

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

March 20, 2015

The quarterly business meeting of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University was held Friday, March 20, 2015, in room 321 of the Robert M. Smith Student Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Thomas Breth, chairperson.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chairman Breth welcomed guests to enjoy a video presentation with reflections of SRU's 125th Anniversary Year-Long Celebration, introduced and created by Darcy White, web developer, University Communication and Public Affairs.

Recording of Attendance

Trustees present: Mr. Tom Breth, Mr. Matt Lautman, Mr. Jeff Smith, Ms. Laura Ordaz, Commissioner William McCarrier, Senator Mary Jo White, Dr. Robert Marcus, Ms. Suzanne Vessella, Mr. Robert Taylor

Trustees absent: Mr. Matt Shaner, Dr. Dennis Murray

Call to Amend Meeting Agenda

Trustee Lautman moved to amend the meeting agenda by roll call vote to remove item H, Meal Plan Fees, from Item IX, Items for Council Action, second by Trustee Smith, motion passes 6 in favor-3 opposed:

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| Trustee Breth | Yes | Trustee Marcus | No |
| Trustee Smith | Yes | Senator White | Yes |
| Trustee Ordaz | Yes | Trustee Taylor | No |
| Trustee Vessella | No | Commissioner McCarrier | Yes |
| Trustee Lautman | Yes | | |

Discussion ensued with the question raised as to the validity of Council voting to approve an existing contract. The proposed meal plan calls for an increase of 2.99% according to CPI. Trustee Vessella requests a legal opinion in writing from PASSHE Legal Counsel Joe Miller on this issue.

Amended business meeting agenda striking Item H, Meal Plan Fees. (TAB 18) (Appendix A)

Approval of the March 20, 2015 Meeting Agenda (roll call) (TAB 18) (Appendix A)

Commissioner McCarrier moved, seconded by Mr. Lautman, approval of the March 20, 2015 Meeting Agenda. Motion passed 6-3:

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| Trustee Smith | Yes | Trustee White | Yes |
| Trustee Ordaz | Yes | Trustee Taylor | No |
| Trustee Vessella | No | Commissioner McCarrier | Yes |
| Trustee Lautman | Yes | | |

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Lautman moved, seconded by Commissioner McCarrier, approval of the Friday, December 5, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried with one abstention, Trustee Taylor. (TAB 19)

Presentations

Video Presentation – WSRU-TV Students Jake Miller and Brandon Lombardo’s news package “North Country Brewing Company Distribution Update” selected as finalists of 2014 National Broadcasting Society’s National Undergraduate Student Electronic Media Competition.

Video Presentation – Forward Momentum: Dance at SRU
Jennifer Keller, professor, Dance
Ryan McMullen, Chalice Streitman

Ryan McMullen

My name is Ryan McMullen and I am a senior dance major. The Department of Dance at SRU has helped me succeed in many ways. Most recently the department selected my senior solo to go to the American Dance Association held at Ohio University earlier this month. While in Ohio, the solo was adjudicated by three professionals, and I received terrific feedback. The solo was selected for the closing gala where only 10 out of 45 pieces were selected. This opportunity of showing my work on a larger scale would not have been possible without the positive training and educational experiences I have received here. In addition to performing at ACDA, I also showed the solo in Tallahassee for my graduate school audition. I recently was accepted in Florida State University’s graduate program where I will be focusing on a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Performance and Choreography. I was also given an assistantship where I will be serving as a research assistant for the department co-chair. Receiving this research assistantship is a major accomplishment, considering that these positions are usually given to returning professionals and not someone directly from an undergraduate program. Before moving on from Slippery Rock to Florida State this summer, I will be an Arts Administration intern at the Bates Dance Festival where I will be serving immediately under the festival director, and helping with the behind-the-scenes activities. All of these wonderful opportunities would not have been possible without the help of the Department of Dance. Thank you!

Chalice Streitman

Hello, my name is Chalice Streitman and I am a senior dance major at SRU.

