

9/21/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 9/21/2022]

Meeting called to order on [9/21] at [1:05 pm] in SC-158

I. Roll Call & Introductions

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

gg. Senator Riley Stein (Excused Late)

hh. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich (Excused)

ii. Senator Madison Weeks (Absent Excused)

i. Present:

ii. Late: Noe Ramirez, Abigail Rojas, Shubhashree Shahi, Riley Stein

iii. Excused: Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Samantha Savercool, Leah Berlinger, Ashley Gomez, Leyla Merhi, Patricia Kalaidjian, Ivonne Ovalles, Evelyn Voitsekhovich, Madison Weeks

iv. Absent: Brandon Rivera

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 9/14/22](#)

IV. **President's Announcements**

a. Welcome to our new members!

i. Access to [Google Drive](#), [Google Calendar](#), and GroupMe(s) have been/will be provided.

ii. Stay tuned for info about Senate/Cabinet-specific trainings

b. Last week was the start of Latinx Heritage Month & this week is National Hazing Prevention Week.

i. Today, 5 pm, Latinx Heritage Month Dinner in Birch w/ OLU & SOCA

c. Current Projects:

i. Cabinet Search - interested students should email sgapresident@ramapo.edu

1. Secretary of Commuter Affairs

2. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion

3. Secretary of Service

4. Secretary of Sustainability

ii. Foundation Fundraising Events:

1. Phone-a-Thon

2. Performing Arts Dinner Series

iii. Partnerships:

1. Chief Perry of Ramapough Lunaape Nation

2. Marketing & Communications: The College Tour Premiere Event
3. Public Safety: ALICE Training
- iv. Student Reps:
 1. Strategic Plan Writing Team (SPWT)
 2. Academic Master Plan Task Force
- d. Save the Dates:
 - i. Provost Search Firm Open Forum for Students: 3:15 – 4 pm, ASB 135
 - ii. September Training: Sunday 9/25, 6 - 8 pm, Friends Hall
 1. RSVP using Google Calendar link
 - iii. Presidential Reception: Wednesday 9/28
 1. 4:30 pm: Men's Soccer Game, Athletic Field
 2. 5:30 pm, Reception, Pavilion
 3. RSVP to sscheele@ramapo.edu ASAP
 4. Ramapo attire
 - iv. Oktoberfest: 10/13 - 10/15
 1. The Inauguration of President Jebb: Friday 10/14, 2 – 4 pm, Bradley Center Arena

V. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
 - i. No Updates.
 - ii. Interested in creating a club? Email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu *with a brief description and name of the club.*
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
 - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i. EXCUSED
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
 - i. The first meeting of the academic affairs committee was last friday. We came up with ideas to discuss with the Provost and possible ways to get the word out about what the committee does
 - ii. The first meeting with the Provost was this Monday, Topics brought up included a different reward for making the Deans' list, a new minimum and maximum on the amount of hours a study room can be reserved at the library as well as a less complex way to reserve them. A new push may be done to ask faculty to take a canvas course on how to advise. If you have any issues with CSS advisement you may contact director John Yao, More consistent diversity training was brought up as well, and the idea of consistent trigger warnings was also brought up.

