

10/05/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 10/5/2022]

Meeting called to order on [10/5] at [1:05pm] in Friends Hall

I. Roll Call

- a. President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
- b. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
- c. Secretary David Lopez
- d. Treasurer Noe Ramirez (Excused Absence)
- e. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin (Excused)
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachele Ludder (Excused)
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
- h. Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo (Excused Late)
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
- l. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger (Absent)
- m. Executive Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
- n. Senate President Ashley Gomez (Excused Late)
- o. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
- p. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- q. Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci
- r. ASB School Senator Daeun Mun
- s. CA School Senator Janelle Boamah
- t. HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta
- u. TAS School Senator Samikshya Pokharel
- v. Senator Bibhu Bhatta
- w. Senator Vincent Bollota
- x. Senator Kristina Hollosi
- y. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (Excused)
- z. Senator Shanel Lopez (Excused Late)
- aa. Senator Ivonne Ovalles (Excused)
- bb. Senator Daniel Rajakumar
- cc. Senator Brandon Rivera (Excused)
- dd. Senator Abigail Rojas (Excused Absence)
- ee. Senator Prashant Shah

- ff. Senator Shubhashree Shahi (Excused Late)
- gg. Senator Riley Stein (Excused Late)
- hh. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich (Excused)
- ii. Senator Madison Weeks
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late: Christine Defeo, Ashley Gomez, Shubhashree Shahi, Riley Stein
 - iii. Excused: Noe Ramirez, Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Rachele Ludder, Patricia Kalaidjian, Brandon Rivera, Abigail Rojas, Evelyn Voitsekhovich
 - iv. Absent: Leah Berlinger

II. **Mission Statement** (*read by Sam Savercool*)

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. [Minutes from 9/28/2022](#)
Moved by Janelle, 2nd by Vincent, 10-0-1

IV. **President's Announcements**

- a. Friendly Reminders
 - i. Self-Care/Mental Health
 - ii. Kindness, Respect, Professionalism
 - iii. 1 on 1s w/ Paolo
 - 1. If you want to meet with me 1 on 1, GroupMe DM/email me.
- b. Other Reminders
 - i. Event Reminders
 - ii. [Ask, Listen, Refer Training](#) (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)
 - 1. Upload Certificate of Completion to [Google Folder](#) by 10/10
 - iii. E-Board Meeting Today @ 4 pm in the SGA Office
- c. 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 (In the Loop, Daily Digest, Archway, Social Media)
- d. Apply to [Scholarships](#) by 10/10!!

- e. [College Disciplinary Disciplinary Review Board](#) Application due 10/10
- f. Current Projects:
 - i. Planning Upcoming Speakers at General
 - 1. Mike Cunningham, Director of Facilities & Critical Infrastructure Security, and Nicole Jones, Manager of Business Services
 - ii. Temporary Student Governor Search
 - 1. Student Rep on Board of Governors
 - 2. Reach out to sgapresident@ramapo.edu
 - iii. First-Generation Student Center
- g. Report from Board of Trustees Meeting 10/3
- h. Updates to SGA Reps
 - i. Campus Facilities Master Plan Task Force: Kristina Hollosi
 - ii. Academic Master Plan Task Force: Bibhu Bhatta
 - iii. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Council: TBD
 - 1. Janea might be interested - will reach out.
 - 2. David might be interested as well.
- i. Save the Dates
 - i. [Upcoming Events:](#)
 - 1. **ACS's Pink Tie Formal:** Wednesday 10/5, 6 pm, Pavilion
 - 2. **Diversity Day Tabling:** Thursday 10/6, 12 - 3 pm, Grove
 - 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
- a. Thinking of ways to recognize individual members for their accomplishments - please let me know if you have ideas!
 - i. Thinking of doing a board in the office - if you saw the clipboard on the side door, we could post it there

V. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
 - i. If anyone is interested in starting a club please email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu with the name and a brief description. We have a Club Process Committee meeting today at 3pm. It will be a 15 minute meeting so instead of walking to A-221 I am asking committee members to just stay in Friends Hall after the meeting for a few minutes.
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. If the QR code for office hours doesn't work, email me the time you were there & what you did.
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
 - i. EXCUSED

- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i. EXCUSED
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
 - i. The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday.
 - ii. The Provost meeting was on Monday. We discussed better advertisements of the service of the library and learning commons. The reward for the Dean's list and the idea of trigger warnings will be discussed in later meetings.
 - iii. The Provost has asked us to help advertise Conditioning classes which might help with student anxiety
 - iv. The schedule for spring semester 2023 is up! Registration begins on October 31.
 - v. <https://www.ramapo.edu/sjah/> this website leads to class description for studies in arts and humanities for spring 2023
- f. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. Working on partnerships for the delegate program to build the delegates leadership qualities if you have any ideas or speakers you would recommend please let me know.
 - ii. Megan Johnston will be coming in and speaking to the delegates about mental health and stress coming up. This discussion will be open to all members if you would like to come. I will be updating everyone once I have an exact date and time
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
 - i. Have a meeting with Amanda Riehl on Friday. Got some ideas and questions for her. Excited to get started.
- g. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i.
- h. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i.
- i. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. I am going to start "Meet the SGA" posts next week! This means you all NEED to send me pictures of yourself.
 - 1. I'm going to start with E-board, then Cabinet, then Senate
 - ii. Committee meeting today at 5pm in A100
- j. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
 - i.
- k. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i. Updates from 10/3 Senate Meeting