Dance for the camera is a genre of dance that I have developed interest in over my time here at Slippery Rock. My department has provided a multitude of opportunities for me to grow in this subject area including classes, guest artists, my job as the student video archivist, and the learning experiences of writing a grant. Last semester, I spent countless hours working on the Slippery Rock University Student Research Grant. With the guidance of my mentor, Jennifer Keller, I was fortunate to receive this grant. With the money I received, I had the opportunity to travel to New York City to volunteer and participate in the conference. Dance on Camera 2015 held by the Dance Film Association. This was a wonderful learning experience as I networked and observed the association. Currently, I am working on a dance film funded by this grant and will perform a presentation on my process at the Research Symposium on April 16. In addition to this successful

endeavor, I have recently been selected to fill the videography and media internship position at the prestigious Bates Dance Festival this summer in Lewiston, Maine. It is because of the endless support from the faculty and the wonderful opportunities provided to me that I have been able to accomplish so much in these past four years. Thank you.

Public Comments

Chairman Breth welcomed public comments from the audience. Chairman Breth announced individuals to come forward in order as they appeared on the sign-up sheet with a time limit of three minutes per speaker.

Kevin Squires, editor & chief, The Rocket Student Newspaper

Good afternoon. My name is Kevin Squires and I am the editor in chief of the Rocket on campus.

I am pleased to present to Council a copy of our orientation issue, which we completed for the first time for distribution to freshmen. The issue provides helpful tips and advice for new students.

Also, it is my pleasure to share with Council the SRU Rocket Awards for 2014-2015:

Best of Show Award at the CMA/ACP Convention in Philadelphia, PA

Numerous recognitions by the Pennsylvania Press Association – Keystone Awards

Columbia Scholastic Press Association both print and on-line, sponsored by Columbia University

Society of Professional Journalists – Region 4, Mark of Excellence Awards

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with Council today. Thank you for your support of all student organizations on campus. Thank you.

Anna Mease, volleyball player, SRU

Good afternoon. My purpose for addressing Council today is to relay my concerns as a current volleyball player as to why the assistant coach position was eliminated from the program. On behalf of the team, we feel very strongly about the position and ask that there is a review to consider this position.

Chairman Breth thanked Ms. Mease for sharing her comments with Council today. We will discuss this issue with President Norton.

Katie Hill, president, Student Government Association, Inc.

Thank you Chairman Breth. Good afternoon.

Good afternoon Council. I am happy to join all of you today after being in Harrisburg yesterday. It was an eventful day in both the House and the Senate. I was able to provide feedback on campus safety, advisement, and many other factors that attribute to making the state system successful. At first I was a little intimidated, but I saw the value in my stories and the way that I was able to communicate. I think that both the House and the Senate laughed at some of my responses and they seemed to be really receptive to what I had to say.

I hope that all of you enjoyed lunch with the students and had some meaningful conversations. I look forward to seeing this type of program continue for many years. This has been a brand new program implemented this year. In the future I hope that conversations continue regarding students and what they

see on campus so that we can continue to make improvements. I think that it is such a powerful statement to have members of the council and administration meet together to share goals. Students can continue to learn from you and I hope that all of you continue to learn from the students.

As you know this will be my last time giving updates on behalf of the Student Government Association. I will be graduating in May. I have enjoyed my time working with all of you and forming relationships to better this university that we all love dearly.

I wanted to give you a few updates regarding SGA and some of the things that we have been working on since the last time we met.

Our newly formed Board of Directors met and is planning on meeting again very soon. They are excited to start the process and are going to provide a lot of experience and wisdom to our corporation. Next, we have increased the amount of money that is being allocated to each club and organizations that receives a budget through the student activity fee. We decided on a tiered system with the lowest club budgets getting a 10% increase, the middle-sized budgets reviewing a 7% increase and the largest sized budgets receiving a 5% increase. We are finalizing the budgets that clubs and organizations turned in later this week.

Another major project we have undertaken is Project Positivity. This was a new initiative started by Student Government and its primary purpose is to share positive messages on social media. It has really taken off. The process deals with liking and making positive comments more visible and making the negative or derogatory comments disappear. We have done this in many ways. We have made t-shirts, which are now for sale in the bookstore; we have put handprints on a poster to signify people who are also pledging to take the stand against negativity. It really has been a rewarding experience. As a future educator I see the importance of encouraging students at any age and making an effort to stop bullying.

SGA has recently implemented a new communication system to reach out to all administration. This includes the cabinet, associate provosts, and the chief of police. This has served greatly in order to communicate our points across campus. This is a way for everyone to be on the same page in regards to student concerns and current projects and goals.

