complete. , The Performing Arts Center design construction documents were approved by DGS August 31, 2012. Patterson Renovation Phase III is under construction. Completion is scheduled for September 2012. The lower campus steam line replacement is complete.

The external auditors, Parente-Beard, concluded their annual audit work for the University financial statements for the June 30, 2012 fiscal year-end. The budget for 12/13 and preliminary 13/14 were completed and submitted to PASSHE on September 4, 2012. The 13/14 budget follows standard PASSHE assumptions and will be updated periodically over the next several months. Travel savings totaled \$26,640.38 for Fiscal Year 2012, ending June 30, 2012. The purchasing office reports a total rebate of \$49,000 with procurement card provider, JP Morgan, which represents a significant increase in savings over the prior year.

Environmental Health and Safety Annual Report FY 2011-2012: Synopsis including metrics for EHS responsibilities including campus fire safety, recycling and workers' compensation and employee safety training. The report was presented to President's Council September 10, 2012.

**Action Items**

- Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders
- Budget FY 2012/2013

**Information Items**

- FY 11/12 Financial Results
- Facilities and Planning Active Project List

**Student Life Committee**

Dr. Robert Marcus, chair of the Student Life Committee, deferred to Dr. Constance Foley, vice president for Student Life, who provided the divisional report.

**Athletics:** The Rock Athletic Department hosted the Slippery Rock Sliders Collegiate Wood Bat team at Critchfield Park and conducted three successful golf outings that provide scholarship support for student-athletes. Eighty-four SRU student athletes were honored by the Division II Athletic Directors Association for having a 3.5 or above cumulative GPA. Two hundred, six SRU student athletes were named PSAC Scholar athletes with a 3.25 or above cumulative GPA, which ranked first in the PSAC with 48% of our student athletes being Scholar athletes. Five SRU athletic teams lead the PSAC in team GPA ranking: Field Hockey, Football, W. Lacrosse, M. Track & Field and W. Track and Field. Athletics also hired a number of new assistant coaches and a Compliance Coordinator.

**Dining Services:** The new food service venues – Starbucks, Quaker Steak & Lube, and Rocky's – successfully opened the Robert M. Smith Student Center. Business has been booming with very positive comments from customers. SRU can boast having the first Quaker Steak & Lube, nationally, located on a college campus. All the food service operations have been busy. The number of students contracting for meal plans has remained steady. The new venues have expanded the type and style of dining options on campus. This, along with target marketing to commuter and off-campus students, has attracted new customers into the operations. Cash and credit/debit card sales have increased.

**Residence Life:** The Office of Residence Life opened with 2875 students residing on campus (99% occupancy). A restorative practice model for building residence hall community was introduced this fall and has already seen positive results. This model, coupled with the Co-Curricular Program, has given the Community Assistants the tools to connect students to each other, the campus community, and the world they live in.

**Robert M. Smith Student Center:** The RMS Student Center opened its doors for business on July 18, 2012. All offices have relocated into the Student Center including, Student Life Administration, Cooperative Activities, Conference Services, Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, Multicultural Development, Women's Center, and the Assistant Vice President for Student Development. Retail operations include the SGA Bookstore, Starbucks, Electronic Technology Center, PNC Bank, Rocky's, and Quaker Steak and Lube. Opening celebratory events included a Flash Mob, Photo Booth, and Scavenger Hunt. Several groups affiliated with the Butler County Chamber of Commerce have rented space for events in the new Student Center Ballroom and meeting rooms.

**University Police:** University police officers participated in numerous training activities including tactical moving and force on force, an Incident Command for first responders and an active shooter course. All officers qualified on a MPOETC (Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission) course of fire with not only their side arms and shotguns but also with the newly acquired patrol rifles. This will provide the officers with another tool in the event of a major violent act on campus.

### **University Advancement Committee**

Ms. Barbara Ender, Vice President for University Advancement shared a report of activities in the absence of Mr. Robert Taylor, chair of the University Advancement Committee.

Gift income for FY 2011-2012 totaled \$2,109,569 reflecting a 3.33% increase over FY 2010-2011.

The Division has coordinated 22 lunches, dinners and events to introduce President Norton to more than 160 alumni and friends of the University. Events included the August 16<sup>th</sup> Meet the President event at the Robert M. Smith Student Center, and most recently a Pittsburgh area alumni event at the Allegheny HYP Club (Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club) on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The President's Inaugural Scholarship Dinner will be held tomorrow evening, September 28, 2012. Proceeds will support the newly created Norton Undergraduate Research Scholarship - 183 guests have registered to attend.

