

1/25/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 1/25/2022]

Meeting called to order on [1/25] at [1 pm] 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**
- f. **Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder**
- g. **Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond**
- h. **Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon DeCicco**
- i. **Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi (Late)**
- j. **Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life Samantha Savercool**
- k. **Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal**
- l. **Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo (Excused)**
- m. **Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell**
- n. **Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal (Excused)**
- o. **Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi**
- p. **Senate President Ashley Gomez**
- q. **Senate Vice President Aime Lara**
- r. **Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi**
- s. **Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci**
- t. **ASB School Senator Daeun Mun (Absent)**
- u. **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah**
- v. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta**
- w. **TAS School Senator Samikshya Pokharel**
- x. **Senator Bibhu Bhatta**
- y. **Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (Absent)**
- z. **Senator Dean Jigarjian**
- aa. **Senator Shanel Lopez**
- bb. **Senator Liz Mendicino**
- cc. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles**
- dd. **Senator Daniel Rajakumar**
- ee. **Senator Abigail Rojas**
- ff. **Senator Prashant Shah**
- gg. **Senator Shubhashree Shahi**

- hh. **Senator Riley Stein**
- ii. **Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich**
- jj. **Senator Madison Weeks**
- kk. **Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu**
- ll. **Alternate Student Governor Natalie Barr**
 - i. Present:
 - ii. **Late**: Ritika Dawadi
 - iii. **Excused**: Christine Defeo, Pranish Khanal
 - iv. **Absent**: Daeun Mun, Patricia Kalaidjian

II. Mission Statement - Senator Ivonne Ovalles

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. Land Acknowledgement

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. [Minutes from 12/7/2022](#)
- b. Moved by Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci, 2nd By CA School Senator Janelle Boamah
- c. 13 - 0 - 5

V. President's Announcements

- a. Welcome to the Spring 2023 semester and thank you all for a great training!
 - i. If you didn't attend training, I already emailed you to schedule a makeup session.
- b. First week of Office Hours, Meetings, & Committees
 - i. [Office Hours sign-ups](#)
 - ii. [Committee sign-ups](#)
- c. Vacancies
 - i. Conduct Justice & Procedural Justice
 - 1. [Application](#)
 - ii. Secretary of Sustainability
 - 1. Email sgapresident@ramapo.edu
 - iii. Senator-at-Large
 - 1. [Archway Application](#) due Wednesday 2/1 at 11:59 pm.
- d. Upcoming Events
 - i. **Candlelight Vigil in Support of the AAPI Community - Thurs 1/26, 1:15 pm, SC-158**

- ii. Athletics Reception - Wed 2/1, 5 pm - **RSVP on GCal!**
- iii. Spring Concert - Friday 4/28 (**ALL HANDS ON DECK**)
 - 1. [Genre Voting Survey](#). Vote by Friday 1/27
- e. Recognition of SGA Reps on External/College-Wide Committees
 - i. **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Council: TBA**, Possible individuals who want to join: (Ivonne, Janelle, Rachelle, Shannon, Abigail, Liz, Sarah, Desiree, Alexa, David)
 - ii. **Multicultural Center Committee: TBA**
 - iii. **Bias Response, Prevention & Education Team:** Sarah Chavan-Jenke
 - iv. **Campus Health & Safety Committee:** James Pascal
 - v. **BOT Mission Fulfillment Committee:** Patricia Kalaidjian
 - vi. **BOT Audit Committee:** Noe Ramirez
 - vii. **BOT Resources Committee:** Andy Annucci
 - viii. **Provost Council:** Rachelle Ludder
 - ix. **Graduate Council:** Andy Annucci
 - x. **Academic Advisement Council:** Ivonne Ovalles
 - xi. **Student Leaders Council:** Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya, Janea Tozer-Murphy, Stephen Raymond, Sam Savercool
 - 1. **Alternates:** Christine Defeo, Aime Lara
 - xii. **Campus Facilities Master Plan Task Force:** Jakub Zak, Andy Annucci, **TBA**
 - xiii. **Traditions Council:** Natalie Barr, Shannon DeCicco
- f. GlobalMindED First-Generation Mentoring Program:
 - i. First-Gen students can be matched with a Professional Mentor who will provide real-world knowledge and direction in navigating college as a first-generation student. [Click here to apply by Friday, January 27, 2023](#)
- g. Food Pantry Hours (wecare@ramapo.edu):
 - i. Monday 1-2 p.m.
 - ii. Tuesday 11 a.m. - noon
 - iii. Wednesday 1-2 p.m.
 - iv. Thursday 1-2 p.m.
 - v. Friday 2-3 p.m.
- h. Professional Clothing Closet: ASB-132, email wecare@ramapo.edu.
- i. Counseling Services (201-684-7522 or D216)
 - i. Short-term individual counseling: Limited number of sessions w/ trained counselors. Call to set up a virtual intake appointment.
 - ii. Drop-In Hours: Mondays – Fridays from 1 - 3pm. Brief, confidential meetings. No appointment needed and students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - iii. Emergencies: Business hours → call or come to the office to meet w/ emergency counselor. After-hours and weekends → call 201-684-7522 and press 2 for immediate assistance.
- j. Feel free to invite your Liaisons to a General Meeting - whether as a presenter or an audience member.

