

2/22/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 2/22/2023]

Meeting called to order on [2/22] at [1:06 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 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
- k. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
- l. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
- m. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
- n. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
- 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 Amanda Shortt
- ii. Senator Riley Stein
- jj. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- kk. Senator Madison Weeks
- ll. Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused:
 - iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement - Read by Senator Liz Mendicino

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 2/15/2023](#)
- b. 14 - 0 - 1

V. New Business

- a. *Guest Announcements:*
 - i. **Cindy Jebb**, President
 - ii. **Rob Doster**, Chief Information Office
- b. *Guest: Stephan Lally '20, Past SGA President, Advisor to the Speaker & Director of Appointments (1 pm)*
 - i. **Dean Van Der Wall** - What does a typical day of work look like for you?
 - ii. **Stephan Lally** - Works in Trenton where he attends meetings throughout the day. May have fundraisers where they are required to work/help day or night.
 - iii. **Graduate Senator Andraya Annucci** - What is your favorite ?
 - iv. **Stephan Lally** - Favorite thing is the diversity and the actions they do during work. Least favorite thing is that he does not work based on his own schedule but the speaker's schedule.
 - v. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - what type of policies have you worked on & in your time in the sga what did you work on to get SGA the recognition it deserved?

- vi. **Stephan Lally** - One policy he is working on deals with affordability, a child tax program that can help parents pay for their children's tuition. Worked on other things besides the We Care Program such as going out to events & supporting other clubs/organizations by attending such events. As the SGA president he would make sure everything was doing well and that there was no trouble during events. Wanted to show that the SGA is and will always be the persistent voice of the student body.
 - vii. **Senator Bibhu Bhatta** - Any aspirations or ideas that you would like this SGA to accomplish?
 - viii. **Stephan Lally** - Increased student activity in order to ensure less rates of suicide. Mental health care to also be held virtually to be able to still reach out to students and make them feel acknowledged and safe.
 - ix. **Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo** - How would you go about implementing it?
 - x. **Stephan Lally** - Increasing Health Services for women such as tampons/pads or other items they may need. See where the gaps are and try to fill them in as much as you can.
 - xi. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta** - What was your major? Is there anything from the time you were at Ramapo that you would like to see improved in Ramapo today?
 - xii. **Stephan Lally** - Political Science major. Wasn't that much space back then and would like to see the Multicultural center up & running.
 - xiii. **Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal** - How was it being young & working with older individuals as part of the government?
 - xiv. **Stephan Lally** - If you have the ability to learn, strong writing skills can help you advance on up fairly quickly as he has done.
- c. **Guest: Sharon McLaurin, Director of Public Safety (2 pm)**
- i. Enjoyed the tabling event from last semester and would like to do it again this semester. Will be putting up stickers in the bathroom to spread awareness on the Rave Guardian app and how to use it. 8 - 9 phones in parking decks. Would like the community to get involved with ALICE training and needs the SGA help to continue to promote it & spread awareness of this program. Working on a safety fair that will be sponsored by Public Safety.
 - ii. **Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo** - Can classroom ALICE training be offered?
 - iii. **Sharon McLaurin** - Has tried to use a classroom setting, however, a dorm area may have more room and there would be less safety concerns if a student were to look
 - iv. **President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya** - Would it be possible to have AEDs put into dorm/residential areas (Village, Laurel, Overlook, etc..)? Is there a master list of when ALICE training will be held and where? Can the SGA be able to have this information as well?
 - v. **Sharon McLaurin** - AEDs are located in multiple areas but they will most definitely look into implementing AEDs into dormitory areas and any other areas. The SGA can have all this information and she will provide everything that we may need.
 - vi. **Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich** - Do staff members throughout the Ramapo campus know where the AEDs are and know how to use them.
 - vii. **Sharon McLaurin** - Whether or not Ramapo staff members know where the AEDs are depends on if they have gotten the information about where it is and how to use them

