

9/14/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 9/14/2022]

Meeting called to order on [9/14] at [1:13pm] 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
- e. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin (Excused)
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
- h. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
- i. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
- j. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
- k. Executive Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
- l. Senate President Ashley Gomez
- m. Senate Vice President Aime Lara (Excused)
- n. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- o. Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci (Excused Late)
- p. CA School Senator Janelle Boamah
- q. TAS School Senator Samikshya Pokharel
- r. Senator Ivonne Ovalles (Excused)
- s. Senator Kristina Hollosi
- t. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (Excused Late)
- u. Senator Shanel Lopez (Late)
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late: Andraya Annucci, Patricia Kalaidjian, Shanel Lopez
 - iii. Excused: Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Aime Lara, Ivonne Ovalles
 - iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement: read by Executive Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi

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 9/7/2022
 - i. Motion entertained by Senate President Ashley Gomez.
 - ii. Moved by Sami
 - iii. Seconded by Graduate School Senator Andy
 - iv. Vote: 6-0-1
 - v. Minutes approved.

IV. President's Announcements

- a. Currently working on getting Chief Dwaine Perry's (of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation) contact info to establish a relationship between the SGA and the Ramapough Lunaape.
- b. Currently advertising for open Cabinet positions. If anyone's interested, please direct them to sgapresident@ramapo.edu.
 - i. Secretary of Commuter Affairs
 - ii. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
 - iii. Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life
 - iv. Secretary of Governmental Affairs
 - v. Secretary of Service
 - vi. Secretary of Sustainability
- c. September is National Suicide Prevention Month
 - i. [Counseling Services Website](#)
- d. Next week starts Latinx Heritage Month & National Hazing Prevention Week
 - i. Keep an eye out for events from EDIC, OFSL, and other affiliated groups
 - ii. Opening Proclamation for Latinx Heritage Month: Monday 9/19, 1:15 pm, Arch
 - iii. National Hazing Prevention Week Vigil: Monday 9/19, 7 pm, Arch
- e. Save the Dates:
 - i. Multicultural Welcome Back Cookout: Wednesday 9/14, 3 pm, Grove
 - ii. State of the College Address: Wednesday 9/21, 12 - 1 pm, Friends Hall
 - iii. **September Training**: Sunday 9/25, 6 - 8 pm, Location TBD
 - iv. **Presidential Reception**: Wednesday 9/28, 4:30 pm - 7 pm
 1. 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Men's Soccer Game, Athletic Field
 2. 5:30 - 7 pm, Reception, Pavilion
 3. RSVP to sscheele@ramapo.edu ASAP

- v. The Inauguration of President Jebb: Friday 10/14, 2 - 4 pm; [RSVP here!](#)
 - 1. put that you're a student and attending (unless representing another club or organization)
- f. Thank you to everyone who participated in the flag planting!!
- g. First Cabinet meeting today, 4 - 5 pm, SGA Office

V. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
 - i. Club Process - If anyone is interested in starting a club or if anyone asks, please direct them to email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu with a brief description of what they're hoping to create.
 - ii. We are also hoping to get members of the public involved in the Club Process Committee. We're ironing out the details of what membership includes but if you have anyone interested please have them reach out to me jtozermu@ramapo.edu or sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. Reminder to use QR Code for SGA office hours
 - ii. Planning to make a list of office supplies that are needed
 - 1. scissors
 - 2. printer paper - Anne said she'll ask CSI if we can get it from there instead of buying it. She will follow up with us.
 - a. Dr. Brown: CSI can order this for us. Reach out to them [CSI Mailbox](#)
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
 - i. Working on updating the budget. Nothing to report.
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i. EXCUSED
 - ii. First Cabinet meeting today, 4 - 5 pm, SGA Office
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachel Ludder
 - i. The first meeting of the Academic Affairs committee will be this coming Friday. The first meeting with the Provost will be held next Monday at noon.
- f. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. Nothing to Report
- g. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
 - i. I am starting to look for volunteers for Oktoberfest. I will need people on all 3 days (Thursday 10/13, Friday 10/14, and Saturday 9/15). Times are Thursday 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm, Friday 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm (or until the end of clean up), Saturday morning 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, and Saturday afternoon 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm (or until the end of clean up). If I could have people sign up for however many hours they can, that would be greatly appreciated! I will need the most volunteers on Saturday. Please come to me to schedule your times. You can also email or DM me. My email is cdefeo1@ramapo.edu

