

9/7/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 9/7/2022]

Meeting called to order on [9/7] at [1pm] in Friends Hall.

I. Roll Call & Introductions

- 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**
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
- h. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Kiely Paris-Rodriguez
- i. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
- j. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
- k. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
- l. Executive Panelist Victor Oluwagbemi
- m. Senate President Ashley Gomez
- n. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
- o. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- p. Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci
- q. CA School Senator **Janelle Boamah**
- r. HGS School Senator Erin Pryor
- s. TAS School Senator **Samikshya Pokharel**
- t. Senator **Ivonne Ovalles**
- u. Senator Elise Kosoy
- v. Senator **Emma Marolda**
- w. Senator Kristina Hollosi
- x. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- y. Senator Polina Buvaylo
- z. Senator Shanel Lopez
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late: **Samikshya Pokharel**
 - iii. Excused: **Zenobia Ahsanuddin**, **Janelle Boamah**, **Ivonne Ovalles**, **Emma Marolda**

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iv. Absent:

II. **Mission Statement** (read by Leah Berlinger)

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. N/A

IV. **President's Announcements**

- a. Welcome to the Fall 2022 semester and enjoy the food!
- b. Thank you for an amazing training!
- c. Thank you Ashley and Aime for your work on the Fall Elections so far!
- d. First E-Board Meeting today, 4 - 5 pm, SGA Office; First Cabinet next week (same time, same place)
- e. Need SGA Rep to the Campus Health and Safety Committee ASAP (2nd Wed of every month, 9:30 am)
- f. Upcoming 9/11 Events
 - i. Flag Planting: Thursday 9/8, 1 - 2:15 pm, Grove
 - ii. Remembrance Ceremony: Monday 9/12, 1:15 pm, Arch
- g. Sharon McLaurin, Director of Public Safety, attending General on 9/14
 - i. Please prepare [questions](#) by end of day Friday 9/9.
- h. Save the Date: Fall 2022 State of the College Address
 - i. Wednesday 9/21, 12 pm, Friends Hall
- i. Scholarships: ramapo.edu/scholarships; one is due 9/12, most due 10/10
- j. Upcoming Fundraising Event for the Ramapo College Foundation
 - i. **Annual Golf Outing**: Thursday 9/15 - Upper Montclair CC
 - ii. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (any or part of the day/evening is welcome); 2-4 students if possible
 - iii. Please email sgapresident@ramapo.edu ASAP if you are free and able to attend at any point of the day. We can carpool if needed.
- k. Save the Date - The Inauguration of President Jebb: Friday 10/14, 2 - 4 pm; [RSVP here!](#)
- l. Please review the [Academic Calendar](#) for important academic & housing-related deadlines.
- m. Update to [Library Study Room Reservation Procedures](#).
- n. Read the Daily Digest & In The Loop to stay up-to-date on campus-wide events & information.

V. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
 - i. First Club Process meeting today in A-218 at 3:15pm. Please don't be late. We are hearing from 2 clubs!
 - ii. Reminder: GCAL - select "yes" or "no" for every event/invite you're sent. (ex: flag planting tomorrow)
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. Make sure you scan the QR code when leaving the office after your office hours.
 - ii. If you have any ideas of supplies that we need for the office please let me know now, or groupme dm/email me.
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
 - i. Annual Budget Presentation:
 1. Total of \$58,350
 - a.  FY 2022-23 Budget
 2. PCard Procedures: using a pcard? Meet with organizations and discuss funding needed. There's a form to complete requesting a pcard. Once you get a pcard make sure you get a tax exemption form. Bring back an itemized receipt.
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i. EXCUSED
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
 - i. The First Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee with the five school senators will be on Friday, September 16th, at 5:30-6:30. The First meeting with the Provost will be on Monday, September 19th, at 12-1.
- f. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. We had our first meeting last night. We reviewed program requirements, committee roles, and did an icebreaker for bonding, and started to think about promotion of the delegate program.
 - ii. Requirements for the program are: 1 office hour per week, 1 SGA-hosted or co-sponsored event per semester, delegates are highly encouraged to attend general and/or senate meetings and encouraged to join another committee.
 - iii. Possible Shadowing Opportunities: Allows the delegates to shadow and train with any current SGA member to learn more about SGA and get experience (possibly starting on October)
- g. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Kiely Paris-Rodriguez
 - i. No updates.
- h. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo

