

02/20/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 02/20/2023]

Meeting called to order on [02/20/2023] at [8:10] in ASB 524

I. Roll Call

- a. President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
- b. Senate President Ashley Gomez
- c. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
- d. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- e. Graduate Senator: Andy Annucci
- f. ASB School Senator: Daeun Mun
- g. CA School Senator: Janelle Boamah
- h. HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta
- i. TAS School Senator: Samikshya Pokharel
- j. Senator Ivonne Ovalles
- k. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- l. Senator Shanel Lopez
- m. Senator Madison Weeks
- n. Senator Daniel Rajakumar
- o. Senator Riley Stein
- p. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- q. Senator Abigail Rojas
- r. Senator Shubhashree Shahi
- s. Senator Prashant Shah
- t. Senator Amanda Shortt
- u. Senator Bibhu Bhatta
- v. Senator Liz Mendicino
- w. Senator Dean Jigarjian

- i. Present:
- ii. Late:
- iii. Absent: Ivonne, Bibhu, Andy, Abigail (unexcused), Riley, Daeun, Subhashree (unexcused)

Mission Statement

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.

Land Acknowledgement

SGA respectfully acknowledges that we are hosting our meeting on the ancestral and traditional Indigenous territory of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. [Minutes of 2/6/2023 Senate Meeting](#)
 - i. Moved Janelle, Second Liz
 - ii. 9-0-5
- b. [Minutes of 2/13/2023 Senate Meeting](#)
 - i. Moved Liz, Second Dean
 - ii. 10-0-3

III. President's Announcements -Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

- a. February is Black History Month → [EDIC programs here](#)
 - i. Look out for programs from [BSU](#), [SOCA](#), [BMAD](#), [EWSC](#), & [OLU](#)
- b. *Vacancy*: Conduct Justice
 - 1. [Application Link](#)
- c. *Upcoming Events*
 - i. **State of the College Reflections: A Conversation with President Jebb**: 2/23, 1:15 - 2:15 pm, Trustee Pavilion
 - ii. **[Black History Month Trivia w/ BSU](#)**: 2/23, 8 - 9 pm, ASB 136
 - iii. ***Boldly Ascending* Planning Forum: Campus Facilities Master Planning**: 2/27, 1 pm, Alumni Lounges; [RSVP Here](#)
 - iv. **Panel on Iran**: Mon 2/27, 1 - 2:30 pm, Friends Hall
 - v. **Pandemic Assessment Team Recognition Dinner**: 3/22, 5 - 6:30 pm, Alumni Lounges

- vi. **Spring Concert:** Friday, April 28th (ALL HANDS ON DECK)
- d. *Upcoming General Meeting Guests*
 - i. **2/22:** Stephan Lally, *Past SGA President, Advisor to the Speaker & Director of Appointments*; Sharon McLaurin, *Director of Public Safety*
 - ii. **3/1:** Jeneen Kelly, *Registrar*; John Yao, *Associate Director of Advisement*
 - iii. **3/8:** Jeff Brunetto, *Director of Student Accounts*
- a. Seniors - [order regalia!!](#)
- e. Gmail 2FA Reminder
- f. [Student Leadership Awards Application is live!](#)
- g. Updates from 2/16 Meeting w/ President Jebb
 - i. Updates on SGA Priorities (Campus Safety, etc), Weekend Life

IV. **New Business**

- a. Liaison Reports Brief Report Status & Upload to Google Drive :)
 - i. Madison/OVP: Possible tabling idea for Ramapledge. Vagina Monologue 8-10p, March 23rd G-wing auditorium. OVP is looking for at least one SGA model for Denim Day. OVP Yoga either April 17th or April 20th. Possible co-sponsorship for Denim Day.
 - ii. Leyla/OSS: Mackin Hall emergency exit door has no wheelchair accessibility one of the doors needs it so people could leave. Contact: Missy & Facilities, OSS Mailroom- Contact Mike LaPorta for more information, In 10 years 70% growth in OSS affiliation, as Fall 2022 619 students are w/ OSS. Mailroom liaison?
 - iii. Janelle/ CA/CSI: Student Advisory Board is up and running, Dean's list buttons to be handed out at graduation. He would like support from SGA on CA related events. Bids into turning the cafe into a performing arts cafe, Revamping of 4 year plans. Spread diversity on campus. CSI: Seniors make sure you buy regalia. CPB and SGA concerts are making progress on what is happening in terms of promotion. Weekend at Ramapo is being sent out to students so please check your emails!!
 - iv. Shanel/Library Learning Commons: president's office did pizza and sandwiches. Snack Ferry was successful and we should set up a coffee and cookies event. Working with Rachelle and liaison to get CA artwork hung up. Future meeting to discuss organization for setting up CA art may be on the main floor. Brought it to the attention of CA to bring back student art. no closures or anything like that for library features. Librarians will be available for midterms and finals for tutoring and help. Suggestion box at the circulation desk and haven't heard any new complaints. For future programming, I will be in the lobby. Protecting students' ability to have quiet floors is a goal so programming must be done in the lobby.