- h. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. Please send me any information to promote as soon as possible on Groupme or email or we can chat!
 - ii. I am working with Christine to plan out promoting Oktoberfest so I want to be able to fit everything in accordingly because that will be our major focus in the upcoming weeks.
 - iii. If you take any pictures with each other (even if it's not at an SGA event) feel free to send them.
- i. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
 - i. Nothing to report
- j. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i. Updates from Senate Meeting 9/12
 - ii. Moving forward we are having representatives from organizations requesting cosponsorship come in to speak to the senate so they can answer questions 1 on 1. Coming in person unless virtual is needed.
 - iii. Discussed bill ideas
 - iv. Approved 2 co sponsorships

VI. New Business

- a. Q&A with Sharon McLaurin, Director of Public Safety
 - i. Thanks for the invitation. Want to make sure the student body is protected and taken care of and your voice is heard.
 - ii. *Are there plans to make Alice Training required for organizations on campus?*
 - 1. Not at this time
 - iii. *Does Public Safety have more Alice Training sessions planned?*
 - 1. Residential areas have more training in October & as far as September training they would want to do more training with SGA. It is a 3 hour training program & they would have to coordinate with RAs. Reach out to make it happen.
 - iv. *Are there any plans for improved outreach between Public Safety and students?*
 - 1. Department wants to reach out more to students in a non confrontational way. Open to suggestions & they have ideas already. Want to ensure the connection between Psafe & students is positive. If you have any suggestions please reach out to me (Sharon McLaurin) to let me know
 - v. *Can you please talk about the new app Rave Guardian, the features it provides, as well as any benefits to students?*
 - 1. Spread the word so that more people know about the *Rave Guardian* app. Personal safety device so Psafe could monitor and essentially protect you/watch you at all times.

Features: Time & tracking; to ensure you get to where you want to go. Meant to ensure safety & comfortability.

- vi. *Can you please briefly go over the organizational structure of Public Safety (who reports to you, how many officers, different units, etc)?*
 1. Primary focus is public safety. 6 assistant chiefs, 6 sergeants, & 19 officers on staff for a total of 32 officers.
- vii. *Are Public Safety officers CPR/First Aid certified?*
 1. CPR and AED certified - not first aid
- viii. *What can we as SGA do to assist you and Public Safety in your mission?*
 1. Establish a connection and keep the connection with Psafe so that we can advocate for students. Our suggestions and ideas are all important to them.
- ix. *Other questions from members of SGA & the public*
 1. Paolo: Tell us more about you & your experiences?
 - a. Sharon McLaurin - Tells us her life experiences from the early age of 15, explains how she grew up & what she has gone through in life. Is devoted and committed to working with a core group of people to help students achieve their goals/success.
 2. Sami: Bear incidents; Is anything being done in terms of bear incidents?
 - a. Sharon McLaurin - Students are their own first line of defense. Make sure to report it so that they can send an email and message out to everyone on campus to ensure the information is received and viewed by everyone.
 3. Ashley: Is there any way that there could be an established schedule where PSafe can be with them or around the area. Schedule for PSafe in the village?
 - a. Sharon McLaurin - 5 officers on duty per shift during the school year. Could be problematic to have officers only in certain areas at certain times. Will communicate to officers to possibly patrol more around the village and ensure safety.
 4. Rachele: Can commuters receive ALICE training?
 - a. Sharon - If she needs/can set up a date for ALICE training for commuters then she will.
- b. [Ramapledge](#) Co-sponsorship with Office of Violence Prevention (Janea)
 - i. Encourages those within the Ramapo College Community to foster a safer campus and stand against sexual assault and violence
 - ii. Vote to co-sponsor the Pledge
 1. Point of Information - SGA 2016 co-sponsored with them back then
 - iii. Vote:
 1. Entertained by Ashley
 2. Moved by Graduate School Senator Andy
 3. Seconded by Janelle
 - a. Vote: 7-0-0