Lastly, in regards to the fees I wanted to mention a few points. On behalf of SGA I did write a letter to support the fee increases presented to us by the administration and staff. Based on the recommendations we decided that we would support what the administration was proposing. This being said, I want to make sure that all of you understand that SGA did not originally propose the fee increases; we just supported the fees based on the administrations presentations. We saw the benefits of their proposals and through much questioning on the senator side saw that we should support the increased fees. As a student it is hard to support fee increases, but sometimes it necessary to get the results that we think the students need.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be leaving in a few short moments. I am student teaching and I have to do a dance with my fellow teachers. I have been practicing for WEEKS! I will do my best to return depending on when the dance starts and finishes.

Again, I have really learned a lot throughout my time as the president of SGA and I thank all of you for your dedication to this university. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside of such a wonderful Council. Thank you.

Any questions?

Baylee Childress, Vice President, Finance, Student Government Association, Inc.

Good afternoon Council of Trustees. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to provide comments.

I think we can all agree that none of us here enjoy imposing more fees on SRU's students. One of the most wonderful characteristics of this university is the high quality education and robust experiences students receive at a uniquely affordable cost. So it is without questions that members of this council remain skeptical of the proposed fee increases for the upcoming academic year. However, as a student myself, and an elected representative of the student body, I still bring forth our steadfast support.

I am here today to speak on behalf of SGA and the student body in support of the proposed fee increases, as presented to us by the administration. It is not without great consideration and discussion that the senate, with overwhelming majority, voted to support all four fees. Out of a total of 26 votes the food services received unanimous support. The Residence Hall increase received 24 votes in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Both the Student Center and Health Center fees received 24 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

It is my understanding that this Council has in mind the best interest of both current and future students, as does SGA. We are lucky to be part of a university who provides the highest quality amenities and services for all students, still at a low cost. We hope the same can be said for students to come. Both current and future students deserve traditional and affordable living quarters that are ADA compliant, comfortable, functional, and most importantly safe, sustained health services which have proven to be both effective and highly valued; continued efficient and student friendly food services, and a readily accessible center for all student activities and engagement. As students we hold SRU to the highest standards, so we feel it is only fair that we uphold our part as responsible consumers. We cannot demand more without contributing more. With the highest regards, I strongly urge you to take into account our student perspective.

Furthermore, although a proposal has not been put forth today, I would like to take this time to suggest the reconsideration of parking fees at SRU. With this year's influx of freshmen and increase in commuters, parking continues to be an increasingly burdensome issue on this campus. As students we view this particular issue as a promising potential revenue source and a starting place for parking regulation. Last year the proposal introduced the roll out of increases over a three year time span beginning at \$25, followed by \$50, ending at \$75 in the third year. If this fee were to be considered we would propose a very similar model. Just some food for thought.

Now it's time for me to step off my soapbox, but first, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration. I wish you all the best and appreciate all that you do for our beloved SRU and its students. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

PRESENTATIONS

Commendations:

Chairman Tom Breth presented the following commendations on behalf of Council:

Recognized SRU Student Volunteer Firefighters: (Appendices B1 – B8)

Jessica Beatty

Brandon Dishler

Bill (William) Hewitt

Connor Mayes

Cameron Delestienne

Evan George

Ryan Satira

Annie (Anastasia) Preininger

Ms. Barbara Ender, vice president, University Advancement, on the occasion of her retirement. Slippery Rock University recognizes Barbara Ender for her outstanding contributions to the University and wishes her all the best as she creates the “next chapter” of her life. (Appendix B9)

Ms. Laura Ordaz, student trustee, for her outstanding service to the University as the student representative to the SRU Council of Trustees. We especially recognize your leadership in fostering communication between and among the trustees and students, the integrity you demonstrated in the face of having to make hard decisions, and the honor you have brought to the University through your dedication and achievements. (Appendix B10)

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes on the occasion of your graduation from Slippery Rock University

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Cheryl J. Norton provided remarks (Appendix B)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee (Agenda, Appendix C)

Mr. Jeff Smith, chair, provided the following report:

The Governance Committee met this morning to discuss a number of items:

There were no action items brought forward at the committee meeting.

The following information items were presented to Council:

1) President’s Evaluation Update provided by Trustee Smith, chair, Evaluation Committee

The President’s Triennial Evaluation is underway and we had the opportunity to meet with 16 constituency groups and over 50 individuals earlier this week to gather comments and feedback about the progress of the institution and any areas of improvement to make this an even better institution.