The 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. 160 guests will attend the event in honor of: Anthony Calderaio '83, Gene Collodi '63, Ken Denne '59, Ron Hunt '73 & '75, Sonya Maher '99, Todd Olsen '85, Jim Ward '98, and the 1989-90 Men's Basketball Team and Coaches.

Other upcoming events, including Homecoming on Oct 19-20, are noted in your docket.

### **Governance Committee**

Mr. Young reported that the Governance Committee will meet and discuss the president evaluation process and timeline at the next meeting.

### **Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees (PACT)**

Dr. John Hicks serves as the Slippery Rock University trustee representative and serves on the executive board of PACT.

The Executive Council will meet at the Fall Trustee Conference to be held at Millersville University on October 17-18, 2012.

In other business, Dr. Hicks reported that he has been asked to serve on the sub-committee for Core Purpose 1 – refine the role of a system of public universities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Core Purpose 2 – deals with benefits derived by the Commonwealth through the continuing work of PASSHE. Core Purpose 3 – works on being accountable to students, families, the Commonwealth and each other (and to make the case for continued support and investment). Following the proceedings of our first meeting on Oct. 25, the direction of this subcommittee seems very positive.

At PACT Conferences you can:

- Experience the unique nature of another PASSHE university;
- Interact with talented student leaders;
- Benefit from other PASSHE university best practices and challenges;
- Learn more about innovative programs offered at other PASSHE universities;
- Receive updated information on PASSHE policies, programs, and legal issues that impact the work of trustees, and
- Relax and mingle with other trustees, students, presidents, faculty and PASSHE staff.

### Report of the President

President Cheryl J. Norton provided the President's Report. **(Appendix B)**

### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

#### Contracts (TAB 2)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins the approval of Contracts as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix C)**

#### Fixed Assets (TAB 3)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Murray the approval of Fixed Assets as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix D)**

#### Service and Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 4)

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus the approval of Service and Supply Purchase Orders as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix E)**

#### Budget FY 2012/2013

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Hicks approval of the Budget FY 2012/2013 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix F)**

#### Policy 1.0 Naming of University Facilities/Grounds – Slippery Rock University

Dr. Murray moved, seconded by Ms. Hawkins, approval of Policy 1.0 Naming of University Facilities/Grounds as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix G)**

Policy 1.2 University Weapons

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Murray, approval of Policy 1.2 University Weapons as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix H)**

Resolution – Renaming of Jack C. Dinger Building

Mr. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Marcus, approval of the Resolution – Re-naming of Jack C. Dinger Building. Motion carried unanimously. **(Appendix I)**

*Ms. Hawkins presented the Resolution – Renaming of Jack C. Dinger Building*

**INFORMATION ITEMS (TAB # 8 – TAB # 15)**Next Meeting Dates

**December 6 & 7, 2012**

**March 14 & 15, 2013**

**June 6 & 7, 2013**

University Policies (TAB 8)

Resolution – Honoring the Service of Dr. Kathleen Strickland (TAB 9)

Resolution – Naming the Sue Shuttleworth Music Therapy Clinic (TAB 10)

Personnel Items (TAB 11)

FY 2011-2012 Financial Results (TAB 12)

Facilities and Planning Active Project List (TAB 13)

Divisional Reports (TAB 14)

Emergency Management Update (TAB 15)

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Dennis Murray – Welcome, President Norton! I look forward to working with you. It is apparent the support you have already as you look around the room and see all of us in “Team Norton” t-shirts today in honor of your inauguration. I am happy to be part of your team. Congratulations Chairman Holmes on this successful first meeting as chair. We appreciate your leadership.

Grace Hawkins – It is wonderful to be on campus, as always. President Norton, welcome!

Bob Marcus – It’s always great to be at The Rock! Welcome, President Norton, it’s great to have you here leading SRU.

John Hicks – To Eric Holmes, our Council Chair, congratulations! Some of us were treated to be present as you were sworn in as Commander in the Pittsburgh Police Department, and later the party of celebration was great as well.



To Patrick Burkhart, who takes the reins of the local APSCUF and his effort toward a fair and equitable contract.

To Henry Norton, who will provide support to our President.


To Cheryl Norton, as we hand you our legacy and immediate future; I call upon the memorable lines from Charles Dickens. "We have great expectations" and "God bless us everyone"!

Eric Holmes – Welcome, Dr. Norton! It's a pleasure to be here today. Thank you to my fellow Council members for your dedication to Slippery Rock University.

Joshua Young – To Dr. Norton, welcome, it's a pleasure working with you. Eric, Congratulations on your promotion to Commander. I would also like to acknowledge Courtney in the audience today who will join us at the table when she is officially appointed to her post.

With no further business, the Friday, September 27, 2012 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Mr. Young moved; Ms. Hawkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

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