- b. Approved
- iv. Signing: Wednesday 9/28, 12 - 1 pm, Grove (tentative time & location)
 - 1. Need 2 SGA members at the table
 - 2. *maybe* Paolo and *maybe* Ashley
 - 3. Leyla
 - 4. Graduate School Senator Andy
 - 5. David
- c. Reports from SGA Reps on College-wide Committees
 - i. Christine - Health & Safety Committee: MonkeyPox information. If you get MonkeyPox then you would have to be quarantined for 2-4 weeks & it cannot be at Ramapo. They want to ensure it is contained and not the same result as Covid-19.
 - 1. Ashley - Why would you have to go home with MonkeyPox but not Covid?
 - a. Will ask next time she meets with them
 - 2. Point of Clarification: Anne Eke - Ramapo Covid website contains all the information needed know & can be found [HERE](#)
 - 3. Sami - Do they have a location necessary in case someone does get MonkeyPox?
 - a. She will come back and ask to see whether there is a location or not
 - ii. Graduate School Senator Andy - Graduate Council: For students interested in the 4+1 programs there will be new requirements for students. Master thesis will go through a copyright process so the work can remain yours and possibly be put in Ramapo; summer advisement is being looked into as well as winter advisement.
- d. Rob Dossier - Chief Information Officer - Wifi Updates:
 - i. Village and Laurel having wifi issues. Temporary solutions put in place during the summer. Encourage people to put in a ticket. Help desk staffed from 8am-8pm. Try forgetting the network and then retrying. Working on getting it involved as quickly as possible. Engaging Cisco and having them come out but will receive updates as things change.
 - ii. Point of Inquiry by Dean Van Der Wall: If you have anything for us to send out to students (Rob) then let us know.
 - iii. Leyla Mehri - few issues with wifi in mackin
 - 1. Rob: Those are new. Put in a help desk ticket.

VII. Public Comment

- a. N/A

VIII. Open Forum

- a. Senator Kristina Hollosi: If a committee we signed up to doesn't have a chair what do we do?
 - i. President Paolo: You can hold off until we get a chair or volunteer for others in the meantime.

- b. Paolo - Wed 9/21 3:15pm-4pm - Students will tell a search firm what we're looking for in a provost and saying what about Ramapo would make someone want to come to Ramapo. Location TBD.
 - i. Point of Inquiry: Rachele - Should I be there?
 - ii. Paolo: Probably
 - iii. Point of Inquiry: What's a provost?
 - 1. President Paolo: Oversee all academics at college. Deans, academic programming, honors programming, roukema center, center for reading and writing, etc. Provost oversees anything academic related and reports directly to the president.
 - 2. Rachele: Anything to bring up to provost please let me know.
 - iv. Point of Information by Anne: Current provost Gaulden is the only acting provost so they're not hiring someone.
- c. Anne: RSVP to Stephanie Scheeler please. 9/28 reception with President Jebb. It's important that as many SGA people are present as possible. Advisors and Dean Van Der Wall will be there. Please RSVP by the date.
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 - iii. Jack: It's a lovely event. Please rsvp.
- d. Executive Panelist **Victor Oluwagbemi** : Dining: quality of food (especially at late night) is low and is Pav going to be reopened?
 - i. Senate President Ashley Gomez: the liaison, when we have one, would bring up these questions. We had Pav closed when we had less people on campus and classes were virtual but now that we have a full campus that's a good question to ask.
 - ii. CA School Senator Janelle: I spoke with the dining services office before I joined SGA and people in dining services don't have enough staff to staff both places. That's a large reason why they can't have both places open.
 - 1. Senate President Ashley Gomez: staff also crossovers
- e. Graduate School Senator Andy: Getting complaints that people feel unsafe on dirt path going to CPA's
 - i. President Paolo That is not an actual path - it's a service path.
 - ii. Anne: Maybe bring it up to Psafe during lighting survey
 - iii. Jack: Look at areas on campus that you feel as though you want to report and talk about. It can be helpful to get attention and make change.
- f. President Paolo: Just because we don't have liaisons doesn't mean we shouldn't discuss these concerns. We can still get stuff done and will have eboard or someone else step up to voice concerns to these different areas.
 - i. CA School Senator Janelle: If we were to bring up these dining services concerns but knowing that they don't have enough staff, how would we go about that?
 - 1. See if they have any ideas and have an open communication with them so we're all on the same page and they are aware of our concerns.



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- g. Special Gift!

IX. Adjournment - @ 2:29