

# 11/16/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 11/16/2022]

Meeting called to order on [11/9] at [1:06pm] in SC 156-157

## I. Roll Call

- a. **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya**
- b. **Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy**
- 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 (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**
- 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 Bollotta**
- aa. **Senator Kristina Hollosi**
- bb. **Senator Patricia Kalaidjian**
- cc. **Senator Shanel Lopez**
- dd. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles**
- ee. **Senator Daniel Rajakumar**

ff. Senator Abigail Rojas (**Excused Late**)

**gg. Senator Prashant Shah**

hh. Senator Shubhashree Shahi (**Excused Late**)

**ii. Senator Riley Stein**

jj. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich (**Excused**)

**kk. Senator Madison Weeks**

**ll. Student Trustee Jakub Zak**

**mm. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr**

i. Present:

ii. Late: Abigail Rojas, Shubhashree Shahi

iii. Excused: Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Ritika Dawadi, Samantha Savercool, Pranish Khanal, Evelyn Voitsekhovich

iv. Absent:

## II. **Mission Statement - (Read by Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal)**

*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 11/9/2022](#)

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## IV. **New Business**

a. **Alternate Student Trustee Presentations:** *Student Trustee Zak, Dean Van Der Wall*

b. Updates from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees

c.

## V. **President's Announcements**

a. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Lighting Survey & other co-sponsorships over the last semester!

b. Spring Registration & Schedule Reminder: Keep Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm (ALL), & Mondays 8 - 10 pm (Senate) available

c. Notes from Meeting w/ President Jebb

- i. Wellness Days & Future Academic Calendars - Idea of having days off on federal holidays
- ii. Presidential Speaker series - keep connecting across the college
- iii. College Budget: Expenses and how large percentage goes to Salaries & Benefits
  1. Voluntary Employee Separation Program
  2. External Money - Grants
  3. Other Revenues
  4. Shifting enrollment strategy
  5. Shifting focus to Graduate programs
  6. Affordability
- iv. Dining: Increasing Flex in Meal Plans to accommodate inflation
- v. Boxed lunches for those that are home for Thanksgiving
  1. *Connecting with Dean Van Der Wall to look into this*
- d. Notes from Meeting w/ Uma Mahalingam, AD for First-Gen Student Center & Nicole Videll, Director of EOF & Academic Success
  - i. Introductions
  - ii. Current and immediate upcoming priorities
    1. Fundraising, programming, community building
    2. First-Gen College Celebration Day Proclamation
    3. First-Gen Celebration Month - every November
    4. Tri-Alpha Honor Society for First-Gen Students
    5. Data-informed actions
  - iii. Future goals
    1. Dedicated first-gen advisors, physical space
- e. November is Native American Heritage Month. [Visit EDIC website for more info.](#)
- f. This week is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. [Visit the CCEC website for more info.](#)
- g. Presidential Speaker Series- *Learning to Unlearn: Building & Leading Teams in the 21st Century*: Monday 11/28, 1 - 2:15 pm, Trustees Pavilion. [RSVP here.](#)
  - i. President Jebb will join business leaders, Ramapo alumni, and members of the RCNJ Board of Governors for a discussion and Q&A on Learning to Unlearn: Building & Leading Teams in the 21st Century. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend.
- h. ALICE Training: Wednesday 11/30, 6 - 9 pm. [Sign up here.](#)
- 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. **11/23: College-Wide Wellness Day (NO MEETINGS)**
  - ii. **11/30:**
    1. Megan Johnston & Marie-Danielle Attis (*Healthy Love Party*) (2 pm)

2. Uma Mahalingam, AD of First-Generation Student Center & First-Gen Action Team (*1st Gen Initiatives*) (2:30 pm)
- iii. **12/7: Last General Meeting**
  1. 1 - 2 pm: Meeting; 2 - 3:30 pm: Celebration!!
- I. Save the Dates
  - i. [Upcoming Events](#)
  - ii. **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.

## VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i.
- 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. The faculty advisement survey is live. Find the link in the daily digest. If applicable to you please take it. Thanks!
  - ii. If a professor is trying to hold class or give an asynchronous option in place of class you can (or can tell others) to let me know and contact the dean of the specific school. If the issue still continues I will bring it directly to the provost.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond
  - i. Nothing to Report
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
  - i. We had our first tabling event last Wednesday. Had a really good turnout for that and ended up getting 12 people who were interested and signed up..
  - ii. We have our second tabling event today from 3:30-5 on the second floor of the student center. There will be snacks
  - iii. The delegate program is now up to 19 delegates and counting!
  - iv. Still working on ideas to improve the delegate program with the delegates and
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
  - i. EXCUSED
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool

- i. EXCUSED
- ii. Meeting with presidents from each Greek organization this week to come up with ideas to bring the community together.
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
  - i. Working on letters to State assembly women and State Senator that should be done soon. If there is any change you want in higher education please tell me and I will inform you what can be done
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
  - i. Thinking about having an SGA movie night/end of year potluck some time in early December!
  - ii. If you have any ideas for any events you'd like to see before the year ends, let me know! I want to have at least one more event, maybe a sort of "de-stressing" before the finals event.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
  - i. The thankful board from Founders' day is up on the bulletin board by the fishbowl, feel free to write more things on it!
- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
  - i. EXCUSED
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Bella Weeks
  - i. On Monday, I attended a roundtable discussion about making event foods more sustainable. Some highlights of the discussion included: creating more media about recycling for students to see on campus, compost bins at events with food waste, and making flyers for event coordinators about ordering foods that are plant based.
- n. Chief Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
  - i. Nothing to report
- o. Senate President Ashley Gomez
  - i. Updates from 11/14 Senate Meeting
    - 1. [Senate Bill 2022-3: Alternative Access to Meal Plans](#)
    - 2. [Senate Bill 2022-4: Fall 2022 Interim Senate Election Bill](#)
    - 3. Co-Sponsorships
      - a. UAA: Asian Noodle Bubble Tea Night
        - i. Mon 11/21, 7 - 10 pm, Pavilion
      - b. Cahill Center & EOF: Advancing Science Connections
        - i. Wed 11/30, 6 - 7:30 pm, Pavilion
- p. Student Trustee Jakub Zak
  - i.
- q. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr
  - i. Nothing to report

## VII. Public Comment

- a.



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### VIII. Open Forum

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### IX. Adjournment @ 3:10