

# 12/7/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 12/7/2022]

Meeting called to order on [12/7] at [1 pm] 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 (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 Justice Victor Oluwagbemi**
- q. **Senate President Ashley Gomez**
- r. Senate Vice President Aime Lara (Excused Late)
- 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 (Excused)
- cc. **Senator Dean Jigarjian**
- dd. **Senator Shanel Lopez**
- ee. **Senator Liz Mendicino**

ff. Senator Ivonne Ovalles (Excused)

**gg. Senator Daniel Rajakumar**

**hh. Senator Abigail Rojas**

**ii. Senator Prashant Shah**

jj. Senator Shubhashree Shahi (Excused Late)

kk. Senator Riley Stein (Excused Late)

ll. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich (Excused)

**mm. Senator Madison Weeks**

**nn. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr**

**oo. Student Trustee Jakub Zak**

i. Present:

ii. Late:

iii. Excused:

iv. Absent:

## **II. Mission Statement - (Read by Senator Kristina Hollosi)**

*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. Land Acknowledgement**

*The Student Government Association respectfully acknowledges that we are hosting our meeting on the ancestral and traditional Indigenous territory of the Ramapough Lunaanpe Nation.*

## **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. [Minutes from 11/30/2022](#)

b. 11 - 0 - 3

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

a. Acknowledgment of Iranian Crisis & its impact on Ramapo Community

- i. The SGA stands in solidarity with the people of Iran, recognizes the people who lost their lives to the Islamic Regime fighting for their democratic rights, and condemns the Islamic Regime for its violations of human rights. The SGA encourages members of our community to engage in dialogue that expresses our open support towards Iran. The SGA recognizes each person's right to protest without major interference from governmental authorities and supports the Iranian members of our Ramapo College community.

- b. Acknowledgment of recent rise in antisemitism & its impact on Ramapo Community
  - i. The SGA recognizes the importance of remembering those affected by genocide. The SGA actively denounces and will work towards spreading the awareness of antisemitism, hatred, and bigotry on our campus.
- c. Last General! (*cries*)
- d. Welcome to newly appointed members: Senators-at-Large Dean & Liz
- e. Fill out your Course Evals!
- f. [Faculty Advisement Form](#)
- g. Strategic Plan Open Dialogue Sessions
  - i. Join the Strategic Plan Writing Team members for any of our four Open Dialogues in the Padovano Commons to learn more about the Strategic Plan Draft and to share your input. These dialogues provide an opportunity to discuss the role we each play in our future. More information about the Strategic Plan can be found on the Intranet: <https://web.ramapo.edu/president/spwt/>
    - 1. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4 - 5 p.m.
- h. **Provost Search Forums** and **Strategic Plan Dialogues** count for Event Requirement!
  - i. Email [sgapresident@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgapresident@ramapo.edu) with what type of session, day & time, as well as a brief summary of what you learned/how you engaged; due by **THIS FRIDAY**
- i. I emailed those who are missing their Event Requirements, please refer to the email if that is you.
- j. This is the last week of office hours! Starting Saturday 12/10, you are more than welcome to use the office to hang out/study, please be respectful of the space and the people within that space. No need to keep the door open.
- k. Save the Dates:
  - i. [Upcoming Events](#)
  - ii. First Senate Meeting: Monday 1/23
  - iii. First General Meeting: Wednesday 1/25
  - iv. First Cabinet Meeting: Wednesday 1/25
  - v. First E-Board Meeting: Wednesday 2/1
  - vi. Spring Training: Sunday 1/22, 5 - 8 pm, Location TBD
    - 1. Required for all members, including Delegates
  - vii. Basketball Double Header: Wednesday 2/1 at 5 pm!

## VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i. EXCUSED
- b. Secretary David Lopez
  - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
  - i. Nothing to Report

- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
  - i. EXCUSED
  - ii. Paolo emailed those who are missing Cabinet Reports, please refer to the email if that is you.
  - iii. Committee Chairs: Please email me and Paolo your Committee Attendance Reports ASAP
    - 1. Use format in email sent out this morning
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachele Ludder
  - i. If you have any academic issues for the end of the year let me know, especially with finals coming up and the upcoming semester. You can also reach out to me about anything over break!
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond
  - i. Today we held our final Committee meeting, and it was successful, thank you all for a great year!
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
  - i. We have our last Rave Guardian/Public Safety tabling tomorrow so please come and help us out if you can.
  - ii. We finished the semester off strong and I am so proud of all of my delegates for the work they have done this semester.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
  - i. We had our last committee meeting last Wednesday! Thank you everyone! . We discussed what we personally thought needed change around the campus, including the menstrual products box in the women's bathroom.
  - ii. Talked with Rachel about the multicultural center and what it will do.
  - iii. Goodluck for the finals!!
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
  - i. EXCUSED
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
  - i. At 3, today I will have my last meeting with my liaison Pat O'Connor this semester. We will be discussing future plans and my last bill. If you have any suggestions/ questions let me know before 3
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
  - i. I am running an event tomorrow night! Destress Thursday with the SGA. We will be making aromatherapy stress balls and making tea! Come out for a fun, chill night.
  - ii. Thank you for your participation in my events this semester, I appreciate you all! <3
  - iii. If you have any ideas for events for the spring semester please feel free to reach out to me about them! It's never too early to start planning
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
  - i. I am making a newsletter for Paolo to send out next week. If there is anything you feel as though is important enough for our semester recap, please let me know.
    - 1. It already includes meeting minutes, legislation, meeting the SGA, goals created in the beginning of the year, and how to get involved/contact us.
- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
  - i. EXCUSED