VI. Cabinet Reports

a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy

- i. If someone is interested in starting a new club please direct them to sgaclubs@ramapo.edu with their name and a brief description.
- ii. We are continuing to do the SGA Star this semester. This is when we recognize one member for their outstanding work either within or outside of the organization. If you see someone doing amazing work please reach out to Paolo or myself to recommend them to be the next SGA Star.



Prashant has done a great job of taking the initiative to coordinate a panel of Professors to discuss the crisis in Iran.

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b. Secretary David Lopez

- i. Nothing to report:
- ii. President Paolo: When will the office hours spreadsheet be updated?
 1. End of day
- iii. Senate President Ashley: Is there a QR code in the office?
 1. When you're walking out it's to the left of the door

c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez

- i. Discussed the budget and how much \$\$ is still left for certain individuals
- ii. Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci - how much cosponsorship money is still left? Ans- \$1270

d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin

- i. Nothing to Report

e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder

- i. My first meeting with the provost is Feb. 9th

- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond
 - i. I held a Liaison meeting with Jack Nesmith on Monday, we discussed future commuter events for the Spring 2023 semester.
 - ii. We held a small-introductory committee meeting today, it was very productive. We are now outreaching to other commuters on campus to be a part of the committee. We discussed the rest of the semester
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. We had our first meeting yesterday!! It went amazingly well!
 - ii. We had our first tabling event today!
 - iii. We did introductions and reintroductions
 - iv. We set goals for the program that the delegates would like to see achieved throughout this semester
 - v. Had a lot of conversations about ideas for campus and SGA
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
 - i. i. Senate vice president Aime is having an initiative with Aunt Flow, which is a company that provides sustainable menstrual products to students. Aime and I will be meeting soon to talk about this plan. I recently emailed Marie and Alex at the women's center to talk about sanitary pads dispensers in the women's bathrooms.
 - ii. I am also meeting my liaison Rachel this week, and we are going to be talking about the multicultural center and its operations.
 - iii. We have our committee meeting next week. I am looking forward to meeting the committee members.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
 - i. Not much from me, having a meeting soon to plan things out!
 - ii. Planning a meeting with Amanda Riehl to go over future events.
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. Just got out of my first meeting with my liaison, Pat, for the first time this semester. We are planning to have governmental officials to speak at General.
 - ii. If you have any suggestions to what these officials can speak about that would be greatly appreciated.
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Please reach out to me with any events you'd like to see the SGA do!
 - ii. Programming and PR Committee meetings are on Mondays from 4-5 pm starting Monday Feb. 6th in the SGA office
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. Nothing to report.
- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
 - i.
- m. Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi

- i. Conduct and Procedural Justice applications are open! Attached is the link, share with everyone you know!
- ii. <https://cglink.me/2fF/s59956>
- iii. Application open indefinitely at the moment
- n. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i. Updates from [1/23 Senate Meeting](#)
 - ii. Interim Election Bill
 - iii. Delegate and Senator collaboration.
 - iv. Aunt Flow-dispenser to hold eco-friendly cost effective feminine products in bathrooms on campus.
 - v. Established liaison due dates/ and senator files.
- o. Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu
 - i. Please apply for Foundation Scholarships!
<https://www.ramapo.edu/scholarships/scholarships-students-can-apply/>
 - ii. Natalie and I want to bring back the Run for Color. Thoughts?
 - iii. Any questions/concerns we can bring to the Board of Governors?
 - iv. I want to applaud Natalie for being a great alternate student governor! Please let her know if you or someone you know is interested in being her alternate student governor.
 - v. Email or text me or Natalie if you need anything, have any questions, etc !

