

# 11/28/2022 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 11/28/2022]

**Meeting called to order on [11/28/2022] at [8:04 pm] in ASB 522**

## **I. Roll Call**


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

- i. Present:
- ii. Late:
- iii. Absent: Abigail Rojas, Vincent Bollotta

## 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.*

## II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a.  11/21/22 Senate Meeting Minutes
  - i. Moved: Ivonne
  - ii. Second: Andy
  - iii. 12-0-4

## III. President's Announcements - Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

- a. Interim Senate Election Applications are live! [Tell your friends to apply using this link](#). Deadline is 11/30 at 11:59 pm.
  - i. 2 Senator-at-Large positions will be open by the end of the semester.
- b. November is Native American Heritage Month. [Visit EDIC website for more info.](#)
- c. [Faculty Advisement Form](#)
- d. ALICE Training: Wednesday 11/30, 6 - 9 pm. [Sign up here.](#)
  - i. Bring your friends! Just sign up their name
- e. Strategic Plan Dialogue Sessions
  - i. Will update when info is announced
- f. Provost Finalists Open Forum
  - i. Wednesday, Nov. 30th
    - 1. All-College Open Forum: 11:00-11:45, Alumni Lounges (SC-158)
    - 2. Student Forum: 3:30-4:00, ASB-135
  - ii. Thursday, Dec. 1st
    - 1. All-College Open Forum: 11:00-11:45, Alumni Lounges (SC-157)
    - 2. Student Forum: 3:15-3:45, Trustees Pavilion 2
  - iii. Monday, Dec. 5th
    - 1. All-College Open Forum: 11:00-11:45, Alumni Lounges (SC-158)
    - 2. Student Forum: 3:15-3:45, ASB-135

- iv. Tuesday, Dec. 6th
  - 1. All-College Open Forum: 11:00-11:45, Trustees Pavilion 3
  - 2. Student Forum: 3:15-3:45, ASB-135
- g. Reminder: Upcoming Meetings
  - i. **11/30:** Megan Johnston & Marie-Danielle Attis (*Healthy Love Party*) (2 pm)
    - 1. Uma Mahalingam, AD of First-Generation Student Center & First-Gen Action Team (*1st Gen Initiatives*) (2:30 pm)
  - ii. **12/7:** Last General Meeting
    - 1. 1 - 2 pm: Meeting; 2 - 3:30 pm: Celebration!!
- h. Save the Dates
  - i. [Upcoming Events](#)
  - ii. Spring Training: Sunday 1/22, 5 - 8 pm, Location TBD
    - 1. Required for all members, including Delegates
  - iii. Basketball Double Header: Athletics wants to host us in the Skybox with Pizza!! Mark your calendars for Wednesday 2/1/2023 at 5 pm!

## V. New Business

- a. Liaison Reports
  - i. Public Safety (Evelyn Voitsekhovich)
    - 1. Rave Guardian tablings 12/1 and 12/8 above atrium from 3-5, only one blue light is currently broken, canned food drive lasting until the end of november - proceeds passed to food pantry (call public safety anytime 24/7 for access to food pantry), AEDs in buildings are a possibility, placing cameras and blue light boxes into the parking deck is a possibility, new public safety officers have been hired.
  - ii. Andrew Taranta - Financial Aid : Please be aware of the lawsuits stopping student debt relief.
    - 1. HGS Dean: - Received list of dean advisory council working on a date to meet
    - 2. Athletics Liaison - will meet with Jan soon, work towards organizing the event in February.
  - iii. Madison Weeks - OVP:
    - 1. I may attend a possible Rave Guardian training with Rick Marsh during the VIP winter training 1/14 or 1/15

2. OVP asks for support and attendance to the following events for anyone who is interested
    - a. NJ Coalition Zoom Conference 9AM - 4:30PM 11/30 B-216, 12/1 B-118
    - b. Zoom Survivor's Rights 12/6 @ 1PM
    - c. Coffee and Tea with OVP the first week of finals
  3. OVP has still not received their money from the Take Back the Night co-sponsorship
    - a. They are in contact with Noe
- iv. Facilities (Kristina):
1. Signage for roads behind Mackin and Bischoff will be installed soon
  2. Electric changing station: Facilities will keep the next Facilities liaison updated on information on that, and Nicole also said she'd let me know if anything important happens with that
  3. Recycling: SGA to spread awareness about and encourage the students to review recycling websites, there is too much contamination of recycling containers on campus, especially at residence buildings  
<https://www.ramapo.edu/ramapo-green/recycling-checklist/>. No plastic bags and of course no food waste can be put in recycling. Many students don't seem to know that recycling cannot be put in the bins in plastic trash bags.
- v. Center for Student Success (Ivonne Ovalles)
1. Advisement Team Staffing updates
    - a. A new advisor has been hired, and the search committee is being assembled for Paula's retiring
  2. First Gen Student Center
    - a. A website will soon be made,
    - b. New home for the 40% of our student body who are first in their family to earn a Bachelor's Degree to nurture a sense of belonging at Ramapo!
  3. Last date to withdraw from classes: 11/18/22
    - a. Wellness Day (No classes and offices open): 11/23/22, as part of the original plan of the calendar. For next year, Provost is offering two Wellness Days.
3. New Registrar will be starting in January.
    1. With the introduction of WWS 9