- viii. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - is there any specific training for Public Safety officers on how to use AEDs.
- ix. **Sharon McLaurin** - they are trained to use AEDs, CPR certified, and even carry Narcan in the event that it may be needed.
- x. **Senator Madison Weeks** - Do you think it would be possible for students to be able to carry Narcan? Could training be provided for students?
- xi. **Sharon McLaurin** - something to look into, but students carrying their own Narcan would fall into their own personal decision. At the moment she does not know because Ramapo does not apply this but may be something to look into in the future.
- xii. **Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo** - Could Public Safety hold training for Narcan?
- xiii. **Sharon McLaurin** - Public Safety would not be able to. Out of their restriction because Narcan is prescribed to the individual.
- xiv. **Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon DeCicco** - Is there a way to get cameras in the parking deck especially because there are areas that are darker than others?
- xv. **Sharon McLaurin** - Will look into whether or not new cameras can be placed & installed
- xvi. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta** - What has been a point of pride that Public Safety has accomplished this semester?
- xvii. **Sharon McLaurin** - The training has been great and Public Safety officers that are trained are better equipped to take care of the campus & safety of students.
- xviii. **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah** - Can there be more mirrors placed throughout the Laurel parking lot instead of just on the one W floor level?
- d. **Discussion:** [Questions/Concerns for Student Leaders' Council](#)
 - i. RA compensation, Stairs by the Village, Narcan & AED Training, etc.
 - ii. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - Fixing sidewalks for those who have a harder time of moving from place to place. Sidewalks by birch, the village, nearby mailroom, etc.
- e. **Update:** Transfer Student Initiatives
 - i. **Senator Ivonne Ovalles** - Self advocacy workshop to help students become more outgoing and provide them the knowledge they need to have.
 - ii. **CA School Senator Janelle Boamah** - Having a liaison for the transfer students or/and updating the transfer student office.
 - 1. Ivonne, Janelle, Naz, Andrew
- f. **Reports** from SGA Members on External/College-Wide Committees
 - i. **HGS School Senator Andrew Taranta** - [Facilities MasterPlan TaskForce](#) - Please let them know any concerns that anyone may have such as slippery stairs or sidewalks needing to be better taken care of. Main concern has been campus safety, specifically lack of lights in certain areas within Ramapo.

VI. President's Announcements

- a. February is Black History Month → [EDIC programs here](#)
 - i. Look out for programs from [BSU](#), [SOCA](#), [BMAD](#), [EWSC](#), & [OLU](#).
- b. Spring General Election Application is Live!!!
- c. *Vacancies*: Conduct Justice
 1. [Application Link](#)
- d. Upcoming Events
 - i. [SGA Roundtables](#), Ongoing
 - ii. **EVENT REQUIREMENT:**
 1. **State of the College Reflections: A Conversation with President Jebb**: 2/23, 1:15 - 2:15 pm, Trustee Pavilion
 2. **Black History Month Trivia** w/ BSU: Thursday 2/23, 8 - 10 pm, ASB 136
 3. **Boldly Ascending Planning Forums: Campus Facilities Master Planning**: 2/27, 1 pm, Alumni Lounges, [RSVP Here](#)
 4. **Panel on Iran**: Mon 2/27, 1 - 2:30 pm, Friends Hall
 - iii. **Pandemic Assessment Team Recognition Dinner**: 3/22, 5 - 6:30 pm, Alumni Lounges
 - iv. **Spring Concert**: Friday, April 28th (ALL HANDS ON DECK)
- e. Upcoming General Meeting Guests
 - i. **2/22**: Stephan Lally '20, *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](#)!!
- f. Gmail 2FA Reminder
- g. [Student Leadership Awards Application is live!](#)
- h. [Humanitarian Aid - Earthquake in Turkey & Syria](#)
- i. Do Your Community Service!!!
- j. Updates from 2/16 Meeting w/ President Jebb
 - i. Updates on SGA Priorities (Campus Safety, etc), Weekend Life