VII. New Business

- a. Guest: **Rob Doster, Chief Information Officer**, 2 Factor Authentication & Recent Cyber Scams
 - i. Breach of security that occurred during winter break. Some students were taking advantage of during the break. Be careful with who you receive an email from and be attentive of fake emails!
 - ii. 2FA Email - make sure all students comply
 - iii. Considering banning some apps in order to ensure security such as Tik Tok.
 1. Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi - What were student's reactions towards banning certain apps or Tik Tok on other campuses?
 - a. Rob Doster - Some outrage towards this, but banning apps would only be through WIFI. Using banned apps would only be accessible through cellular data instead of Ramapo's WIFI.
 - b. VP Janea - info on student reactions found online:
 - i. Students aren't happy. "I didn't think Texas public universities banning TikTok would have that much of an effect on me, but I've tried to open TikTok 3 times in the past 2 hours and she's just... gone," wrote Sidney Golden on Twitter. - time.com
 - ii. Many students seem to be indifferent. With a single click on a smartphone, most students can easily turn off campus Wi-Fi and switch

to their personal cellular data to continue watching TikTok's endless stream of content... Others agree that prohibiting TikTok will not curtail its use. While reactions have varied—in one Reddit thread, a user celebrated the ban at the University of Texas at Austin not because of cybersecurity risks but because “TikTok is turning people into zombies”—TikTok fans and haters alike recognize that the ease of getting around the bans renders them virtually meaningless” -

[insidehighered.com](https://www.insidehighered.com)

iii. list of at least 20 (public) schools who have also banned TikTok - [NBCnews](https://www.nbcnews.com)

2. Concerns regarding student access, some students don't have unlimited access or can't pay for data plans, one member has a job where they make TikToks and rely on wifi usage.
 - a. Rob Doster: There are ways to get free access to cellular plans. If you're interested, reach out to me and/or Eddie Seavers and we'll help you.
3. If you do not know who sends you an email and are concerned then you can send all the information to the help desk.
4. List of possible banned apps will be sent to all of Ramapo in order to ensure we are informed and wary of what to watch out for.
5. **Senator Bibhu Bhatta**: do you think Tik Tok poses a threat to the school network
 - a. Rob Doster: it's a question of what they'll do with the information they gather. This hopefully encourages people to raise awareness.
6. **Sarah Chavan-Jenke**: When and if this goes through, if you are in financial constraints or have information where you can't find a data plan, the US government is offering wireless plans. If you supply documentation, you can get completely free cellular service that includes data. If that's something anyone is concerned about you can do that.

b. Recap of Spring Semester Goals

- i. *Improving Communication Strategies*
- ii. *At Least 2 Bonding Activities - Movie Night (for real)*
- iii. *Working on Initiatives Based on Input from the Student Body*
- iv. *Tablings at Least Once a Month*
- v. *Collaboration within the Organization*
- vi. *Assisting Clubs after Approval*
- vii. *Toy or Food Drive Sponsored by SGA*

c. [Senate Bill 2023-2: Resolution in Support of the AAPI Community](#)

- i. Proposed by **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya**, Introduced by **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah**
- ii. Approved by Senator Madison Weeks, 2nd by Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci
- iii. 17 - 0 - 1

d. Discussion: SGA Roundtables - **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya**

