

Slippery Rock Student Government Association (SRSGA) Code of Ethics

Preamble

As members of the Slippery Rock Student Government Association (SRSGA), we commit to upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct in our service to the student body and the university community. This Code of Ethics is founded on the principles outlined in our Constitution and Bylaws, and serves as a guide for our actions and decision-making.

1. Representation and Advocacy

- We shall strive to advance, support, and advocate on behalf of all students, ensuring their voices are heard and their rights are protected.
- We commit to preserving, protecting, and defending the rights of student members and creating positive change within the university community.

2. Integrity and Transparency

- We shall conduct all SRSGA business with honesty, integrity, and transparency.
- We will maintain accurate records of all meetings, financial transactions, and decisionmaking processes, making this information readily available to the student body.

3. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

- We shall promote and embrace diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in all aspects of our work and interactions.
- We commit to addressing concerns related to DEIB and social justice, ensuring all students feel represented and valued.

4. Responsible Leadership

- We shall fulfill our duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws to the best of our abilities.
- We commit to maintaining the required GPA and attending all necessary meetings and events as stipulated in our governing documents.

5. Conflict of Interest

- We shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest, including holding executive positions in other campus organizations.
- We will recuse ourselves from discussions and decisions where we have a personal interest that may compromise our objectivity.

6. Respectful Conduct

- We shall treat all students, faculty, staff, and community members with respect and dignity.
- We commit to fostering an environment where diverse ideas can be freely shared and discussed.

7. Responsible Use of Resources

- We shall manage and allocate Student Activity Fee funds and other resources responsibly and in the best interest of the student body.
- We commit to following all financial policies and procedures as outlined in the SRSGA Financial Policies.

8. Continuous Improvement

- We shall strive for continuous improvement in our personal conduct and in the operations of the SRSGA.
- We commit to regularly reviewing and updating our governing documents and practices to better serve the student body.

9. Accountability

- We shall hold ourselves and each other accountable for adhering to this Code of Ethics and the principles outlined in our Constitution and Bylaws.
- We commit to following the established procedures for addressing misconduct, including the dismissal and impeachment processes when necessary.

10. Commitment to Education

- We shall support and promote the academic mission of Slippery Rock University.
- We commit to addressing academic issues brought forth by students and working collaboratively with university administration to enhance the educational experience.

11. Professional Relationships and Conduct

- All members commit to prioritizing their SRSGA responsibilities and maintaining a respectful environment, regardless of personal relationships. If personal relationships affect organizational functioning, members shall work with SRSGA leadership to address and resolve issues appropriately.
- Members in leadership positions shall exercise professional judgement regarding romantic relationships with other SRSGA members to avoid conflicts of interest.

By adhering to this Code of Ethics, we uphold the trust placed in us by the student body and contribute to the betterment of Slippery Rock University. We recognize that our actions reflect not only on ourselves but on the SRSGA and the university as a whole.

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