Dr. John Moore is the facilitator of the evaluation process and he will be providing his report in the next few weeks. The next steps are to review the report and work in cooperation with PASSHE to have a final evaluation submitted by early June.

Trustee Smith extended thanks to Trustees McCarrier, Taylor and Breth for their participation in the evaluation process and meeting with groups.

Chairman Breth extended special thanks on behalf of Council to Trustee Smith for overseeing and organizing the evaluation process. “This took considerable time and it is an important process, and we thank you for your efforts.”

2) Minors on Campus Policy Update presented by Holly McCoy, AVP, Diversity and Equal Opportunity/Title IX Coordinator. As a sign of the times, there is a legal requirement for all employees, boards, and volunteers of the institution to complete background checks.

3) Executive Order 2015-01 “Executive Branch Employee Gift Ban,” Joe Miller, PASSHE legal counsel. Essentially, this is the requirement that trustees cannot receive gifts from any source associated or doing business with the university.

4) Governor’s Stipulation of Contract Approval, Joe Miller, PASSHE legal counsel. This was a discussion item to review additional steps in the contract approval process.

This concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (Agenda, Appendix D)

Mr. Matt Lautman provided the following report on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met yesterday afternoon and reviewed a number of items for Council action:

The committee recommended approval of the Master of Science in Data Analytics. Dr. Richard Marchand, Professor, Mathematics, provided a detailed presentation of the program proposal to Council.

The committee also discussed the following fee proposals for action:

- 1) Increase of \$12 per semester for the Smith Student Center Fee (committee recommended consideration by the full board)
- 2) 7% increase to Health Service Fee (committee recommended approval of the increase for consideration by the full board)
- 3) 2% increase to Residence Life Fee (committee recommended consideration by the full board)
- 4) Meal Plan Fee, the item was discussed with continued discussion at the Finance Committee)

Also noted, Ms. Baylee Childress, vice president, Finance, Student Government Association, provided comments at the committee meeting similar to what you heard during public comments as it pertains to the proposed fee increases.

Other items for information:

- 1) SGA Letter of Support provided by Ms. Katie Hill, President, Student Government Association. On March 2, 2015 the Student Government Association voted in support of the four proposed fees.
- 2) SRU Action Plan was reviewed.

That concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

Finance and Audit Committee (Agenda, Appendix E)

Sen. Mary Jo White chairs the Finance and Audit Committee. The committee met yesterday to review a number of items for action and information. In addition to the routine items, there were three presentations:

- Introduction of new finance staff; Ms. Cara Kriebel, Senior Budget Analyst and Mr. John Simon, Assistant Controller
- Dr. Amir Mohammadi, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Affairs, presented the Capital Budget for action by the Council
 - Priority #1 – McKay Renovations FY 15-16, \$1.8 Million – Justification: The building plumbing and windows are nearing the end of their life cycle and are in need of replacement.
 - Priority #2 – Student Success Center FY 16-7, \$16.8 Million – Justification: The need to consolidate student services into a prominent location on campus. This item was previous approved by Council March 2014.
 - Priority #3 – Replace Campus Electrical Infrastructure FY 19-20, \$11.8 Million

Justification: The campus high voltage cabling and the upper campus switchgear are approaching the end of their life cycle and need to be replaced. Adding a second set of cables will improve the reliability of the system.

Priority #4 – Morrow Field House FY 20-21, \$27.5 Million Justification: The HVAC and plumbing systems are at the end of their useful lives; renovations needed for full ADA compliance in locker rooms.

- Mr. Jim Dillon, PASSHE Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, presented the University Financial Dashboard. Senator White commented that this presentation was very well received by Council and we are so pleased that SRU continues to be an outstanding performer in PASSHE.

Additional action items recommended by the committee to move forward for Council approval:

- 1) Contracts, Fixed Assets, Service and Supply Purchase Orders – Senator White commented that these are routine items and the committee recommends approval.

Information items included the financial report, the Facilities and Planning Project List, and HR personnel items.

This concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

University Advancement Committee (Agenda, Appendix F)

Ms. Barbara Ender, Vice President, University Advancement, provided the report in the absence of Mr. Matt Shaner, chair.

The University Advancement Committee met yesterday afternoon with a number of items discussed with the committee. Also joining Barbara Ender at the committee meeting were Ed Bucha, Executive Director, SRU Foundation and Samantha Swift, Director of Development.