VII. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Janea Tozer-Murphy
 - i. Interested in starting a club or need club allocations? email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 - ii. no club process committee today
- b. Secretary David Lopez
 - i. Office Supply List
- c. Treasurer Noe Ramirez

- i. Please reach out for any monetary inquiries via your preferred communication method.
- d. Chief of Staff Zenobia Ahsanuddin
 - i.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Rachel Ludder
 - i. My next meeting with the provost is tomorrow. Let me know if you have any questions
 - ii. Academic Affairs committee is tomorrow at 10 am in SGA office
 - iii. (Campus wide committee ACC) important! Banner has updated. Completely different interface. Especially important to figure out before registration! Go to <https://www.ramapo.edu/myadvisor/how-to-guides/> This is a link to find tutorials.
 - iv. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ES5Iw3OT1wWdYnmGJO7IVPPNZIy-tYyS/edit> this link is a poster with a QR code to go to the above website
 - v. Important dates
 1. Feb 27th Summer 2023 courses visible
 2. March 1st Fall 2023 courses visible
 3. Tentative summer registration on March 6th
 4. Tentative Fall registration on April 3rd
 5. Course withdrawal deadline Spring 2023 April 12th
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Stephen Raymond
 - i. I will be meeting with my Liaison Jack sometime this week to discuss the SGA Commuter Affairs Valentine's Day tabling. We got some very good points and concerns from commuter students to bring up with Facilities and Public Safety.
 - ii. Our next commuter affairs meeting will be on March 7th, at 12:00pm in A-220.
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Shannon Decicco
 - i. We had another delegate meeting last night. The delegates had a lot of fun with the leadership development games.
 - ii. We had the second tabling this morning and had a few people interested in the program
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Ritika Dawadi
 - i.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Samantha Savercool
 - i. Meeting with Amanda was rescheduled, but I have great ideas to share with her!
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. More guest speakers coming in the future. Very excited.
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Thursday night at 7pm is the BSU x SGA Black History Trivia Event in ASB 136. Volunteers check in at the SGA office at 6:30
 - ii. Thank you to those who came to the dodgeball tournament. We raised \$80 for the WeCare Program.
 - iii. Tentative CPB x SGA volleyball tournament to raise even more money 🏀
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Paige Duell
 - i. Promoting the round table events

- l. Secretary of Service Pranish Khanal
 - i. Do your community service hours! Email/GroupMe DM me if you need help finding opportunities.
- m. Chief Justice Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Justice Positions close on the 25th! Apply while you still can!
 - ii. Spring General Election Application is Live!!
- n. Senate President Ashley Gomez
 - i. Liaison Report
- o. Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu
 - i. The Doublegood Fundraiser was a huge success! We raised over 3k! (1. Natalie, 2. Madison, 3. Rachelle). Thank you to all those who participated. Next up is Chipotle Fundraiser (in the works).
 - ii. Please join the philanthropy committee! Run with color in the works.
 - iii. Seniors - please pre order your senior legacy shirt [here!](#)
 - iv. Apply for Foundation Scholarships at <https://www.ramapo.edu/scholarships/>
Next scholarship due 2/28!
 - v. Contact me or Natalie for any foundation related questions and recommendations for the next alternate student governor.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. [Sign up for omen Hygiene Dispenser survey](#)
 - Can count for community service hours
 - If you would like to attend the first shift please meet Aime at the SGA office after General
 - Please donate to the Turkey-Syria Drive. Drop off box located in CSI!
 - Help spread the word for a job: Music Director needed (not limited to music majors/minors, anyone can join if they are interested) Pianist & Singers also needed!

IX. Open Forum

- a. Land Acknowledgement Plaque Committee; Design team any interested members?
- b. Prashant - volunteers for the Panel on Iran, set up refreshments, and someone to set up Webex
- c. Janelle - For the spring concert, a poll will be sent out to see how many sweatshirts need to be ordered
- d. Shannon - Please join the NSCS, there are a ton of benefits

X. Adjournment @ 3:00 pm