- i. Focusing on Oktoberfest. Meeting with Amanda Riehl tomorrow to discuss more.
 - ii. October 14-16. Family day is the 15th. Please be available for all of these dates.
- i. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. Please send me any information to promote as soon as possible (at LEAST a week in advance preferably).
 - ii. We can use social media, bulletin boards, In the Loop or Daily Digest. Let me know if you have a preference of where or how it gets shared. It will also depend on the importance of the information.
- j. Chief Panelist Leah Berlinger
 - i. Reorganization of Judicial Panel this semester. Researching what other schools do and remodeling. If you have any questions please let us know.
- k. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i.

VI. New Business

- a. Refresher on Robert's Rules of Order
 - i. Point of Inquiry
 - ii. Point of Information
 - iii. Point of Clarification
 - iv. Ashley establishes a speaking order as the chair of the meeting.
- b. Discussion of [Questions for Sharon McLaurin](#), new Director of Public Safety
 - i. Emergency Preparedness Plan located [here](#).
- c. Presidential Inauguration - Stephanie Scheeler, Director of Special Events (2 pm)
 - i. Encouraging everyone to participate.
 - ii. 2pm on 10/14. Between 1.5-2 hours. Classes are in session on this day. Every group should have one person to represent them.
 - iii. Reception on Cherry Lane after
 - iv. The Inauguration is 8-12 months into someone's term in the college. Former presidents are invited back to the college. All east coast college presidents are invited. Speakers representing faculty, staff, students, and outside speakers. We're having a corral, concert band, and Westpoint club.
 - v. Erin Pryor: Who should outside groups reach out to if they're interested in representing a club?
 - 1. Stephanie Scheeler: There is a section on the rsvp. Also located here: <https://www.ramapo.edu/inauguration/>
- d. Reports from SGA members on External Committees

VII. Public Comment

- a. President Jebb:
 - i. Looking forward to working with you all. Sharing wins from last year. Budget Info. 2 asks.
 - ii. Ask:
 1. Our values make up our culture. Be inclusive, ethical, empathetic, kind, collaborative, innovative, etc. Make sure everyone feels like they belong. Keep these things in mind.
 2. We're in a campaign season for midterms. Please use this as an opportunity to come together. Allow differences of perspectives to learn from one another. Be respectful of one another.
- b. Advisor Jack Nesmith:
 - i. SAIL: Sophomores Advancing in Leadership - reach out to Jack if interested. Application is on Archway. Due by Monday, September 26th by 12pm.
 - ii. Commuter Breakfast - Berrie Center lawn -
 - iii. Next monday 9/12 @1pm - pizza and pals in J. Lees
- c. Chair Susan Velario: Chair of the Board of Trustees - we welcome representatives on BOTH committees. Encourage representatives to participate in the discussion in these committee meetings. Wishing us a great year.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. VP Janea: Trash: residents in CPAs and Village experiencing an overflow of trash and recycling bins. Killing the environment and visibility of these areas. Kristina is liaison of facilities. Discuss in the first liaison meeting.
 - i. Disposing of trash quicker or getting more trash bins
- b. Senate President Ashley Gomez: making ALICE training a requirement or optional requirement for the SGA. 3 hours long. Will be useful.
 - i. President Paolo: PSafety reached out to us about that during Spring while people were leaving. Maybe we'll do some training during a general meeting. Will discuss.
- c. Leyla: more water bottle water fountains. Facilities liaison.
 - i. Erin Pryor : filter status on water bottle fountains in A-wing has been red since school started.
 - ii. One outside of the auxiliary gym and one in Laurel are red as well.
 - iii. Kristina is having first meeting next week so will discuss all of those issues.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned on 9/7 @ 2:27pm.



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