- i. EOF, Athletes, Students of Color, Greek Life, Students w/ Disabilities(?), Club/Org Leaders, International Students, Commuters, School Receptions (ASB/CA, etc), Academic Honor Societies, any other student populations?
- ii. Who wants to help coordinate?
- iii. Senator [Liz Mendicino](#), CA School Senator [Janelle Boamah](#), Student Governor [Naz Tiyaloglu](#), Secretary [David Lopez](#), Chief Justice [Victor Oluwagbemi](#), Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life [Samantha Savercool](#), Graduate Senator [Andraya Annucci](#), Senator [Riley Stein](#), Senator [Evelyn Voitsekhovich](#), Delegate [Sarah Chavan-Jenke](#), Alternate Student Governor [Natalie Barr](#), Senator [Shubhashree Shahi](#), Secretary of Public Relations [Paige Duell](#), Secretary of Commuter Affairs [Stephen Raymond](#), Secretary of Academic Affairs [Rachelle Ludder](#), Senate Vice President [Aime Lara](#)
 1. **Senator Liz Mendicino** - Would love to coordinate and get involved with Athletics, specifically club or intramural teams who have struggled to come back due to Covid.
 2. **Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu** - Raising awareness for Academic Honor Societies and giving them the appreciation they deserve as well.
 3. **TAS School Senator Samikshya Pokharel** - We have a diverse group of members in the SGA and I think that this will go well in representing, relating, and speaking with whomever it is that we speak with.
 4. **Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life Samantha Savercool** - Get Dean Van Der Wall involved with helping or representing Greek Life.
 5. **Sarah Chavan-Jenke** - will reach out to EOF advisors/students to raise awareness and let them know about the possibility of this occurring.
 6. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - Bringing President Jebb into the mix would be an amazing idea and a great way to hear out the ideas that people in leadership positions may have.
 7. **Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi** - Bringing them into general may not be the best idea, but the overall idea of a Roundtable is a great idea. Would love to help with Athletics such as clubs or intramurals.
- e. Update: 2/1 Event w/ Athletics - *Janelle*
 - i. Basketball Double Header w/Pizza.
 - ii. Has gotten into contact with Eddie Seavers and there will have to be SGA volunteers to help set.
 - iii. Liz will take over after the first hour since Janelle has class.
 - iv. 360 photo booth, games, activities, prizes, and more.
- f. Update: Aunt Flow Initiative - *Aime*
 - i. [Slides of Aunt Flow](#)
 - ii. Products that produce 34% less waste compared to other brand, 100% organic cotton with no synthetics rayons or dyes, free-vend
 - iii. [Video Resources for Installation & Refilling of your Dispensers!](#)
[Model P \(Pad Only\)](#) Wall Mounted Dispenser - (\$200/Each)
[Model E \(Tampon & Pad\)](#) Wall Mounted Dispenser - (\$200/Each)
[Model R \(Stainless Steel\)](#) Recessed Dispenser - (\$400/Each)

Model O (Stainless Steel) Wall Mounted Dispenser - **(\$450/Each)**

iv. Aunt Flow is the ONLY sustainable and safe menstrual product available for commercial use!

Tampons: 100% organic cotton core and smooth-tip applicator - 500ct Case (\$125/Each)

Pads: 100% organic cotton top sheet, medium flow with wings - 500ct Case (\$125/Each)

- I. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - Possibly ask the Sustainability President on campus for possible funding or help with this idea.
- II. Anne - make a report to Facilities detailing what we're asking for
 - A. Rick: Nicole Jones, Supervisor of Facilities Business Services
- III. **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah** - Check on how well the dispensers are being utilized and if they are being treated how they should be. Possible trail run before we start.
- IV. **Sarah Chavan-Jenke** - Where would they be placed?
 - A. Possibly in the cafeteria or bathrooms in highly populated areas
- g. Reports from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
 - i. **Treasurer Noe Ramirez** - Audit Committee - Went over the audit world universe and the next meeting is on April 4/18
 - ii. **Sarah Chavan-Jenke** - Bias prevention response team - Discussed lack of visibility of the bias form so that other individuals can see it more. Possibly use the SGA to raise awareness for everyone.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Anne Eke - Housing Selection deposit due February 1st
- b. Point of Information **Senate President Ashley** - They reimburse you back the money if you have paid
- c. Point of Information Leyla - they do not reimburse you, they apply it to your tuition

IX. Open Forum

- a. **Senator Liz Mendicino** - connect with more people in athletics or intramural sports to work with and bring back competitive intramural sports
- b. **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah** - CPB has community service opportunities for everyone. Contact Janelle on these opportunities.
- c. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - Going to send out a survey on behalf of 1Step. What would we like to see for Earth Day?
 - i. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta** - See various projects explaining Earth Day.
- d. **Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi** - SGA Star is out of sight and therefore making it out of mind. Place it in a different location so individuals could see who the next SGA star is. Possibly decorate the doors.
- e. **Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy** - Who would like the SGA Star inside or outside the office?
 - i. Vote - Almost everyone

- f. **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya** - congratulations to those who planned the Comedy Show and put on a great show. It went really well and students had a great time.
- g. **Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon DeCicco** - If anyone needs ideas for the SGA Delegates you can come in and meet them and hear them out.

X. Adjournment @ 2:53