VI. New Business

- a. Guest: **Jack Nesmith**, Coordinator of Student Activities: ["Leading with Style: SGA Edition"](#) (1 pm)
 - i. rescheduled for 10/19

b. Cabinet Appointments (1:30 pm)

i. Secretary of Commuter Affairs: **Stephen Raymond** (10-0-2)

1. Gave his Speech: Many commuter events/activities and yet commuters seem to take it for granted. Wants to bring more life into commuter affairs so that they could attend more events and show up to more things at school in general.
 - a. Executive Panelist Victor Oluwabemi: How did you develop leadership skills and how do you intend to implement them in school?
 - b. Stephen: Started his own carpentry company and has worked for himself since he was 12 years old. Has worked with all his neighbors since he was a young age.
 - c. Senator Janelle Boamah: What are opportunities you want to bring to commuters?
 - d. Stephen: See what the students would want and wants to apply whatever it is commuters are concerned or interested in

ii. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion: **Ritika Dawadi** (12-0-0)

1. Gave her Speech: Is from Nepal and is excited to get started. Emphasizes that she will need support from us in the beginning, but will soon get up to speed to do all she can.
 - a. Senator Andy Annucci: What are some ideas/projects you would start off with?
 - b. Ritika: Hope to start off with therapy sessions/group sessions as well as wanting to implement other programs.
 - c. HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta: What does diversity mean to you?
 - d. Ritika: Every single person being represented, no matter their sexuality, background, or etc. For individuals to be seen and respected completely.

c. Co-Sponsorship Vote: Pridefest (Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services)

- i. ACME: 9 - 24 packs of Cupcakes ($\frac{1}{2}$ chocolate, $\frac{1}{2}$ vanilla), all w/ twisted rainbow frosting
- ii. \$17.49/pack = \$157.41
- iii. **(9-0-3)**

d. Co-Sponsorship Vote: Thomas's House of Horror (Village)

- i. Wednesday October 19th from 8-10pm
- ii. Need Funds
 1. Masks = [\\$25](#)
 2. Ramapo Dollars = \$75
 3. Nicky's Pizza: \$100
 4. Moved by Madison, 2nd by Shubhashree, **(10-1-5)**

iii. Volunteers

1. at least 7 volunteers
2. Moved by Janelle, 2nd by Andy, **(11-0-5)**

iv. Marketing

1. Social Media & Word-of-Mouth Promotion
 - a. HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta: Does volunteering count toward SGA requirements?

- i. SGA President Paolo: Yes, the event requirement
- e. Discussion: [Questions/Concerns for Facilities Staff](#)
 - i. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco: When can you not add more questions?
 - 1. President Paolo: End of this week
 - ii. Senator Kristina Hollosi: When are dumpsters from the village removed? (Time wise)
 - iii. HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta: What is the acting plan for the bees in the village? Specifically across from the Thomas Commons, dumpster by Building 15.
 - iv. Senator Kristina Hollosi: Would they be able to put a sign on the service road because it is not actually a road for students to use? (Behind Mackin & Bischoff)
 - v. Vice President Janea: Can there be a process where students are notified before a work order is going to get done?
 - vi. James: Can they repaint the path between Padovano Commons and Birch, Carya Road since the paint is degrading.
 - vii. Ashley: Would want to know when facilities come for a work order after the fact, so residents could know when someone was in their room or in the room in general.
- f. Updates from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
 - i. **SGA President Paolo**, [Board of Trustees](#): New Bachelors or Science program for Neuroscience. 42% of new hires come from underrepresented communities. More lighting on the athletic fields to lengthen the amount of times our athletic teams can stay practicing as well as other people that use that field. bidding stage at the moment. More cameras in the parking lot. Increasing opportunities for undergraduate research. One of very few schools to have a Vice President for EDI & Student Well Being.
 - ii. Senator Madison: Co-sponsorship for Take Back the Night
 - 1. Senate Vice President Aime: Fill out the co-sponsorship form
 - iii. Secretary of Programming Christine: OktoberFest next week, and needs the rest of the students who didn't sign up to sign up. Mandatory event that everyone needs to attend.
 - iv. Senate President Ashley: Please go to the Village Haunted House of Horror

VII. Public Comment

- a.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. First-Year Student Focus Group - Marketing & Recruitment: Paolo



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IX. Adjournment - @ 2:41pm, Moved by Madison, 2nd by Prashant