

10/26/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 10/26/2022]

Meeting called to order on [10/26] at [1:05 pm] in ASB 135

I. Roll Call & Introductions

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

- gg. Senator Abigail Rojas (Excused)
- hh. Senator Prashant Shah (Excused Late)
- ii. Senator Shubhashree Shahi (Excused Late)
- jj. Senator Riley Stein (Excused Late)
- kk. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich (Excused)

ll. Senator Madison Weeks

mm. Student Trustee Jakub Zak

nn. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr

- i. Present:
- ii. Late: Janea Tozer-Murphy, Prashant Shah, Shubhashree Shahi, Riley Stein
- iii. Excused: Noe Ramirez, Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Ritika Dawadi, Samantha Savercool, Pranish Khanal, Daeun Mun, Patricia Kalaidjian, Ivonne Ovalles, Abigail Rojas, Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- iv. Absent: Brandon Rivera

II. Mission Statement - (Read by CA School Senator Janelle Boamah)

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 10/19/2022](#)
- b. Moved by Madison Weeks, Second by Andraya Annucci
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IV. President's Announcements

- a. October is Queer and Trans History Month, Disability Awareness Month, & Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - i. [Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services](#)
 - ii. [Office of Specialized Services](#)
- b. November is Native American Heritage Month
 - i. Opening Proclamation: Monday 10/31, 1:15 pm, Arch
- c. We Care Program's Food Drive: Oct 17 - 31
 - i. Items: snacks, canned fruits, canned vegetables, spices, non-perishable microwavable items, hygiene products, paper towels, and toilet paper.

- ii. SGA Contest:
 - 1. Please put all of your donations in the SGA Office clearly labeled with your name. The member to donate the most items to the pantry wins a special prize. The deadline is 10/31, when all items will be donated to the CSI Front Desk
- d. **Lighting Survey w/ Public Safety:** Thursday, Nov 3, Time TBD (after sunset)
 - i. Counts for *Community Service* & pizza will be provided
- e. Updated Operational Decisions Protocol
- f. Upcoming Meeting w/ BSU Leadership
- g. Senior Yearbook Photos!!
- h. Notes for Upcoming General Meetings
 - i. **10/26:** Anne Eke & Kate McGee (College Disciplinary Procedures)
 - ii. **11/2: Founders' Day (NO GENERAL)**
 - iii. **11/9:** Kirsten Lowreigkeit (College Budget/Finance) & SGA ALICE Training (*To Be Confirmed*)
 - iv. **11/16:** Alternate Student Trustee Presentations (*ending @ 2:30 pm*)
 - v. **11/23: College-Wide Wellness Day (MEETINGS TBC)**
 - vi. **11/30:** AD of First-Generation Student Center & First-Gen Action Team
 - vii. **12/7:** Last General Meeting
- i. Save the Dates
 - i. [Upcoming Events](#)
 - 1. **Trunk or Treat:** Thursday 10/27, 5 - 7 pm, Tennis Courts Parking Lots (4 pm Setup)
 - 2. **Halloween Bash:** Saturday 10/29, 7 - 10 pm, Friends Hall
 - 3. **BSU's Expression Night:** Wednesday 11/9, 8 - 10 pm, York Room
 - 4. **CPA's Area Program:** Tuesday 11/15, 8 - 10 pm, Pavilion
 - ii. **Send-off for COPLAC Conference Students:** Friday 10/28, 10:45 am, Bradley Center Bus Stop
 - iii. **Founders Day:** Wednesday 11/2, 1 pm, Learning Commons Plaza (11:30 am Setup)
 - iv. **Black Solidarity Week:** 11/6 - 11/11
 - v. **First-Generation College Celebration Day Proclamation:** 11/16, 12 pm, Arch
 - vi. **We Care Program Presentation:** 11/16, 2:30 pm, Location TBD
 - 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. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
 - i. **General Office Hour Reminder:** Please leave the door OPEN when completing office hours. We're there as a resource for students and we want to be accessible. Make sure the door is pushed all of the way against the wall.

- ii. **SGA Star:** Our next SGA Star is Senator Bibhu Bhatta! Bibhu is being recognized for his outstanding work with the Andrew Goodman Foundation. More information on that is below:



For his recognition by the Andrew Goodman Foundation as an Ambassador. You can view Bibhu's Ambassador Spotlight below:

- 1.
2. *"Bibhu Bhatta is a Computer Science major and has been active in several organizations and activities at Ramapo College, including the Student Government Association, Palestroni Integrated Neuroscience Lab, and the Center for Student Involvement. He is elected as the Senator-at-Large in the SGA and represents the student body at the Academic Master Plan Task Force. In addition, he is actively involved in the neuroscience lab where he is learning research methodologies to develop studies and explore the intersection of computer and cognitive sciences. Upon graduating, he plans to conduct research on existing AI systems and search for possible solutions to pave the way for General AI."* - Andrew Goodman Foundation
- iii. **Club Process Committee:** Today at 3pm in A-221. Please be on time. We will be reviewing the way the club works as well as meeting with new committee members.
- iv. **Interested in starting a club?** email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu with the name and a brief description.
- v.
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
 - i. EXCUSED
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i. EXCUSED

