

10/02/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/02/2023]

Meeting called to order on [10/02/2023] at [7:02] in A - 220

I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon Decicco
 - i. Substitute: Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
- b. Senate President/SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
- c. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- d. Senate Secretary Andrew Taranta
- e. Graduate Senator (N/A)
- f. CA School Senator Desiree S. Bounds
- g. ASB School Senator Nicole Cohen
- h. HGS School Senator Stephen Raymond
- i. Senator Janelle Boamah
- j. Senator Sean Brescia
- k. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- l. Senator Alexander Frisch
- m. Senator David George
- n. Senator Katelynn Haury
- o. Senator Jake Hessels
- p. Senator Sara Hosbach
- q. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- r. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- s. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- t. Senator Shanel Lopez
- u. Senator Daeun Mun
- v. Senator Amanda Shortt
- w. Senator Andrew Zhang

i. Present:

ii. Late:

iii. Absent: Dauen Mun, Shanel Lopez, Patricia Kalaidjian


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.  9/25/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: Janelle
 - ii. Second: Mihir
 - iii. 10-0-2

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Evelyn and I finally hosted training for the senators!
- b. First liaison reports are due today!
 - i. The next report is due 10/30
- c. [Ask, Listen Refer Training](#) due to Shannon this Monday 10/9

IV. New Business

- a. Liaison Reports: Please write your name, liaison, and a few summary points from your meeting below
 - i. Shanel Lopez, Office of Violence Prevention. Take Back The Night: looking for survivors that would be willing to share their stories that night. event will have these posters that will be made in J'Lees (6-9pm september 18th). week of violence awareness 16th through the 20th: inviting people to sign ramapledge. Would like to know if sga wants to do their own table and what day since we co-author it. Take Back the Night: OVP emailed regarding the idea of what they would want such as volunteers, funding, and advertisement. They're still deciding what to order for event. important that sga is there for support and to alleviate

- violence on our campus. This is the only time that if a survivor tells their story that there will not be a title nine investigation required from that person's behalf. Names should be anonymous within the survivors' stories.
- ii. Janelle: EOF Office- Men Achieving Success Together (MAST). For male identifying students to be around positive energy and bringing back brotherhood onto campus. Reach out to Kevion Hemmings if interested. You don't have to be in EOF or a person of color to join. Promotion for the First Generation Center and the events are being created.
 - iii. Evelyn/TAS: Possibility for freshman to receive emails based on their school and major with suggestions on clubs and organizations to join before they get to Ramapo. Discussion about hosting a career exploration panel for students who are undeclared within TAS as well as holding a panel with Ramapo TAS alumni in the spring. We also discussed the reactivation of the Chemistry Club.
 - iv. Nicole - ASB: Had Accounting Meet & Greet which was successful, Events for ASB, ASB encourages other school students to join clubs, Career Panels for ASB majors being planned
 - v. Stephen: HGS School - Looking for Undeclared Students to represent the school of Humanities and Global Studies, specifically on the Dean's Advisory Board. Discussed the new course, CRWT 101S, new course for students, replaces the 080, 090, and 101 courses. Started discussing the "Meet the Faculty" event for students within HGS and Undeclared, working further with this in the Dean's Advisory Board. We discussed the Advisor's survey, was in full support of the survey, especially since Advisement is key to Student's success.
 - vi. Katelynn: Cahill Career Center - Promoting student outreach so students are aware of career opportunities they promote as well as getting them involved with programs and events. A campaign for the information available on Handshake is a big part of this, as well as using pathways, to relay and get information (e.g. internship progress), and to FYS classes. Getting more students internships and pushing earlier involvement and finishing pathways by the end of sophomore year (use a form and announcements on pathways). Promoting information to those who can't go to events (e.g. the Grad fair during the "common" hour), less known