- v. Prashant Shah/ITS: (Communication regarding TikTok ban) Nothing has been finalized unless the state mandates the ban. Alternatives for students might be made available. Ongoing updates with security patches and operating systems. Introduction of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) idea as a result of discontinued Windows 10 support from Microsoft. Self-service banner updates.
 - 1. Huawei Technologies
 - 2. Zhejiang Dahua Technology Co., Ltd., also doing business as Dahua
 - 3. Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co., Ltd., also doing business as Hikvision
 - 4. Tencent Holdings LTD, including but not limited to
 - a. WeChat
 - b. QQ
 - c. QQ Wallet
 - 5. Alibaba products, including but not limited to:
 - a. AliPay
 - b. Alibaba.com Mobile Apps
 - 6. Hytera
 - 7. ZTE Corporation
 - 8. ByteDance LTD., including but not limited to TikTok
 - 9. Kaspersky Lab
- vi. Evelyn/Public Safety: Total of 12 AEDs on campus, all public safety officers are trained in and carry narcan, temporary cameras installed in main parking lots last monday and request placed for more cameras in the parking deck, cotton candy tabling for St. Patricks, safety fair to be held fall 2023, new public safety signs
- vii. Liz/Athletics: Introduced myself as new athletics liaison, began filming athlete interviews for athletics instagram which are doing very well, possible club/intramural sport publicity & event ideas, discussed what we can do to get more students at games & help club/intramural sports go back to pre-covid activity, athletics reception in the works for spring 2023
- viii. Daniel / Dining Service:
 - 1. Update from previous request:
 - a. Bringing back a microwave in Atrium.
 - 2. Refund Policies:
 - a. Only Flex dollars are refundable. Others are only replaceable.
 - 3. Disposable materials:

- a. The reason they use disposable dishes on weekends is due to lack of dishwashers.
4. New ideas:
 - a. Implement a way to check student's reminding swipes and flex dollars:
 - b. Add images next to food in online menus (sodexomyway.com).
 - c. Utilize Rocky the chatbot to send dining service feedback.
5. Other:
 - a. All information about special events can be found on Instagram [@ramapodining](https://www.instagram.com/ramapodining).
 - b. SGA can request and host special events at Birch.
 - c. The performance of black history month tabling at birch was not as good compared to other tabling and last year.
- ix. **Andrew / Dean HGS, Facilities** The meeting covered ongoing projects, such as capital planning and recycling initiatives, as well as opportunities for free menstrual products and the possibility of having a monthly club leader meeting. The team also discussed areas where they could offer assistance, such as improving the provision of tampons and understanding state purchasing laws. Gender inclusivity was briefly discussed as a need for inclusive facilities.
- x. **Dean HGS,** The meeting covered a range of topics, including the proposal to build a graduate program and the need for a coordinator of digital humanities. They also discussed faculty development, student-faculty research opportunities, and the potential for a creative writing graduate program. In terms of finances, they talked about the impact of the Board of Trustees on the college's finances and the increasing rate of benefits. Additionally, they discussed the need for a Director of Marketing to improve the school's branding and alumni marketing efforts. The liaison encourages the student body to get involved in these academic programs and research projects.
- x. **Samikshya/ Cahill/TAS**
 1. Cahill:
 - [Career and Internship fair](#)/ March 1,2023(11:30 - 2:30 pm)
 - Women in leadership seminar/ March 8, 2023
 - Nursing Fair/ March 23 (5:30pm - 7:30 pm)
 - Destination survey for seniors
 2. TAS
 - Meet the dean event (second week of April)
 - COVID talk with diverse community on campus

- Possible roundtable where representatives for different diverse communities come together to share their experiences, struggles and learning from COVID.
 - xi. Shubhashree/ Registrar
 - We have a new registrar, Jeneen Kelly and she will join us at the 2/22 general meeting to present her plans and agendas for the registrar's office.
 - A new look to Web Self Service 9 is launched.
 - Registrar's office is planning to run open sessions with students to help students navigate the updated Web Self Service. The sessions are most likely to be held in March.
 - xii. Aime/ EOF
 - Complete the survey for graduating seniors by February 21st and you would be able to get a regalia voucher
 - In order to be in good standing with EOF you must meet with your advisor once a month
 - EOF summer Jobs available. EOF summer program is looking for Success Mentors (SM) and Supplemental Instructor SI. Application deadline is February 17th
 - EOF Celebration Ceremony on April 13, 2023 honoring EOF graduated seniors and standing EOF scholars
 - Back the Adulting Experience series, invite speaker presenters, and others to campus to host a wide range of workshops and activities , event would include
 - * Diversity in the workplace
 - * Getting' to the money
 - * Yoga
 - * And more
 - M.A.S.T: Open to all EOF male-identified scholars
 - khemming@ramapo.edu if you would like to join please email
 - EOF Awareness Month!
 - Scholarship and internship information: Be sure to checkout our Archway feed and emails
 - The adulting series- getting to the money: A workshop on financial literacy and generational wealth Thursday March 9th 1-2pm
 - This workshop will be facilitated by DIFFvelopment, a Black organization that focuses on educating the Black community about financial literacy and building Black generational wealth.
- b. *Discussion:* [Questions/Concerns for Student Leaders Council](#)
- c. [SGA HYGIENE DISPENSERS SURVEY Sign ups](#)

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

a. It is strongly encouraged to attend the Iran panel and ask questions

VII. Adjournment @10:00 pm

VIII. Moved Dean, Second Madison