

# 9/28/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 9/28/2022]

Meeting called to order on [9/28] at [1:06pm] in ASB-135

## 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 Rachele 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
- m. Executive Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
- n. Senate President Ashley Gomez
- o. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
- p. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- q. Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci
- r. ASB School Senator Daeun Mun (Late)
- 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 Hollosi
- y. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (Excused)
- z. Senator Shanel Lopez (Excused Late)
- aa. Senator Ivonne Ovalles (Excused)
- bb. Senator Daniel Rajakumar
- cc. Senator Brandon Rivera
- dd. Senator Abigail Rojas
- 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 (Excused Late)
  - i. Present:
  - ii. Late: Daeun Mun, Shanel Lopez, Shubhashree Shahi, Riley Stein, Madison Weeks
  - iii. Excused: Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Samantha Savercool, Patricia Kalaidjian, Ivonne Ovalles, Evelyn Voitsekhovich
  - iv. Absent:

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

*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 9/21/22](#)
- b. 12 - 0 - 3

**IV. President's Announcements**

- a. Thank you all for a great Fall Training!
- b. [Ask, Listen, Refer Training](#) (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)
  - i. Upload Certificate of Completion to [Google Folder](#) by 10/10.
- c. Community Service Updates:
  - i. [Community Service Form](#), leave completed forms in my mailbox in the SGA Office
  - ii. Big Brothers Big Sisters ([ccec@ramapo.edu](mailto:ccec@ramapo.edu))
    - 1. Ramapo CARES: Wednesdays, 4 - 5 pm (virtual)
    - 2. Ramapo Paterson: Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30 pm (in-person)
  - iii. [Pony Power Service Opportunity](#)
  - iv. College Programming Board Events ([cpb@ramapo.edu](mailto:cpb@ramapo.edu))
    - 1. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays: 9 - 11 pm
  - v. Phone-a-Thon w/ the Foundation
    - 1. 3 - 4 students, 6 nights (3 in Oct, 3 in Nov), 5:30 - 7ish (based on availability), requires training w/ Andrea Buser
    - 2. Volunteers?

- d. Currently advertising for open Cabinet positions. If anyone's interested, please direct them to [sgapresident@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgapresident@ramapo.edu).
  - i. Secretary of Commuter Affairs
  - ii. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
  - iii. Secretary of Service
  - iv. Secretary of Sustainability
- e. Temporary Student Governor Search
  - i. Student Rep on Board of Governors
  - ii. Reach out to [sgapresident@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgapresident@ramapo.edu)
- f. Save the Dates
  - i. **Presidential Reception:** TODAY 9/28, 4:30 - 7 pm (Ramapo attire)
    - 1. 4:30: Men's Soccer Game, Athletic Field
    - 2. 5:30: Reception, Pavilion
  - ii. **State of the College Reflections - A Conversation with President Jebb:** Thurs 9/29, 1:15 - 2:15 pm, Pavilion
  - iii. **The Inauguration of President Jebb:** Friday 10/14, 2 - 4 pm, Bradley Center Arena
- g. Current Projects:
  - i. Partnership w/ Chief Perry of Ramapough Munsee Lunaape Nation
  - ii. Planning Upcoming Speakers at General
    - 1. Mike Cunningham, Director of Facilities & Critical Infrastructure Security, and Nicole Jones, Manager of Business Services
    - 2. Jack Nesmith, Coordinator of Student Activities: "Leading w/ Style: SGA Edition", 10/5
  - iii. Idea for SGA to volunteer at WeCare Food Pantry, following up with Dylan Heffernan, Assistant Director of Community Service & WeCare Program, to see if possible.
- h. Update to SGA Reps:
  - i. Strategic Plan Writing Team - Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
  - ii. Campus Facilities Master Plan Task Force - TBA
    - 1. Kristina would be interested
  - iii. Academic Master Plan Task Force - TBA
  - iv. Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Council - TBA
    - 1. Point of Inquiry- Ashley; How recurring are the meetings?
    - 2. Reach out to Paolo via email about any more information

## V. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i. Club Process Updates: meeting next week from 3pm-4pm in A-221. We'll be discussing the shift in Club Process to now include club leaders and control allocations for clubs.

