

11/7/2022 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 11/7 /2022]

Meeting called to order on [11/7/2022] at [8:08] 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
- 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)
- n. Senator Shanel Lopez
- o. Senator Brandon Rivera (Absent)
- p. Senator Madison Weeks
- 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 Bollotta

- i. Present:
- ii. Late: Abigail Rojas
- iii. Excused: Janea Tozer-Murphy

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.  10/24/22 Senate Meeting Agenda
 - i. Moved: Ivonne
 - ii. Second: Riley
 - iii. 14-0-1

IV. President's Announcements - Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

- a. Founders' Day = 22/10. Thank you thank you thank you!!!
- b. Spring Registration & Schedule Reminder: Keep Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm & Mondays 8 - 10 pm available
- c. November is Native American Heritage Month. [Visit EDIC website for more info.](#)
- d. This week is Black Solidarity Week. [Visit EDIC website for more info.](#)
- e. Election Day is tomorrow 11/8. Please vote if you are able!
 - i. If you are already registered to vote, please pledge to vote [here](#). RCNJ is participating in Ballot Bowl, a friendly competition among NJ colleges and universities that encourages college students to get registered, pledge to vote and actually vote. If you are not yet registered, you can register [here](#). Not sure if you're registered? Check [here](#).
 - ii. Election Night Watch Party: Tues 11/8, 7 - 10 pm, J' Lee's
- f. Lighting Survey moved to this Thursday 11/10, 6 pm. [Sign up here.](#)
- g. ALICE Training: Wednesday 11/9, 2 - 5 pm. [Sign up here.](#)
 - i. Location: Pine Hall. No open toe shoes, skirts or dresses. Activewear recommended.
 - ii. 11/30 Training Date is CANCELED
- h. Next week is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week hosted by CCEC. [Visit the CCEC website for more info.](#)
- i. Basketball Double Header: Wed 11/30, 4:30 pm, Skybox (w/ Pizza!!)
- j. Spring Training: Sunday 1/22, 5 - 8 pm, Location TBD
 - i. Required for all elected & appointed members, highly encouraged for Delegates
- k. Reminder: Upcoming Meetings

- i. **11/9:** Kirsten Lowreigkeit (College Budget/Finance) (*ending @ 2 pm*)
 - ii. **11/16:** Alternate Student Trustee Presentations (*ending @ 2:30 pm*)
 - iii. 11/23: College-Wide Wellness Day (MEETING TBD)**
 - iv. **11/30:** AD of First-Generation Student Center & First-Gen Action Team
 - v. **12/7:** Last General Meeting
- I. Save the Dates
 - i. [Upcoming Events](#)
 - ii. **First-Generation College Celebration Day Proclamation:** 11/16, 12 pm, Arch
 - iii. **We Care Program Presentation:** 11/16, 2:30 pm, ASB 135
 1. Overview of We Care Program: Food Pantry, Student Relief Fund, Clothing Closet, Laptop Upcycle, followed by tours & open houses of all spaces. We are ending General early to attend as a group.

V. New Business

- a. Liaison Reports
- b. Leyla: Reslife- Spring intent, housing deposit, emergency housing
OSS- Student panel on disability awareness (passed already), Admissions open house, increased patrolling in OSS spots
- c. Madison: Office of Violence Prevention- Working on pepper spray college/university case study research to find support for removing it from the prohibited items list. Possible Rave Guardian training with Rick Marsh for me to attend and share with SGA
- d. Janelle: CSI- Greek Life policy and recruitment, CPB Fall/Spring Concert, Senior Photos, Allocations Program running through the SGA again. Contemporary Arts: Alumni/ Student Advisory Board. Email to be sent out after thanksgiving for better student outreach. Dean is adjusting very well to campus compared to last month. Food/ Drink is still a work in progress
- e. Evelyn: Public Safety - Rave Guardian promotion through faculty and daily digest, possible rave guardian mandatory installation, bi-monthly blue light audits, canned food drive, monthly cotton candy tablings, temporary camera placement in parking lots
- f. Andrew Taranta : Dean of Humanities and Global Studies Liaison : Working towards forming the Dean's

advisory council. Forming a faculty committee meet and greet.

