

11/9/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 11/9/2022]

Meeting called to order on [11/9] at [1:06pm] in Friends Hall

I. Roll Call

- a. **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya**
- b. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy (Excused)
- c. **Secretary David Lopez**
- d. **Treasurer Noe Ramirez**
- 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**
- 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 Late)
- o. Secretary of Sustainability Bella Weeks (Excused)
- 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**
- v. CA School Senator Janelle Boamah (Excused)
- w. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta**
- x. **TAS School Senator Samikshya Pokharel**
- y. Senator Bibhu Bhatta (Excused Late)
- 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 Abigail Rojas (Excused)

gg. Senator Prashant Shah

hh. Senator Shubhashree Shahi (Excused)

ii. Senator Riley Stein (Excused Late)

jj. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich (Excused)

kk. Senator Madison Weeks

ll. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr

i. Present:

ii. Late: Pranish Khanal, Bibhu Bhatta, Riley Stein

iii. Excused: Janea Tozer-Murphy, Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Samantha Savercool, Bella Weeks, Janelle Boamah, Patricia Kalaidjian, Ivonne Ovalles, Abigail Rojas, Shubhashree Shahi, Evelyn Voitsekhovich

iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement (Read by Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond)

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 10/26/2022](#)

b. Moved by Andy, Second by Vincent

c. 12 - 0 - 0

IV. President's Announcements

a. Founders' Day = 22/10. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

b. Spring Registration & Schedule Reminder: Keep Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm (ALL), 4 - 5 pm (Cabinet/E-Board), & Mondays 8 - 10 pm (Senate) 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. ALICE Training: TODAY 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

f. Veterans Event tomorrow 11/10, 1 pm, Padovano Commons.

- g. Lighting Survey moved to TOMORROW Thursday 11/10, at 6 pm. [Sign up here.](#)
- h. Next week is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. [Visit the CCEC website for more info.](#)
- i. Basketball Double Header: Athletics wants to host us in the Skybox with Pizza!! [Tell us your availability here.](#)
- j. Spring Training: Sunday 1/22, 5 - 8 pm, Location TBD
 - i. Required for all members, including Delegates
- k. Reminder: Upcoming Meetings
 - i. **11/16:** Alternate Student Trustee Presentations (*ending @ 2:30 pm*)
 - 1. Cabinet Meeting: 4 - 5 pm
 - ii. **11/23: College-Wide Wellness Day (NO MEETINGS)**
 - iii. **11/30:** AD of First-Generation Student Center & First-Gen Action Team (*2:30 pm*)
 - 1. Joint E-Board & Cabinet Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
 - iv. **12/7:** Last General Meeting
 - 1. 3 - 4:30 pm: End of Semester Celebration!
- l. 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, 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. **SGA Star:** Hannah Scroggins! You can read more information about Hannah below and posted in the SGA Office. If anyone has ideas for who they think we should recognize as an SGA Star please reach out to me through email or groupme DM. We want to continue to recognize members for all the hard work they've been doing.



Her representation of SGA at The Annual Student Conference focuses on Foreign Affairs. More information on her work is below.



As a SCUSA (Student Conference of the United States Military Academy) Delegate for Ramapo, Hannah was able to participate in roundtable discussions on foreign policy matters with students from across the country. Her topic has to do with foreign policy regarding the Arctic, which is unclaimed territory. At the end of the conference, Hannah was able to present her findings/research on the Arctic with her group to the rest of Delegates, students, faculty, and speakers.

- ii. **Office Hours:** If you are in the office for your office hours the door needs to be open. If it's not open then you're not technically completing hours.
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
 - i.
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i. EXCUSED
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
 - i. I have worked with Paolo and Paige and hopefully a faculty advisement survey will be sent out soon. Please take it when it comes out if it applies to you.
 - ii. I have been in contact with Shanel and we plan on working together to better advertise the library and its resources.
 - iii. The provost council talked about policy ensuring athletes have accommodations for finals week if they go to nationals.
 - iv. The provost mentioned an exhibition, New Red Order, about Indigenous led movements. See link here to read more about it.
<https://www.ramapo.edu/news/press-releases/innovative-exhibition-by-new-red-order-opens-at-ramapo-college/>
 - v. If you had any problems with registration for spring semester let me know and I may be able to help.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond

- i. I attended the 10/31 Halloween Commuter Affairs Focus Group, it was successful! Thank you to Jack and his Commuter Affairs staff for putting this event together.
- ii. The Commuter Affairs Committee is searching for new members! Our second upcoming meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th, 12-1pm. Both meetings will take place outside the SGA office. Please reach out through Group Me if interested. All commuters and residents are welcome.
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. We are having our first tabling event today on the second floor of the student center from 3:30-5
 - ii. Working on and with delegates on different ideas that they have brought up to me regarding the program, promotion, and reporting concerns
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
 - i. Working with Senator Daniel, EDIC about the Dining services. We have prepared a survey (the survey that was used last year, we have added and removed some questions) and we are contemplating sending it either this semester or in the spring semester (so that students, especially freshmen can take a semester into account).
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
 - i. EXCUSED
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. Nothing to Report
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Thank you everyone for your participation in Founders Day!
 - ii. I am currently rescheduling movie night. I'll keep you all updated on the new day and time.
 - iii. I want to do at least one more event this semester. If you have any ideas please reach out to me! I want to know what you guys want to see.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. Send me information to put in the daily digest or in the loop or the instagram.
- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
 - i. Nothing to Report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Bella Weeks
 - i. EXCUSED
- n. Chief Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Nothing to Report
- o. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i. Updates from 11/7 Senate Meeting
- p. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr
 - i. I attended the Board of Governors meeting on 10/27 and I will be meeting with Peter Rice and Andrea Buser from institutional advancement to discuss new fundraisers for both the school and for SGA
 - ii. If you have any fundraiser ideas you would like to see for next semester please contact me!

VI. New Business

- a. Guest - *Fiscal Health Core & College Budget* (1 pm); [Presentation](#); [Presentation 2](#)
 - i. **Kirsten Loewrigkeit**, Chief Financial Officer / Vice President for Fiscal Health
 - ii. **Rick Brown**, Director of the Center for Student Involvement
- b. Updates from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
 - i. Follow-up from Student Leaders Council - Paolo

VII. Public Comment

- a. Anne Eke - Will become Assistant Director of Residence Life

VIII. Open Forum

- a. **Senate President Ashley Gomez** - Please plan accordingly to attend the Alternate Student Trustee Presentations. Senate members must attend and be on time!

IX. Adjournment - @ 2:00pm