- ii. Meeting Locations: Everyone should have the google calendar shared with them. It is also located [here](#). All meeting locations are located in the description section of the event. Before asking for meeting locations in the group please check there first.
- iii. Senate Seconding and Moving: Only Senate members vote (for ex: in the approval of minutes). For at least this next month we will be having only new non-returning SGA Senate members move and second motions. We want to give everyone an opportunity to learn about SGA, how the voting process works, and become comfortable/familiar with moving and seconding, voting, etc.
  - 1. Janelle - What if someone wants to start a new club?
    - a. have them email [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu) with the name of the club and a brief description
- b. Secretary David Lopez
  - i. Will be creating a Google Doc and sharing with everyone so that they could put what we need/want in terms of office supplies. Already compiled a list of supplies, but would like everyone else to share anything that we may need/want.
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
  - i. Nothing to Report
    - 1. Point of Inquiry - Ashley: If anyone needs to be ordered should we just give it to you or just ask for the Pcard?
    - 2. Aime - If a co-sponsorship is approved, who places the order, SGA or the club with the Pcard?
    - 3. Noe- Will get back to [Aime Lara](#) on that
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
  - i. EXCUSED
  - ii. Cabinet Meeting today from 3 - 4 pm in the SGA Office
  - iii. Cabinet Reports due tonight by 11:59 pm. Please upload to [this folder](#).
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachele Ludder
  - i. The first provost council was last Thursday. The used policy is moving along and where a student would be able to put their used names on canvas. Official policy would also start using they/them.
  - ii. The next academic affairs committee is this Friday (b-218). The next meeting with the provost will be this coming Monday.
  - iii. Let me know if you have any concerns or suggestions to bring to the Provost
  - iv. I can ask more about the academic task force at my next Provost meeting
    - 1. Aime: To become a trustee, do you have to be a US citizen?
    - 2. Dean Van Der Wall - Yes you must be a citizen and 18 years of age
- f. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
  - i. nothing to report
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
  - i. EXCUSED
- g. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
  - i. nothing to report

- h. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
  - i. Tomorrow is Caramel Apples and Crafts. If you are coming to help out, please come at 7 pm for set up.
  - ii. We need more people on Saturday afternoon for Oktoberfest. If you are signed up for Thursday and you can switch to Saturday afternoon please do. We have too many people for Thursday, which is a very small event. The bulk of the volunteering needs to be on Saturday.
  - iii. Committee meeting next wed. at 5 location TBD
- i. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
  - i. Let me know if I can promote/post anything!
  - ii. A “meet the SGA” post was mentioned... I am going to reach out to see if everyone is comfortable with this and being posted... Send me pictures of you for this!!
    - 1. Point of Inquiry - Ashley: Do you have a deadline by when we should send pictures or anything else?
    - 2. Paige - Not specifically since she will be posting periodically
- j. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
  - i. Nothing to Report
  - ii. Any new members that have concerns can come to [Leah Berlinger](#) to discuss certain issues as well.
- k. Senate President Ashley Gomez
  - i. Updates from Senate Meeting 9/26
    - 1. Developing more bills
    - 2. Dean’s List recognition is minimal and should do more to recognize students that make the list
    - 3. Point of Information - Rachele: Talk with the Dean about this topic to go further into detail. Will follow up with the Dean to see if there are any updates
    - 4. Point of Information - Rick Brown: Certain GPA cutoff, but those with certain GPA will be recognize

## VI. New Business

- a. Discussion on Trunk or Treat
  - i. Clubs/Orgs open their themed car trunks for local children in Mahwah so they can trick or treat and receive candy. Prize for the best Non-greek car.
  - ii. Taking place Thursday [Oct 27, 2022](#)
- b. [Alice Training Form](#)
- c. [Upcoming Events Sign-Up](#)
  - i. If you can, please sign up to help with College Tour
  - ii. New events are added into this document each time
- d. Updates from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
  - i. Strategic Plan Writing (Paolo): broke out in subgroups. Focusing on 3 sub-goals.
  - ii. Christine: Health and Safety Committee: Meeting with them on 10/12. If you have any concerns please let me know!