Gift Income as of the end of the most recent quarter (December 31, 2014) totaled \$1,838,173, reflecting a 46.93% increase compared to the previous year. The value of the endowment is \$25,649,836: which represents the combined totals of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. and Slippery Rock University Alumni Association endowments.

Gift income resulting from fall semester Annual Fund appeals total \$320,000, which is consistent with FY 13-14 annual contributions. Direct mail and email solicitations increased 5.8% over the same period last year. The phonathon program continues to evolve and adapt to an increased population of cell-phone users. As a result, direct mail and email appeals will be relied on more heavily to attract and retain annual donors.

The Campus Family Campaign, which concluded on December 31, 2014, finished with a total of \$156,947 in gifts and pledges from approximately 57% of the campus community. Ten units received 100% participation. New initiatives that directly address pay roll deduction donors, some of the campaign's most loyal contributors, will be introduced.

More than 250 alumni and guests attended Florida alumni receptions (March 2-6) in Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Naples, Bradenton, Venice, Tampa, The Villages, and Orlando. President Norton was the special guest, and Barbara Ender and Samantha Swift also participated in the events.

The annual scholarship luncheon will take place April 11. This event affords the opportunity to provide stewardship to donors and friends of the University. Student scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to meet the donor of their scholarship. New Lifetime Giving Society members will also be recognized.

Barbara extended thanks and recognition to Laura Ordaz for her fortitude and thoughtfulness in bringing forward at the last meeting the opportunity to establish a Trustee Fund for Leadership Experiences Abroad.

This concludes my report, Chairman Breth.

Executive Session

Council met this morning in executive session with President Norton.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Contracts (TAB 6)

Senator White moved, seconded by Trustee McCarrier, approval of the Contracts. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

Fixed Assets (TAB 7)

Senator White moved, seconded by Trustee McCarrier, approval of the Fixed Assets. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

Service & Supply Purchase Orders (TAB 8)

Senator White moved, seconded by Trustee McCarrier, approval of the Service & Supply Purchase Orders. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

Master of Science in Data Analytics (TAB 9)

Trustee Lautman moved, seconded by Senator White, approval of the Master of Science in Data Analytics to move forward for Board of Governor's approval. Motion carried unanimously. (Appendix J)

Capital Budget Submission FY 15-16 (TAB 10)

Senator White moved, seconded by Trustee McCarrier, approval of the Cabinet Budget Submission, FY 15-16. Role Call Vote. Motion passes, 6 in favor – 3 opposed. (Appendix K)

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| Trustee Taylor | No | Trustee Ordaz | Yes |
| Trustee White | Yes | Trustee Lautman | Yes |
| Trustee Marcus | No | Trustee Smith | Yes |
| Trustee Breth | Yes | | |

Smith Student Center Fees (TAB 11)

Trustee Lautman moved, seconded by Trustee Ordaz, approval of the Smith Center Fees. (Appendix L)

Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Vessella, moved to amend the original motion for the Smith Student Center Fee. Trustee Taylor recommended approval to increase the Smith Student Center fee as proposed today, with a mandate to establish that no request for additional fee increases are brought to Council for consideration earlier than FY 2019-2020. Roll Call Vote. Motion fails, 3 in favor-6 opposed.

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| Trustee Smith | No | Trustee White | No |
| Trustee Lautman | No | Trustee Taylor | Yes |
| Trustee Ordaz | No | Trustee Vessella | Yes |
| Trustee Marcus | Yes | | |

Following discussion, Chairman Breth called for a roll call on the original motion. Roll Call Vote. Motion passes, 5 in favor-4 opposed.

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| Trustee Smith | No | Trustee White | Yes |
| Trustee Lautman | Yes | Trustee Taylor | No |
| Trustee Ordaz | Yes | Trustee Vessella | No |
| Trustee Marcus | No | | |

(\$12.00 increase per semester; the semester fee for 2015-2016 will be \$210.50)

Health Services Fees (TAB 12)

Senator White moved, seconded by Trustee Lautman, approval of the Health Services Fees. Roll Call Vote. Motion passes, 5 in favor – 4 opposed. (Appendix M)

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| Trustee Smith | No | Trustee White | Yes |
| Trustee Lautman | Yes | Trustee Taylor | No |
| Trustee Ordaz | Yes | Trustee Vessella | No |
| Trustee Marcus | No | | |

(7% increase of the current fee (\$145.00); resulting in a \$10.50 increase per semester. The semester fee for 2015-16 will be \$155.50)