- ii. Cabinet Reports due TONIGHT 11:59 pm
- iii. Cabinet Meeting TODAY, 4 pm, SGA Office
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachele Ludder
 - i. I have a meeting with the provost council tomorrow from 10-12
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond
 - i. Commuter Affairs Committee- We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 12-1 Bi-Weekly. Meetings will take place in the SGA Office. And the starting date is hopefully the beginning of November. Please reach out if you are able to join this committee, we are currently looking for members.
 - ii. Tomorrow, October 27th: Trunk Or Treat will take place from 5pm-7pm in the Tennis Court Parking Lot. It's a Big event for the RCNJ commuters. Thanks again to SGA for signing up their car for the event. Everyone is encouraged to go out to this event and give candy to the elementary school students in attendance.
 - iii. October 31st: 10/31: Commuter Focus Group Halloween Edition: Commuter Affairs is hosting a Commuter Focus Group Halloween edition for commuter students. Any student who arrives in costume will be entered into a raffle for a major prize and will receive a free candy bag. This event will be happening on Monday, October 31st at 1pm in A-101.
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. Mental Health and Stress Talk on 11/1 with counseling services. Please sign up using this link by end of day Friday so I can give a headcount to Megan Johnston [Delegate Affairs Talks](#)
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
 - i. EXCUSED
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
 - i. EXCUSED
 - ii. Met with Amanda Riehl and great ideas were shared. Meeting with presidents of each Greek organization is in the works.
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. [James Pascal-Cabinet Report](#)
 - ii. Will start drafting letter to Assembly bill sponsors and the senate sponsor, including Mila Jacey and Sandra Cunningham
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Founders Day is next week! I will need volunteers starting at 11:30 am for set up. I will break the times up into shifts onto a Google sheet that will be shared with you all this week. I will only need 14 volunteers per shift. Everyone who is not volunteering is still required to come. It will be a really fun event with activities and food! Thank you in advance for your help! You will NEED to be in your Oktoberfest sweatshirts for the event.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. I am still hassling some people for pictures PLEASE send me them.
 - ii. Trunk or Treat is tomorrow!!! Be there at 4 to help! Try to dress up in the theme of looney tunes if you can.

- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
 - i. EXCUSED
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Bella Weeks
 - i. We are looking for members to join the Sustainability Committee. If you are interested, we meet in the SGA office biweekly on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 pm. We will discuss what being sustainable means and what you can do on campus!
- n. Chief Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Transfer of Judicial Panel Ideas onto a digital format
- o. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i. Updates from 10/19 Senate Meeting
- p. Student Trustee Jakub Zak
 - i. Campus Facilities Master Plan Task Force
 1. First meeting took place, preliminary discussions took place, gathering ideas
 - ii. Provost Search Committee
 1. Applications are coming in
 - iii. AST Search
 1. Senate votes on 11/16
- q. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr
 - i. Met with Peter Rice, who is a part of Institutional Advancement, last Friday and discussed possible ideas for fundraising money for the school
 1. Examples were a car wash, bake sale, movie drive-in
 - ii. Peter and I discussed possibly having the SGA help out with these fundraisers to raise non-restricted money specifically, where half would go towards the foundation and the other half would go towards SGA
 - iii. We would love to have as many students as possible to participate in these events when the time rolls around

VI. New Business

- a. Guests (College Disciplinary Procedures) (2 pm): [Presentation](#)
 - i. **Kat McGee**, Director of Title IX, ADA, & Compliance Training
 - ii. **Anne Eke**, Assistant Director of Student Conduct
- b. Discussion regarding concerns for [Student Leaders Council](#)
- c. Discussion regarding lessons learned from **Fall New Jersey Student Government Conference**
 - i. **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah**: Great to see viewpoints from other SGA organizations from different schools. Stockton, Saint Elizabeth, and Drew University are more involved & interact more with clubs. Use social media as well and seem to host one big event once a semester.

- ii. **Senator Vincent Bollota:** Impressed with our delegate program and with how we run some of our things within SGA.
 - iii. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta:** Interesting to know that the Club Process Committee can monitor and ensure clubs are doing what they need to do. The Sustainability committee from Drew University has competitions promoting sustainability. Yoga and Meditation throughout the semester for students from Drew University or other schools. School Meet & Greet with professors to help improve student success & reduce stress (able to get to know professors in their major prior to deciding whether or not they will take a class with them).
 - iv. **Senate President Ashley Gomez:** Mental Health & Accessibility session - group mental health sessions where students aid in the session.
 - v. **Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal:** Trick or Treating event - where students could collect candy in the school throughout offices and the buildings. They could learn about the faculty and meet the staff. Drew University has a Wall Of Flags in a hall representing students of all countries.
- d. Discussion regarding [questions about College budget/finance](#)
 - e. Updates from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees

VII. Public Comment

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VIII. Open Forum

- a. Special Gifts!

IX. Adjournment - @ 3:02