- iii. Auditing Committee (Noe): First meeting postponed until further notice.
- e. Guests: **Marie-Danielle Attis**, Assistant Director of the Center of Student Involvement & Coordinator of the Office of Violence Prevention & **Alexandra Woods**, Coordinator of the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services (1:30 pm)
  - i. **Marie**: Assistant Director for Center of Student Involvement, oversees the Women's Center, and works in the Office of Violence Prevention.
    1. Mission is to use the students to represent & for programming. Go to the Ramapo community and eradicate the issue of sexual violence or anything else on campus.
    2. Week of 17th - 21st: Violence Prevention Week
    3. Application for individuals who want to sign up to speak on their survivor stories
    4. Promoting Healthy Masculinity and breaking down toxic masculinity. Getting more men into the Women's Center so they can be educated or understand certain situations.
    5. OVP Events can be found [Here](#)
  - ii. **Alex**: New coordinator for the Women's Center.
    1. *Tell us about yourself, your experience, backstory, etc (whatever you are comfortable sharing)*
    2. *Tell us a bit about the services offered by the Women's Center and how students can access these services.*
      - a. Condoms, Masks, Lube, Pregnancy Test, Free Menstruation Supplies, Sex Educational Supplies.
    3. *How can we, as the SGA, support or better support the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services this semester?*
      - a. Searching for more volunteers, support & attendance from SGA is needed and much appreciated
    4. *Are there any specific issues you are looking to address and improve for Ramapo College by means of the Women's Center?*
      - a. Lack of gender inclusive bathrooms, revamping housing application for gender inclusive students, overall goal is to expand the center and have more students/people to come or know about the Women's Center.
    5. Dates for Events: Events can be found [Here](#)
      - a. Oct 13, 2022 Leah Warner & the USED Name Workshop
      - b. Oct 25, 2022 Clued-In Trans Sex Education Workshop
      - c. Oct 26, 2022 LGBTQ Event - Padovano Commons
    6. Ashley: Gender Inclusive Housing - Could you speak more about it?
      - a. Marie: Process is different because it is a unique population of people. Educating the people who are processing these applications.
      - b. Christine - Is anything happening for National Coming Out Day?
        - i. Alex - Having an event and talking about healthy ways for an individual to come out. Some individuals have had bad coming out experiences

therefore we would want them to feel appreciated and happy. Games & food/candy for individuals who come to the event.

ii. More info on Gender Inclusive Housing [Here](#)

- “Gender Inclusive Housing applicants follow the same online housing selection process as all other residential students, with the added step of completing the Archway application”

*c. How can we, as the SGA, support or better support the Women’s Center & LGBTQ+ Services this semester?*

*d. Are there any specific issues you are looking to address and improve for Ramapo College by means of the Women’s Center?*

f. RamaPledge Signing

- i. Refer to RamaPledge we agreed upon co-sponsoring and signing [here](#).

## VII. Public Comment

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## VIII. Open Forum

- a. Ashley - Some senators have not been able to get a response from their liaison. Forward emails from liaison to Ashley Gomez and CC Aime Lara.
- b. Janelle - Fall annual concert taking place. Please let everyone know so that they can vote on either a concert or comedy show. Volunteer hours for CPB events. Can be found on Archway, Daily Digest, & In The Loop.

## IX. Adjournment - @ 2:35 pm