- iii. The Provost has some new as well, including the acceptance of a new BS for neuroscience, two new grad programs for math and computer science, ideas about fixing the academic side of the website.
- f. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. We had our second meeting yesterday. We discussed different ways we would want to promote the program, along with ideas for possibly tabling. I will be getting more ideas and information in the coming days so we can begin to promote the delegate program.
 - ii. We also discussed what happens in our general and senate meetings and had some really good conversations about it.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
 - i. EXCUSED
- g. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. No updates
- h. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
 - i. Thank you for signing up for volunteer slots for Oktoberfest! I need more people to sign up for saturday night, it's our biggest event
 - ii. The weekend of Oktoberfest is CBP's weekend off... so SGA is taking over GlowFest on Saturday. night (10/15). I would need volunteers for that as well.
 - iii. Paige and I's committee: we only have a few people signed up as of right now. If you can and are willing to please sign up. We are going to need help with Oktoberfest coming up.
 - iv. Tentative event on next Thurs. 9/29 in the Alumni lounges. Caramel Apples and Crafts. Painting totebags and making caramel apples. @ 8 - 9pm.
 - v. GlowFest is @ 9pm - 11pm an hour after the carnival.
- i. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. Please send me things! If you have a cute picture or pictures with other members send them to me! Please :)
 - ii. Like Christine mentioned, please join our committee. We need as much help as we can get.
- j. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
 - i. No Updates
- k. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
 - i. Updates from Senate Meeting 9/19
 - 1. appointed new cabinet members
 - 2. introduced to senators
- l. Student Trustee Jakub Zak
 - i. 3:15pm - provost search forum for students ASB 135. I encourage everyone to come and say thoughts of what they want to see in the new provost. Important hiring decision at ramapo.
 - ii. Looking for the next Alternate Student Trustee (someone to work alongside Jakub). Putting out daily digest and marketing but wants to do some one on one talking to people personally. I Want

to let people know what the job includes. Trustee votes on everything within college. Any questions? Please reach out to me. [Jakub Zak](#)

VI. New Business

- a. Reflections on State of the College
 - i. Athletic wins, Career development wins (Noe), Importance of liberal arts, highlighted Chief Perry & Ramapough Lunaape Nation. All hands on deck endeavor to make sure students achieve their goals & for the academic side of Ramapo. Arching ceremonies for new faculty, President Jebb values traditions
 - ii. Andrew - President Jebb has carried her West point ring for her whole life & is planning on adding ramapo gemstone into the ring.
- a. Discussion on Diversity Day Tabling - **Thursday, October 6, 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. The Grove, Rain Location: SC 156-158**
 - i. “Student Organizations and Faculty/Staff Committees can host a table to showcase their purpose or host a Diversity related activity. Diversity Day is a day to celebrate and embrace who we are, despite our differences, no matter what race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disabilities.”
 - ii. Talk about what we could do for our tabling ideas
 - iii. James - include LGBTQ+ flags and representation
 - iv. Point of clarification Rick Brown - Women's center and multicultural center to represent LGBTQ+ next week or soon
 - v. Pictures of multiple countries
- b. Potential Dates for ALICE Training
 - i. 3 hour training, possibly 2 - 5pm
- c. Updated Senate Liaisons
 - i. Senate Liaison Contact Sheet [HERE](#)
- d. Updates from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
 - i. Janelle - Contemporary arts major and has concerns about the schools contemporary arts contact [Janelle Boamah](#)
 - ii. Dean Van Der Wall - mission fulfillment is at 4pm
 - iii. Christine - Health and Safety committee, any concerns let [Christine Defeo](#) know.
- e. Paolo on BRPET - If you know someone who has experienced instances of bias please report them here: [Report a Bias Incident - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Compliance || Ramapo College of New Jersey.](#)
- f. Guest: **Megan Johnston, MSW**, Health Educator, Center for Health & Counseling Services - National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (2 pm)
 - i. SGA members can access this presentation [here](#). Members of the public should reach out to [Megan Johnston](#) for more information.

VII. Public Comment

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VIII. Open Forum

- a. Paolo: New Members - Go to the SGA Office for gifts! (after meeting)
- b. Shannon: Delegates are having wifi issues in A and B wing - (as well as all resident areas). Does anyone still have problems?
 - i. ASB
- c. Janelle - Laurel wifi turns off at a certain time at night
- d. Anne - 2 recommendations; forget the network &/or switch locations, get tickets in so they know what areas to fix
- e. Aime - Senator training from 8 - 10pm to touch base. Ashley sent an email and senators need to reply to know who is going or not. If not, Ashley and Aime will meet with you at a different time.
- f. Rachelle - No vending machines in the Berrie Center. Counseling services being an issue (Ashley); specific uncomfortable things said. A couple students have talked about the issue. Reach out to Dean Van Der Wall.
- g. Paolo - Please select yes or no to training this Sunday

IX. Adjournment - @ 2:50 pm