Residence Life Fees (TAB 14)

Trustee Lautman moved, seconded by Commissioner McCarrier, approval of the Residence Life Fees. Roll Call Vote. Motion passes, 5 in favor – 4 opposed. (Appendix N)

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| Trustee Smith | No | Trustee White | Yes |
| Trustee Lautman | Yes | Trustee Taylor | No |
| Trustee Ordaz | Yes | Trustee Vessella | No |
| Trustee Marcus | No | | |

(2% increase in the traditional residence hall fees)

Title Change - Trustee Fund for Leadership Experience Abroad Scholarship (Shared in Committee)

Jeff Smith moved, seconded by Trustee Lautman, approval to amend the name of the Trustee Fund for Leadership Experiences Abroad to more accurately reflect the person who was responsible and passionate about moving this scholarship opportunity forward for students. The name shall be amended to now be known as **The Laura Ordaz Trustee Fund for Leadership Experiences Abroad**. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Breth acknowledged Laura Ordaz for her good work in bringing this scholarship opportunity to life. We thank you for your commitment to students and for being an example to others of what great things can happen when you have a passion for a cause to help others. Congratulations!

INFORMATION ITEMS

Meeting Dates 2015

June 4 & 5, 2015

HR Personnel Items (TAB 15) (Appendix O)

Financial Report (TAB 16) (Appendix P)

Facilities and Planning Active Project List (Cabinet Report) (TAB 17) (Appendix Q)

Divisional Reports (TAB 20)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Suzanne Vessella – Chairman Breth, I would ask to please have a legal opinion provided on our failure to vote on the meal plan fee. Thank you.

Bob Marcus – It was a pleasure taking part in the meeting today. Safe travels and best wishes,

Matt Lautman – Thank you, Katie Hill, for your leadership as President of SGA. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. We will miss you, but know that you will stay connected to SRU always. Baylee Childress, thank you for bringing your comments on behalf of SGA to the ASA Committee and to the business meeting. You spoke with such eloquence and we appreciated hearing the voice of the students with regard to the student fee proposals. To Mike and Brie, the two student ambassadors I had the privilege of having lunch with today. We had a very good discussion about the student fees. The conversation was so good and it was so impressive to see how much thought they put into casting their votes as members of SGA. Laura – you are so impressive and we wish you the best!

Commissioner Bill McCarrier – It was a real pleasure participating in the interviews for the President's Evaluation and the enthusiasm of the faculty, staff, administration and students. Everyone is very enthusiastic about the incredible work that is being done at this university. Congratulations to those who spoke today, Kevin from the Rocket, and how wonderful to see the commendations to the student

volunteer fire fighters. Their service is so important to the Slippery Rock community – thank you! Katie, thank you for your leadership; you are always so positive and your smile and enthusiasm is appreciated. Laura – you have been such a wonderful voice for the students and it was a pleasure serving on the board with you. It is amazing to see the wonderful things people are doing at this university and I am so pleased to be a part of it.

Jeff Smith – I am finishing my second year here, this place has become my second home. I am so proud to be part of Rock Nation. I've learned so much from President Norton and her leadership. Laura and Katie and the students are just incredible. My favorite part of trustees meeting is lunch at Boozel. It's been a great experience and thanks for letting me be part of the family.

Senator Mary Jo White - Hearing about the financial dashboard was an uplifting experience and the challenge is to keep us in the green zone. The fees have always been a challenging discussion and it takes much discussion and reflection to reach a decision on these issues. We appreciate the voice of the students. We appreciate the board and how we are able to disagree without being disagreeable. I am happy to serve with this group of people who are earnest in their support of SRU. There is no doubt we all have the students best interest at heart. And, congratulations and best wishes to Barbra Ender on her well-deserved retirement.

Laura Ordaz – Thank you to the trustees and the administration. This has been an awesome experience working with incredible people seeing the level of passion and how everyone cares about the students and their futures. I miss you all. Thank you.

Tom Breth – I always learn more every time I come to campus and participate in these meetings. It is so wonderful to see the students and their diverse interests and the passion in they have in what they are doing here. The people here are wonderful. It is my extreme pleasure to have the opportunity to serve. It's been a wonderful meeting today and we have a full house. We hope to see many of you again in June.

With no further business, the Friday, March 20, 2015 Council of Trustees meeting at Slippery Rock University adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Trustee Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Lautman, a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



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