- g. Andrew Taranta: Financial Aid Liaison : Be aware of the upcoming midterm elections as they will impact the student loan forgiveness process.
- h. Abigail Rojas: Women's center & LGBTQ+ services: Working to raise awareness of the center and get more students involved. Promote discussion groups for members of LGBTQ+ community and allies, more information on their IG Mon-Thurs. Continue with the initiative of more gender-inclusive bathrooms throughout campus mentioned in the general meeting.
- i. Ivonne Ovalles: Advisement Month Updates, Hold reports, First Gen Student Center update (Nicole Videla), Web Self Service 9 (Banner 9), A link for the major declaration form was added to the www.ramapo.edu/myadvisor and www.ramapo.edu.my_advisees
- j. Riley Stein: Title IX : Climate Survey, Enlisting Modules for first year students on violence prevention and what title IX and OVP does and the dangers students can encounter, Rave Guardian
- k. Aime Lara: EOF: New Recruitment for 2023-2024 aiming for 100 students. Potential town hall meeting with Public Safety to provide more awareness for Raveguardian. Potentially Speaking at a general meeting for the Spring Semester
- l. Andraya Annucci (Graduate Council Chair- Scott Frees) :
 - Graduate Housing now has a more streamlined process. All 4+1 and Graduate students will be assigned to the same housing buildings. Application approvals will be sent out in June along with housing assignments in August
 - Graduate mental health issues have been on the rise here at Ramapo over the past several semesters. I am starting a mental health initiative to allow Graduate students to feel more comfortable reaching out to Ramapo counseling resources
 - Graduate students are in the process of getting a welcome week , similar to the undergrads. But rather in a virtual format than physical. The orientation will be a combination of academic and social events.
 - Graduate students are being more encouraged to attend campus programming. I will be working with **Janelle Boamah** to start a marketing initiative to make graduate students more aware of what events and programs are happening on campus
- m. Ashley Gomez- School of Social Science and Human Services: Liaison: Dean Lorenz

- Sending applications for the SSHS mentorship program this month. The application was completed and approved- this will facilitate pairing students together. Looking to do a trial month before the semester ends. Not a requirement/mandatory; a program to better aid students. Please let me know if you're interested in being a mentor or mentee.
- Meet the Dean the week of November 14th-18th 10am-12pm in ASB 431. Meet the Dean and grab free merch.

Ashley Gomez- Dean of Students - Dean Van Der Wall

- Discussion on prevention of campus incidents rather than doing something after.
- Cabinet of agency: Structure of "core" positions on campus. 7 cores on campus. This establishes the structure of components of the college for ex:provost, Dean of students, VP for Strategic Enrollment, Outreach and Engagement.
- Face mask: Looking for insight/feedback from the Director of Environmental Health & Safety- Gina Mayer-Costa on the status of face coverings.
- Dean Van Der Wall is looking to have the Overlook dirt path paved and is making headway to get this done ASAP.
- Broadcast Email and Voicemail: Dean Van Der Wall is looking to give SGA access to blast emails (ie: SGA president)
- Hoping to establish fencing on the top of the parking deck for safety and suicide prevention.

n. Bibhu Bhatta: Office of Student Conduct: Liaison expressed that they were happy that SGA wanted to learn about the disciplinary process and suggested we could do the presentation at the beginning of the year; they said it would be nice if we are aware of the process before incidents happen; pepper-spray prohibition will probably never change; training of the disciplinary board recently concluded – more than half of the members are from SGA; normal/average semester in terms of reports and disciplinary hearing; next public event that the office will be hosting will be the Good Samaritan Day on March 13; can assist by continuing to keep up the conversation about the Good Samaritan policy – the college Instagram account recently posted a video story about the policy, so we can engage with the post to

increase traction; Bystander intervention – contact public safety as soon as something looks wrong, even if hearing the incident from someone; no commitment is required after reporting the incident and it can be done anonymously; public safety would rather have many phone calls reporting the same incident than no reports; always assume that nobody knows; download the RaveGuardian app and save the public safety phone number in your phone and encourage others to do the same so that you can quickly report incident and seek help

- o. Prashant Shah (Information Technology Services): The liaison ensured that there were monitoring systems in place for every device in Ramapo’s network ports. There are also emergency devices like routers when needed. They have worked in coordination with the Office of Registrar to ensure smooth registration. They have plans on upgrading the current self-service system for easier and efficient registration. Ramapo will also be activating 2-factor authentication for its G-suite. They are also overseeing the Rave guardian app and report that 251 students are currently using it. They are fully supporting Public Safety to upgrade security systems, including cameras. They have plans to switch to a Microsoft email from Google email that Ramapo uses. Students should be aware of the ITS helpdesk resources and seek help when they need it.
- p. Daniel Rajakumar (Dining Service):
- i. The idea of installing a microwave in Birch for everyone.
 - ii. The idea of bringing Chipotle-style rice bowls in Birch.
 - iii. The Dining Service is looking for student workers. Opportunities are available in Birch, Atrium, Starbucks, and Dunkin. Students have to reach out to Dining Service if they are looking for jobs.
 - iv. Projects:
 1. Thanksgiving / Christmas Special events in Birch.
 - v. Assistance:
 1. SGA help to promote their projects to the student body
 - vi. Statistics:
 1. More than 70% of the students eat two entrees per day in Ramapo Dining Service.
- q. TAS School/ Cahill(Samikshya):

