

04/03/2023 Senate Meeting Agenda

[Monday, 04/03/2023]

Meeting called to order on [04/03/2023] at [8:06] in ASB 524

I. Roll Call

- a. President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya (absent)
- b. Senate President Ashley Gomez
- c. Senate Vice President Aime Lara
- d. Senate Secretary Leyla Merhi
- e. Graduate Senator: Andy Annucci (absent)
- f. ASB School Senator: Daeun Mun (absent)
- 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 (absent)
- l. Senator Shanel Lopez (absent)
- m. Senator Madison Weeks
- n. Senator Daniel Rajakumar
- o. Senator Riley Stein
- p. Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- q. Senator Abigail Rojas (absent)
- 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:


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.  03/27/2023 Senate Meeting Agenda
- b.

III. President's Announcements (read by VP Janea)

- a. [Rites of Passage Pre-Commencement Ceremony](#)
 - i. *“The Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Compliance (EDIC) is pleased to announce that the annual Rites of Passage Pre-Commencement Celebration will take place on **Wednesday, May 10th at 12:00 p.m. in Friends Hall**. This pre-commencement ceremony recognizes Ramapo College students of Color (i.e. Black, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, International Students and/or multiple of the aforementioned identities) who have completed an Undergraduate or Graduate degree and celebrates the students' achievements. Students will receive a special stole. The stole is a form of non-verbal communication that expresses pride and identity.”*
- b. [Lavender Pre-Commencement Ceremony](#)
 - i. *“Lavender Ceremony is a pre-commencement ceremony honoring graduating LGBTIQ students. It is a cultural celebration that acknowledges the achievements and contributions graduating students of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions have made at Ramapo. The ceremony will take place **Tuesday April 25, 2023 @ 5:30pm in the Alumni Lounges.**”*
- c. Chabad is providing accommodations & seder for students observing Passover

- i. Don't have a seder planned, join Chabad on April 5th for our Passover seder with a delicious four-course meal. RSVP only; please fill out this form ([link](#)). For more information or have any questions please email: chabad@ramapo.edu
- d. *Upcoming Events*
 - i. **EVENT REQUIREMENT**
 - 1. **SGA Roundtables** - Ongoing
 - 2. **COVID Roundtable: Are We Back to Normal?** (*hosted by Sami*): Thursday 4/6, 1 - 2 pm, Friends Hall
 - ii. **Athletics Reception:** TENTATIVELY 4/19, 12 - 1 pm, Pavilion Cafe
 - iii. **Spring Concert:** Friday, April 28th (ALL HANDS ON DECK)
 - iv. **End-of-Year Banquet:** Sunday 4/30, 6 - 8 pm, Pavilion
- e. *Upcoming General Meetings*
 - i. **4/5:** Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese
 - ii. **4/12:** State of the Students Address @ 2 pm
 - iii. **4/19:** Alternate Student Trustee Presentations
 - iv. **4/26:** Last General Meeting - Party!!!
- f. The Multicultural Center is open! Every day from 1 - 4:30 pm (ish)
- g. Alternate Student Trustee Applications are due April 7, tell people to email studenttrustee@ramapo.edu.
- h. Congratulations to everyone who won a Student Leadership Award! We are very proud to have so many SGA members recognized for their outstanding leadership.

IV. New Business

- a. Club Presentations (Janea):
 - i. Trading Card Game Club
 - 1. [Constitution](#)
 - 2. [Presentation](#)
 - 3. Moved Dean, Second Liz
 - 4. 15-0-3
 - ii. Midnight Book Club
 - 1. [Constitution](#)
 - 2. [Presentation](#)
 - 3. Moved Janelle, Second Riley
 - 4. 13-0-5
- b. Co-Sponsorship: United Asian Association
 - i. Event- Asian Expo: Tuesday April 18th, 8-11 PM, Trustees Pavilion

- ii. Money for Supplies, Marketing, Volunteers, Promotion
 - iii. SGA Cosponsorship - Asian Expo 2023 \$346.50
 - iv. \$200 Moved Madison Second Riley
 - v. 16-0-2
 - vi. Marketing, volunteers, promotion- Moved Riley, Second Liz
 - vii. 16-0-2
- c. Co-Sponsorship: RCNJ Cosmetics
- i. Event- Decade Dance: Saturday, April 15th; Time: 8:00 - 10:00 PM; Location: SC 156-158
 - ii. Money for Supplies, Marketing, Volunteers (4-6), Promotion
 - iii. \$108.46
 - iv. Moved Liz, Second Janelle
 - v. 16-0-2
- d. Co-Sponsorship: Phi Alpha Delta
- i. Event- Diversity in the Legal Field, April 19th, 4-6pm, Multicultural Center
 - ii. Money for Supplies, Marketing
 - iii. [\\$22.93](#)
 - iv. Moved Ivonne, Second Dean
 - v. 12-0-6
- e. Co-Sponsorship: International Student Organization
- i. Event- Basanta Presentation for SGA Basanta: The Season of Celebration: Friday April 14th, 8-11 PM, Trustees Pav
 - ii. Money for Supplies, and Marketing
 - iii. \$98.98
 - iv. Moved Andrew, Second Janelle
 - v. 12-0-6
- f. Daniel-CCEC Collaboration Proposal | SGA Election Collaboration with CCEC
- Encourage student participation in the election and promote civic engagement on campus.
 - Low voter turnout for SGA election.
 - CCEC can help SGA promote the election.
 - SGA and CCEC can conduct a post-election analysis.
- g. Public Safety - Evelyn Voitsekhovich: Worked on the AED Bill, there needs to be a purchase approval and then a committee for the placement of new AEDS can be created. We have to reach out to the communications department regarding the flyer and video showcasing AED locations,

parking deck mirror issue relayed to facilities, public safety officer biking initiative underway, possible mandatory installations of Rave Guardian at future orientations.

- h. Athletics- Liz Mendicino: Planning Athletics Reception 4/19 confirmed with Kate, planning more videos for instagram: DIII week, It's On Us, regular interviews etc; interviews have been very successful and we plan on doing more!
- i. Janelle: Meet with Ken Goldstein and we talked about the artwork in the library initiative that Rachelle and I have been working on. We are planning to move that to the beginning of next semester because of the time constraints and having to deal with location and so on. Someone is interested in putting down a bid for the space in the Berrie Center. That will be a new job opportunity as well. TVs will be placed in H-Wing to showcase Dean's list from CA schools.

V. Public Comment

- a.

VI. Open Forum

- a. If you're a student in SSHS applications to be a mentor are due April 10th at 11:59pm!
 - i. [SSHS Mentorship Application Link](#)
 - ii. Leyla- come to my event tomorrow at 7 in Mackin 1st floor lounge, you can win \$50 ramapo dollars
 - iii. Ivonne- Earth Day/Week & Climate March

VII. Moved Ivonne, Second Liz