- information like employer sponsored grad school, larger Ramapo employer partnerships, and the first destination form were also discussed.
- vii. David George: Information Technology Services - Promoting a survey in the near future for technology in the classroom and responses can be critical but accurate and descriptive. October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month - alert and inform students to avoid falling victim to phishing emails. If it does happen, make sure to contact the bank right away. The e-sports room is under development and has not been opened yet.
 - viii. Amanda: OSS- Lots of late registration for OSS students, looking for a better way to make sure deadlines are known and met. Possibility in starting up an instagram account to streamline information. Make sure to report any accessibility issues if you see them!
First Gen- Working on an event for First Generation Month in November! I have a meeting to brainstorm some ideas with Uma this week and then we will bring those ideas to Christine. I'll keep everyone updated when we have a solid plan! Also if you have interest in giving your input as a first-gen student or know someone else who does, the next First-Gen Town Hall will be October 10th from 1-2pm. If you want to be posted for #FirstGenFriday follow and DM @rcnjfirstgen for the link to apply :)
 - ix. Jake Hessels: Pride Fest is coming up, go to PrideFest and slay! Women Center and LGBTQ+ Services - The women's center hosts weekly discussion groups, Violet (mon 8-9), Transcend (Tues 8-9), Inclusive(Wed 8-9), Shades(Thur 8-9) all of which are specific groups to connect Women/LGBTQ+ like minded individuals. A project I am working with the women's center on is to get better signage on all bathrooms. As there is a lack of signage on gender inclusive bathrooms, womens bathrooms, mens bathrooms, and sometimes no signage at all on a bathroom.
 - x. Desiree S. Bounds- In support of the Advisement Initiative; Working with Cahill to better the internship opportunities for students; Increase CA recruitment; Increase a diverse and contemporary mindset; New CA Marketing Intern will promote *the Lounge*; Liked the idea of a Dean's Dinner
 - xi. Eileen Jaquez (Athletics)- Went into discussion about a couple of things but it is not finalized to share therefore nothing to report as of this week.

- xii. Madi Weeks (SSHS) - There will be another Open House on October 22nd, if any SSHS students are interested in talking with prospective students please reach out to me. I am looking to expand the SSHS Mentorship program, and Dean Lorenz is supporting me to do a tabling for more sign-ups. I also brought up HGS dean's list recognition TV's and Dean Lorenz said this was an easy fix and he will add Spring 2023 SSHS Dean's List on the G-wing TVs soon!
- xiii. Sara Hosbach (Public Safety) - reviewed previous projects, discussed Narcan on campus (cannot be provided in AED boxes, needs training to use), went over Laurel and Village Parking
- xiv. Mihir Jariwala (Facilities Management) - Meeting with Nicole Jones, the manager of building services. Facilities is currently heading a project to place bird decals around campus to reduce bird hits on the buildings, with the fishbowl being the first testing site. The Village Stairs is continually being evaluated and renovated. E-wing to be a potential location for new nursing classrooms. Talks about electric charging stations on campus. There is a student employed recycling team that will start to manage the recycling waste, which will be started at the village. As for opportunities, I brought up the idea of rain gardens around the campus. In addition, Nicole brought up ideas surrounding renovating the spiritual and sustainability centers, with Dan Roche being the director of capital planning and the head of these projects, so if there are any recommendations surrounding these locations, email Dan Roche. Nicole also acknowledges the algae problem surrounding the pond. Finally some extra points: students should not be moving things in rooms such as podiums, the village stairs may be aesthetically displeasing but they are structurally sound and safe, and work request forms can be placed anytime for anything, and can be found easily by searching up "Rampo work order".
- xv. Aidan D'Oria (Dining Services) - Brought up a few concerns voiced to me and discussed the possibility of improvements that could be made to streamline efficiency regarding the calendar reworking and dining services thoughts on it. We will be meeting monthly unless we need to meet sooner in which case we can set something up for that. Dining Services is also looking to rebuild its communication to the student body as it feels it has

lost some of its connection over covid. They also have more ingredient lists coming soon for stuff like the salad dressing.

- xvi. Andrew (student accounts) : The meeting's primary agenda was to explore avenues for expanding our office's social media presence beyond Instagram and to discuss the dissemination of information regarding the Financial Responsibility Agreement. Jeffery Brunetto will present projects focusing on the creation of Twitter and Facebook accounts for our office. Additionally, opportunities for enhancing promotion through our existing Instagram page will be explored. In terms of assistance, the agenda includes raising awareness about payment plans and due dates, as well as offering *more payment options*.
- xvii. Sean Brescia (Center for Student Involvement): Met with Eddie Seavers and discussed several topics. Eddie discussed the new implementation of Tripshot. Tripshot works as a mobile app for the shuttle. The shuttle now has live tracking, opposed to a listed schedule that is not always accurate. I also brought up ideas to increase engagement in Greek Life. Introduced concepts of banners of sororities/fraternities hung on campus, as well as pavements being painted to represent sororities/fraternities. Possibility of 3rd quad being dedicated to Greek life. Creating a format to write down signatures and them to Amanda Riehl.

- b. Facilities Master Plan Review
 - i. Comments, Questions, Concerns?
- c. Adding Extra Liaisons

V. Public Comment

- a.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Ask, Listen, and Refer
- b. Janelle: Fitness Center Survery-
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AROLuVpTZy-0n2IKGhFiIfnOOZiChG9IF48SAUxsVJ0/edit?usp=drivesdk>

VII. Adjournment



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- a. **Time: 9:02 pm**
 - i. **Moved: Nicole**
 - ii. **Second: David**