

# 2/1/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 2/1/2023]

Meeting called to order on [2/1] at [1:07 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 (Excused)
- f. **Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachele Ludder**
- g. **Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond**
- h. **Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon DeCicco**
- i. **Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi**
- j. Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life Samantha Savercool (Excused)
- 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**
- 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**
- 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:

iii. **Excused:** Christine Defeo, Pranish Khanal, Zenobia Ahsanuddin, Samantha Savercool

iv. Absent:

## II. 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.*

## 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 [1/25/2023](#)

b. Moved Andy, Second Liz

c. 19 - 0 - 0

## V. New Business

a. Guest: **Mike Yankovich, Interim Vice President for Operational & Administrative Integration**

- White Board Session: 2/27 @ 1 p.m, March TBD

- **Question:** HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta - Could there be a second WIFI that students/faculty can utilize without the consequences of using Tik Tok or other “banned” apps

- **Answer:** Mike Yankovich - Great question & it is something that they will look into. They will see whether or not this can happen

b. **Discussion:** Rocky the Roadrunner Chat Bot? - **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya**

- Feedback has been generally positive

- Some students were concerned it was spam/hacker, suggested that they should change it to look more like a “real” text

- How does it work? Is somebody answering or is it automated?
- What's the purpose?
- c. Discussion: Governmental Officials to Campus? - **Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal**
  - Legislators for higher education, Hunger relief and WeCare administration, Senators, etc.
  - How can students become more politically involved?
- d. Update: Panel on Iranian Crisis - **Senator Prashant Shah**
  - i. February 27th, 1pm, York Room
    - 1. Professor Fariba Nosrati
    - 2. Professor Behzad Yaghmaian
    - 3. Professor Atieh Babakhani
- If you know any additional professors that may be interested, contact **Senator Prashant Shah**
  - e. Update: SGA Roundtables - Paolo
  - f. Reports from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
  - g. CA School Advisory Board (this week or the week after). If you have any questions, comments, concerns, reach out to Janelle.
  - h. The Graduate Council is releasing their first handbook for current graduate students and 4 +1 students. Day for handing out the book is TBD.

## VI. President's Announcements

- a. February is Black History Month, please support programs hosted by [EDIC](#), BSU, and other orgs.
- b. Vacancies
  - i. Conduct Justice & Procedural Justice
    - 1. [Application Link](#)
  - ii. Secretary of Sustainability
    - 1. Email [sgapresident@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgapresident@ramapo.edu)
  - iii. Senator-at-Large
    - 1. [Application due TONIGHT 2/1 at 11:59 PM](#)
- c. Upcoming Events
  - i. **Roadrunner Madness**: TONIGHT
  - ii. **Black History Month Opening Proclamation**: Thurs 1:15 - 2 pm, SC 157-158
  - iii. **Athletics Reception**: Wed 2/8, 5 pm, RSVP on GCal
  - iv. **Spring Concert**: Friday April 28th (ALL HANDS ON DECK)
- d. SGA Reps:
  - i. EDI Council: Abigail Rojas
  - ii. Multicultural Center Committee: Alexa Vazquez
  - iii. Campus Facilities Master Planning Task Force: Andrew Taranta
- e. Update from BOT Meeting - 1/30
- f. Bonding: AKPsi Volleyball Tournament - TONIGHT, 10 pm
  - i. Teams in GroupMe

- ii. Charity: Happiness is Camping, a summer camp for children with cancer
- g. Gmail 2FA Reminder
- h. Ask, Listen, Refer Training
- i. Seniors - [apply for graduation](#) & [order regalia!!](#)
- j. First E-Board Meeting TODAY, 4 pm

## VII. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club please email [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu) with the name and a brief description.
  - ii. Club Process meeting today at 3pm in A-221
  - iii. This week's SGA Star:



- 1. If you want to recommend someone to be the next SGA star please reach out to me or Paolo.
- b. Secretary David Lopez
  - i.
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez
  - i.
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
  - i.

- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachelle Ludder
  - i. First academic affairs meeting is tomorrow, Thursday at 10am in the SGA office
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond
  - i. Nothing to Report
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
  - i. nothing to report
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
  - i. We will have our first committee meeting of this semester today at 6:15pm at the SGA office.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
  - i. ABSENT
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
  - i. I will talk to Pat about the topics discussed and will plan the dates for these speakers
  - ii. If you have any questions/ideas please feel free to let me know
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
  - i. Working on Black History Month Trivia event with BSU
  - ii. Charity Dodgeball game & co-sponsorship with CPB. Proceeds will go to WeCare
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
  - i. Nothing to report
- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
  - i. ABSENT
- m. Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi
  - i. Applications are still open for the Conduct and Procedural Justice positions
- n. Senate President Ashley Gomez
  - i. Updates from [1/25 Senate Meeting](#)
- o. Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu
  - i. Natalie and I met with Peter Rice yesterday to discuss our fundraiser ideas that we will be doing throughout the semester
  - ii. Run with Color update:
    - 1. Waiting for official approval. Tentative date is end of April, during one of the admitted students days. Open to all orgs and people outside Ramapo. I am meeting with former student governor Ryan Greff so stay tuned.
  - iii. First fundraiser of the semester!
    - 1. DoubleGood Popcorn: a virtual fundraiser that is 100% contactless, we keep 50% of the profit, and ships directly to all of the buyers
      - a. 50% of earnings will go towards SGA, and 50% will go towards Institutional Advancement
    - 2. Fundraiser begins on February 15th at 5:00 pm, and ends on February 19th at 5:00 pm
    - 3. Download the app: Double Good Popcorn
      - a. **Enter the event code: CBEUAW**
      - b. Create your profile and store



- iv. Please please please sign up for our Philanthropy Council! Yesterday would have been our first meeting, but no one was signed up
- v. Please encourage your friends to apply for alternate student governor.
- vi. Apply for scholarships!
- vii. Contact me or Natalie with any questions!

## **VIII. Public Comment**

- a. **Senate President Ashley Gomez:** Likes Dean Van Der Wall's new haircut!!

## **IX. Open Forum**

- a. Join Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity! All majors welcome!
- b. **Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy:** Thur 1/9 from 1pm-2pm in the OVP office have "Cookies with OVP" - learn about healthy relationships and decorate heart shaped sugar cookies!
- c.

## **X. Adjournment @ 2:11pm**

- a. Some members of SGA stay behind to complete Ask, Listen, Refer Training