

9/26/2022 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 9/26/22]

Meeting called to order on [9/26/2022] at [8 pm] in ASB 522

I. Roll Call


- a. President Paolo Miyashiro-Bedoya
- b. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy (absent)
- 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 (absent)
- k. Senator Ivonne Ovalles
- l. Senator Kristina Hollosi (absent)
- m. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (absent)
- n. Senator Shanel Lopez (absent)
- 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 (late excused)
- u. Senator Shubhashree Shahi
- v. Senator Prashant Shah
- w. Senator Bibhu Bhatta
- x. Senator Vincent Bollota

- i. Present:
- ii. Late: Abigail Rojas
- iii. Excused: Leyla Merhi

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.  9/19/2022 Senate Meeting Agenda
- b. Moved by: Andy
- c. Seconded by Janelle
 - i. 14-0-1

IV. President's Announcements - Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

- a. Thank you all for a great Fall Training!
- b. Ask, Listen, Refer Training (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)
 - i. Link to training coming soon.
 - ii. Upload Certificate of Completion to Google Folder by 10/10.
- c. Community Service Updates:
 - i. [Community Service Form](#), leave completed forms in my mailbox in the SGA Office
 - ii. Big Brothers Big Sisters (ccec@ramapo.edu)
 1. Ramapo CARES: Wednesdays, 4 - 5 pm (virtual)
 2. Ramapo Paterson: Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30 pm (in-person)
 - iii. [Munsee Three Sisters Farm Service Trip](#)
 - iv. [Pony Power Service Opportunity](#)
 - v. College Programming Board Events (cpb@ramapo.edu)
 1. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays: 9 - 11 pm
- d. Currently advertising for open Cabinet positions. If anyone's interested, please direct them to sgapresident@ramapo.edu.

- i. Secretary of Commuter Affairs
 - ii. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
 - iii. Secretary of Service
 - iv. Secretary of Sustainability
- e. Save the Dates
- i. Presidential Reception: Wednesday 9/28, 4:30 - 7 pm
 1. 4:30: Men's Soccer Game, Athletic Field
 2. 5:30: Reception, Pavilion
 3. Ramapo attire, RSVP to sscheele@ramapo.edu ASAP
 - ii. State of the College Reflections - A Conversation with President Jebb: Thurs 9/29, 1:15 - 2:15 pm, Pavilion
 - iii. The Inauguration of President Jebb: Friday 10/14, 2 - 4 pm, Bradley Center Arena
- f. Current Projects/Updates:
- i. Phone-a-Thon w/ the Foundation
 - ii. Partnership w/ Chief Perry of Ramapough Lunnape Nation
 - iii. Planning [ALICE Training](#) w/ Public Safety
 - iv. Looking for SGA Rep to Academic Master Plan Task Force
 - v. Planning Upcoming Speakers at General
 1. Mike Cunningham, Director of Facilities & Critical Infrastructure Security, and Nicole Jones, Manager of Business Services
 2. Alexandra Woods, Coordinator of Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services | [Questions Doc](#)
 3. Jack Nesmith, Coordinator of Student Activities
 - vi. Idea for SGA to volunteer at WeCare Food Pantry, following up with Dylan Heffernan, Assistant Director of Community Service & WeCare Program, to see if possible.
 - vii. Update to SGA Reps:
 1. Strategic Plan Writing Team - Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
 2. Campus Facilities Master Plan Task Force - TBA
- i. Ivonne- would this include recycling issues on campus

- ii. Paolo- no, is more towards improving our campus, and seeing what we can do. For example - task force to create a new building or a parking lot

New Business

- a. Bill Proposal

- i. Dean's List

- Dinner/Certificate/Award

- i. Ivonne- Before the pandemic, Ramapo used to give certificates and have a banquet
 - ii. Aime- Academic Affairs stated senate is encourage to create a bill to bring this form of recognition back
 - iii. Andi- Since there is a lot of people in the dean list, a banquet can be a bit expensive
 - iv. Janelle- perhaps sent a certificate
 - v. Andrew- too much money to have a banquet, perhaps provide Ramapo dollars to the students
 - vi. Ashley- Flex or Ramampo dollars?
 - vii. Andrew - yes
 - viii. Ashley - Sense of an award
 - ix. Andrew- yes
 - x. Madisson- Banquet is a lot of money, but a certificate can be underwhelming
 - xi. Ivonne- maybe can be like the student leadership awards, recognize students
 - xiii. Bibhu - It can be a free book for getting into the dean list
 - xiii. Riley- Co-sponsorship with other clubs to create a banquet
 - xiv. Viston- in my school we used to get a little gift saying congratulations, perhaps a gift basket
 - xv. Maddie- Ice cream party with the dean there
 - xvi. Andi- good idea, instead we can do deserts
 - xvii. Ivonne- filled out a google form, get the dean there and says congratulations
 - xviii. Ashley - 3.5 above would received an email saying you got into the dean list
 - xix. Ashley - school senators can talk with their dean and see their thought and ideas
 - xx. Andrew- agree, like the idea of separate schools, dean can have other thoughts
 - xxi. Evelyn- host by school and get the dinner at the end of the year instead of semester
 - xxii. Ashely- it gets tricky to do it per year
 - xxiii. Janelle - is it possible to make it for people who almost got into the dean least

xxiv. Daeun- how many time do you have make the dean list to get the latin honor

xxv. Ivone- you can make the dean's list and get the latin honor if you meet the cumulative GPA prior to graduation

xxvi. Ashley- possible, who would want to help write the bill: Andi, Janelle, Ivonne,

B. Senator One-on-One's

i. As needed; during office hours

ii. Email/Groupme and set up a time with either one of us/or both

iii. Ashley Office Hours: W 10am-12pm, Th 4-5 pm

iv Aime Office Hours: M 6-8pm ,T 3-4pm

b. [Oktoberfest Volunteers](#) - If you have not signed up yet you must sign up for at least one

c. [Questions for Alexandra Woods, Coordinator of Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services](#)

d. First Liaison is due October 3th

i. Ashley- you are only excused if your liaison has not contacted you or if your meeting is after the deadline.

V. Open Forum

a. Senator Tabling- Ideas?

i. Ivonne - everyone should participate

ii. Janelle- not only senators but everyone should participate

iii. We can do shifts, fine to do it

iv: Andrew a great idea to engage with the student body

x. before midterms or finals week

Riley: maybe the friday before

Andi: good idea, have a list of information of where they can reach out

Ashley: with midterms it get tricky, it would be best for finals week

Ivonne: perhaps just a random tabeling we

Daniel: New senators spotlight

Ashley: just ask Noe to order the stuff

Andi- would create the list of information to reach out

VI. Adjournment



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So moved: Ivonne

Seconded: Andi