Talked about the dean's list, really interested in bringing it back. It doesn't have to be a fancy, small casual networking event. Dean Saiff proposed an idea of doing a small open house on how COVID has taught and affected people from different aspects. Cahill: wants to do a co sponsorship with SGA on advancing science connections. Nov 30th 6pm-7pm, pavilion. Bringing 6-7 alumni along with speakers to get more insight on the path after graduation. Will have food, games and a great opportunity to hear from alumni from your major.

r. Registrar | Shubhashree Shahi

Registration for the spring semester is open to all. The last date to register for classes is January 24th, 2023. The department has started planning for arching and graduation ceremony for Fall 2023 graduates which will happen in May 2023. The new banner system; self service 9 banner for the registration on web self-service go postponed due to logistic reasons but will be live soon.

s. Admissions: Shanel -discussed statistics regarding the amount of students admitted into ramapo, details on ramapo campus tours, and orientation.-ramapo advisement is doing a good job at helping students stay in school especially with the covid stuff and the counseling stuff-retention rate has increased to 87%, Library learning commons:

- i. Shanel-how to book a study room if you're studying in a group -information regarding changing the maximum hours for the study rooms -potential google form sent out at the end of the semester to see if students would like to change the study room reservation policies -if students need help finding books, they can ask workers for help -SGA potential videos on touring the library. Partner up with the library to discuss the content that will presented. Having a couple of SGA members participate in these videos.Example: how to check out a book in the library, SGA engagement: conduct a list of event ideas to be hosted in the library Example: past event that occurred was called silent dance party

t. Daeun Mun (Roukema Center for International Education) - application process for study abroad in Fall 2022 is over, and there is no further issue addressed. They are working on hiring a new director for study abroad. They are currently short-staffed. A lot of students are not aware of the study abroad opportunity; if there is a good way to promote study abroad, it will be good.

Dean Edward Petkus ; There are no complaints or issues at ASB. Only thing students talk about is the Starbucks hours. If there are ideas for ASB social medias and tv monitors at ASB building, please don't hesitate to share.

u. Facilities - Nicole Jones | Kristina Hollosi

Discussed questions from SGA for Facilities:

- i. Call **7660** for Facilities Service Desk, outside of 8:30am-4:30pm, if urgent, call Public Safety, instead
- ii. Facilities expects to complete renovation of all fountains that don't already have water fill stations, by the end of fiscal year of 2023 (July 2023), so it will be finished by next Fall.
- iii. Waste Management
 1. There are 9 trash containers in the Village, which are picked up Monday, Wednesday and Friday and they are usually full every time, in fact, Facilities have to avoid having to pay overflow fees, which is why they have to be picked up so frequently.
 2. Recycling is taken only on Thursdays
- iv. A work order was set for a sign at both ends of the service road by Mackin and Bischoff
- v. Communication about maintenance in residence halls:
 1. For service requests and work orders, if the student does it they should get email updates on it and notices left in the room if the work was done while they were gone. Sometimes, the hall office does the work order for the student, usually for freshman, then the updates will go there and the RAs would have to communicate it. So, students should be encouraged to do it themselves and directed to the form online.
- vi. The walkway and bridge on the backside of the pond will be replaced, this will be done in the Spring.
- vii. For the car chargers, Facilities has applied to grants for the projects, the first one got denied. If none are approved by the fiscal year 2024, they have marked funds for one or maybe two chargers.
- viii. Bird-window collisions: Since NJ is a state college, there are purchasing regulations preventing from getting a product they were planning on trying for the C-wing windows, so they're looking for another vendor for the same product that does fit with the purchasing guidelines.
 1. I asked what exactly the product is, Nicole didn't know but said she would find out by our next meeting.
- v. Co-Sponsorship: Mackin Hall Area Program: November 10th, 8 PM in the Pavillion

The entire student Residence Life staff of Mackin Hall is working together to throw a building program, where we are going to have games, food, music, and prizes for all Ramapo students to enjoy. These were yearly events pre-COVID, and this event would be the first building program since 2019. In the past, typically over 200

students have attended building programs

i. Representative: Leyla Merhi

ii. Funds: \$318.94 Prizes

(https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_-pJC_voCfm426yroIwihsO2vEopvpH_5nxsNIfC0cE/edit#gid=0) ,

Volunteers

VI. Public Comment

VII. Open Forum

Co- sponsorships for the semester? Encourage clubs to go to allocations committee, email csi@ramapo.edu

Alternate Student Trustee Presentations- PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE; WE MUST MEET QUORUM

Samikshya: Can we have one microwave in Jlees or Atrium for commuter students? - Yes

VIII. Adjournment

Moved: Andy Second: Vincent