- ii. Please submit your community service forms ASAP to Paolo's mailbox OR [Google Drive](#)
  - 1. [Link to Forms](#)
- iii. Check out the [CCEC Archway Page](#) for community service opportunities!
- iv. Other Opportunities:
  - 1. [CPB Events](#): Thurs, Fri & Sat, 9 - 11 pm, Email [cpb@ramapo.edu](mailto:cpb@ramapo.edu)
  - 2. [BMAD's She-Appreciation](#): Fri 12/9, 7 - 10 pm (Set-Up at 5 pm), Email [bmad@ramapo.edu](mailto:bmad@ramapo.edu)
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Bella Weeks
  - i. Yesterday the sustainability committee had its final meeting for the semester, thank you all!
- n. Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi
  - i. Nothing to Report
- o. Senate President Ashley Gomez
  - i. Updates from 12/5 Senate Meeting
- p. Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr
  - i. I will be meeting with Peter Rice tomorrow to discuss our plan for next semester to raise money, and I will also be attending the second Board of Governor meeting on January 19th to start off next semester as well.
- q. Student Trustee Jakub Zak
  - i. Next BOT meeting in January
  - ii. Thank you for voting in Gloria as the next AST
  - iii. Provost Search is concluding

## VII. New Business

- a. SGA Rep to Traditions Council
  - i. [Traditions Council Purpose Statement](#)
  - ii. SGA Members interested: **Andrew Taranta, Liz Mendicino, Prashant Shah, David, Stephen Raymond, Shannon Decicco, Natalie Barr**
- b. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
  - i. **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya** - Strategic Plan Writing Team- Submitting a draft to President Jebb for her review and endorsement before they present it to the board in January.
  - ii. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta** - Humanities and Global Studies School - Going to speak to the dean so any ideas that anyone has he can speak on and represent
- c. Reflection on Semester Goals
  - i. **SGA Movie Nights (popcorn too)**
    - 1. Not too long of a movie, preferably during the week so that it is easier for commuters. Need feedback from everyone to establish what time and date we can have the movie night.
  - ii. **Monthly SGA Newsletter to all students/faculty/staff**

1. Seems like most people think monthly would not be possible. Think that there would be too many newsletters out (Daily Digest, In the Loop). One end of the semester newsletter would be better.
- iii. **Monthly(ish) SGA Open House**
  1. Possible Tabling events, having it more once a month rather than multiple SGA open houses. More SGA bulletin boards since there are multiple ones still free (idea).
- iv. **Collaborate with Athletics, bring back competitive intramurals**
  1. Possibly raise awareness by having tournaments so students could come out to play. Easier access for students to connect with more individuals. Tried to find ways to promote all teams.
- v. **Finals Goodie bags**
  1. Shanel - Pass out snacks to all students in the library or by the library during finals week. Rocky (mascot) would be the one giving out the snacks.
- vi. **Co-sponsor with at least 2 smaller clubs**
  1. OLU, BMAD, ResLife, etc.
- d. Overall discussion on Fall 2022 semester
  - i. The “Good”
    1. Ashley: Most Productive SGA that she has been in whether that is proposing a new bill, working together, etc.
    2. Paolo: Like that he sees us everywhere doing different things and not just for SGA
    3. Aime: 11 productive bills that were passed \*applause\*
    4. Andrew: Events that were planned were great to be a part of and great to help out plan. Senate meetings were lively and happy to be a part of SGA.
    5. Janelle: The bond that we all have with each other is genuine and is a big reason why we can all work cohesively.
  - ii. The “Could Be Improved On”
    1. Paolo: Members using Google Calendar.
    2. Christine: Communication towards her events or events she is trying to plan, being late to events without a heads up or just being on time in general.
- e. Discussion Re: Guest Speakers/Presentations for Spring 2023
  - i. Planned:
    1. In General:
      - a. Newly hired college officials, including but not limited to: *Registrar, Director of International Education, Provost, VP of Operational & Administrative Integration*
    2. Outside of General:
      - a. Healthy Love Party, Title IX Workshop, ALICE Training, CPR Certification
  - ii. Any Requests/Suggestions?
    1. More AEDs
    2. Pat O'Connor

3. Dean of Contemporary Arts

## **VIII. Public Comment**

## **IX. Open Forum**

- a. Liz Mendicino- talked with professor Edward Shannon, wants to collaborate with SGA and do tabling events or more.

## **X. Formal Meeting Adjournment @ 2 pm - Let's Celebrate!**