4. Future Advisement Workshop Topics with FRC
  - a. new topics will be introduced to address a bigger population of students
  
- vi. Information Technology Services (ITS) [Prashant Shah]
  1. The G-suite will be upgraded to enable 2 FA during the next semester when school is in session.
  2. Ramapo's website will now be hosted on a cloud server instead of a local server. This makes backup more secure and eliminates the risk of a blackout.
  3. Banner self-service will be updated completely on December 10. This will boost the registration speed and increase the number of servers allocated to handle the traffic.

#### IX. Office of Student Accounts & Graduate Programs (Andy)

##### Office of Student Accounts

- Plans for a social media page to inform students about policies that exist within the Office of Student Accounts
- Discussion of Tabling in the Spring or Following fall in either the Fishbowl or by the Bookstore. Idea has not yet been approved , but it has been pitched and I am waiting to hear back from my liaison at this time.

##### Graduate Council

- Planning for Graduate Welcome Week in Spring
- Possible renovation of Graduate Program portion of Ramapo Website

#### Ashley Gomez- SSHS Dean Aaron Lorenz

- SSHS Mentor application will be sent out on November 30 and will be open until December 12th.
- Dean Lorenz will be adding a design on the screens in G wing( SSHS Sector) and ASB as this is where Dean Lorenz's office is located.
- Dean's recognition will be brought up at the next Dean's meeting. Dean Lorenz will be adding it to the

agenda.

- Meet the Dean: Nov. 14-18 few people attended.
- Conversations on race event on Dec. 7th
- SSHA Advisory Council will begin in the Spring; please reach out if you are interested in being in the council.

Shubhashree Shahi- Registrar

- Gearing up for final, final grades for this semester will be up by 3rd Jan 2023 as much as possible
- New registrar coming for next semester
- Winter semester starts on 22nd december

Shanel- Admissions

- All new staff members who were hired in October have started and are doing great visiting high schools in the region
- We are currently up, year over year, in first year applications- 15%
- We hosted 2 successful open houses and campus tours this fall
- We are beginning application review this week for our early decision and early action applicants
- We are partnering with the EOF office on planning to host 20 or so groups through a grant we received from the state of NJ between now and June

Daniel Rajakumar - Dining Service

- The vegan takeover was a success! Look forward to see more vegan food at Birch.
- They might look into installing a microwave at Atrium, but not yet at Birch due to lack of open space and electricity.
- Will not be providing kosher and halal foods prepared and served “under strict supervision” anytime soon due to its expenses and lack of student needs.
- They might look into improving food labeling, but they are unsure what they are lacking. They are looking for specific examples. They are unwilling to invest their time including every ingredient on the label.
- They are looking into keeping Starbucks open on Friday, but they can not open just for a few students. Dining Service wants to see more students interested on this issue to move forward.

Patricia Kalaidjian- Center for Health and Counseling

-together all program-safe, online community to share feelings anonymously and get support to improve mental health and wellbeing. empowers members to anonymously seek and provide support within a safe community that is monitored and moderated by licensed clinicians 24/7. students may be unwilling to go to the counseling center due to stigma

-replacement for the app discussed to help with waitlists and help students feel more welcome at Ramapo  
con: costs \$14 000 per year

pro: used by many schools and all their students benefit from it

is a bill useful for this if we think this is a good idea?yes, include statistics. frame as sga supporting initiative and necessary steps will be taken to allow this to happen. include statistics.

- b. Land Acknowledgement Bill- [Senate Bill 2022-08 Lunaape Land Acknowledgement](#)
- c. Motion to Table
- d. Moved: Janelle Second: Andy
- e. 17-0-0
- f. Constitutional Amendment (Revision of Judicial Panel) - Janea
  - i. FORMAL LEGISLATION: [Senate Bill 2022-9: Constitutional Amendment - Judicial Pane...](#)
  - ii. NEW CONSTITUTION:  
[JUDICIAL UPDATES - SGA Constitution \(Last Updated oct 2022\)](#)
  - iii. SUPPORTING DOCUMENT: [Judicial Panel Updates 10/21/22](#)
  - iv. Motion to Table
  - v. Moved: Ivonne Second: Riley
  - vi. 17-0-0

## VI. Public Comment

## **VII. Open Forum**

Ivonne- Suggested name tags for senate meetings

Janelle- Snowball Friday @9pm in Friends Hall \$5 CASH ONLY for Ramapo Students \$10 for Non-students, please purchase tickets in advance

Daniel- Anonymous voting?

Aime- Add your bills to the drive if you haven't already

Ashley- Liaison reports for people who haven't done it are due next meeting

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**Moved: Ivonne Second: Andy**