

10/3/2022 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/3/2022]

Meeting called to order on [10/3/2022] at [8:06 pm] in ASB 522

I. Roll Call

- a. President Paolo Miyashiro-Bedoya
- b. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
- c. Senate President Ashley Gomez
- d. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
- e. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- f. Graduate Senator: Andy Annucci
- g. ASB School Senator: Daeun Mun(absent excused)
- h. CA School Senator: Janelle Boamah
- i. HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta
- j. TAS School Senator: Samikshya Pokharel
- k. Senator Ivonne Ovalles
- l. Senator Kristina Hollosi
- m. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (absent excused)
- n. Senator Shanel Lopez
- o. Senator Brandon Rivera (absent excused)
- p. Senator Madison Weeks (absent excused)
- q. Senator Daniel Rajakumar
- r. Senator Riley Stein
- s. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- t. Senator Abigail Rojas
- u. Senator Shubhashree Shahi
- v. Senator Prashant Shah
- w. Senator Bibhu Bhatta
- x. Senator Vincent Bollota

- i. Present:
- ii. Late:
- iii. Excused: Madison Weeks

II. Mission Statement

The Ramapo College Student Government Association serves as the persistent voice of the student body. While representing the student body and the ideals of Ramapo College of New Jersey, the Student Government Association, through unity in diversity, embraces student leadership in all forms.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. [9/26/2022 Senate Meeting Agenda](#)
- b. Moved by Vincent, Second Bibhu
- c. 12-0-3

IV. President's Announcements - Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

- a. Friendly Reminders
 - i. Self-Care/Mental Health
 - ii. Kindness, Respect, Professionalism
 - iii. Event Reminders
 - iv. General Reminders
- b. 1 on 1s w/ Paolo
 - i. If you want to meet with me 1 on 1, GroupMe DM/email me.
- c. Report from BOT 10/3
- d. October is Queer and Trans History & Disability Awareness Month
 - i. Be on the lookout for programs from the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services & Office of Specialized Services
- e. [Ask, Listen, Refer Training](#) (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)
 - i. Upload Certificate of Completion to [Google Folder](#) by 10/10.
- f. Currently advertising for open Cabinet positions. If anyone's interested, please direct them to sgapresident@ramapo.edu.
 - i. Secretary of Sustainability
- g. Temporary Student Governor Search
 - i. Student Rep on Board of Governors
 - ii. Reach out to sgapresident@ramapo.edu
- h. Save the Dates
 - i. [Upcoming Events:](#)

1. **Diversity Day Tabling:** Thursday 10/6, 12 - 3 pm, Grove
 2. **ACS's Pink Tie Formal:** Wednesday 10/5, 6 pm, Pavilion
 3. **Pridefest Tabling:** Wednesday 10/12, 12 - 4 pm, Grove
 4. **The College Tour Screening Event:** Thurs 10/13, 6 - 8 pm, Sharp Theater
- ii. [Oktoberfest: 10/13 - 10/15](#)
- iii. **The Inauguration of President Jebb:** Friday 10/14, 2 - 4 pm, Bradley Center Arena
- i. Current Projects:
- i. Planning Upcoming Speakers at General
 1. Jack Nesmith, Coordinator of Student Activities: "Leading w/ Style: SGA Edition", 10/5
 2. Mike Cunningham, Director of Facilities & Critical Infrastructure Security, and Nicole Jones, Manager of Business Services

V. New Business

Liaison Reports

- A. Andrew- HGS Dean: More humanities clubs, opportunities, marketing in A and B wing, personal thank you for Dean's list
- Financial Aid: Student loan forgiveness applications, building awareness towards grants
- B. Sami- TAS Dean: Making research more accessible, research panel for TAS, concern of a professor who is offering extra credit for taking a 1 credit class; unfair to students who can't afford the class
- Cahill Center: help from SGA for research panel for TAS
- C. Andy- Graduate Council: Survey about graduate students mental health, resources, etc., graduate friendly programming
- Student accounts: Promotions for scholarships, changes in billing policies
- D. Janelle- CSI: Commuter affairs- focus groups to help them get more engaged, ramapo news- 2nd release, wrpr, yearbook- photos for seniors in october, roadrunner central- yankee game, CPB, Greek Life, new employee, 4 broadway shows this semester, similar program like daily digest for commuters
- E. Ivonne- Center for Student Success: October is advisement month, priority registration October 31(tentative date), Mandatory tutoring for students who are a few points below CRW101 class, new canvas course, raise awareness for advisory council, more full time professors
- F. Kristina- Facilities: Waste management in Village and CPA's, Trash bags outside when trash bins are not present, \$200 per overflowing trash, recycling cannot be in plastic bags, electric charging stations

grants/funding, water bottle fill station locations and funding, seating outside ASB second floor balcony needs funding

- G. Daniel- Dining Services: quality of food at Birch, healthier options, survey about experiences at dining hall, problems dining services staff are facing, modifying flex amount for students to reflect inflation, vegan bar in Birch, providing food for Oktoberfest, South African chef at Birch, Birch is hiring, promoting Birch, issues with understaffing, inflation, supply chain, 65% of students have Simple 7
- H. Prashant- ITS: Fixed village wifi, identifying wifi issues across campus, upgrading classroom technology, \$2 million towards cyber security, ITS resources, SGA assisting in communicating problems directly to helpdesk, budget cuts and lack of staff, printers
- I. Riley- Title IX: Violence awareness week Oct. 17th, survey being sent out soon, struggles with marketing
- J. Evelyn- Public Safety: Lighting survey tour, trunk or treat, community outreach, 1:1 forums with Greek Life, ALICE training Oct. 13th and Dec. 6th, reflective strips on gates, hornets nest on ASB, parking for SGA commuters in Mackin, monthly checks on call boxes, tabling
- K. Bibhu- Student Conduct: disciplinary review board members applications due Oct. 10th, raising awareness about Good Samaritan, misinformation about disciplinary hearings should be reported to Student Conduct
- L. Shanel- Learning Commons: reservation system fairness, Starbucks opening time bill proposal
- M. Leyla- OSS: parking decals have changed; there is now a hanging-decal ticket, Informing faculty on disabilities, bettering automatic door openers, student tutoring budget reduced.
Residence Life- Stairwell Agreement; addressing complaints per resident before reaching out to RAs and Psafe, RA meal plan modification to reflect inflation, RA Selection: Application online Oct. 11th due Dec 16th, Interest meetings TBA, Housing selection and Spring intent
- N. Ashley- Dean SSHS: Mentorship program applications by Nov., trial month in December for the Spring, not a requirement just a resource, advisory council
- O. Village: Thomas's House of Horror Co-Sponsorship
 - i. Wednesday October 19th from 8-10pm
 - 1. Need Funds for Costumes= [\\$25](#)

2. Marketing

- Social media promotion
- Worth of mouth promotion ie; Promotion at SGA meetings

VI. Open Forum

- One Step
- Scholarships due Oct. 10th

VII. Adjournment

Moved Ivonne, Second Andy