

# 10/11/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 10/11/2023]

Meeting called to order on 10/11 at [Time am/pm] on Friends Hall.

Meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

## I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon DeCicco
- b. Vice President Victor Oluwagmeni
- c. Secretary Pranish Khanal
- d. Treasurer Riley Stein
- e. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Saenz
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
- k. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
- l. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Mejia
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
- n. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi
- o. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
- p. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
- q. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos
- r. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini
- s. Senate President/ SSHA School Senator Madison Weeks
- t. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- u. Senate Secretary Andrew Taranta
- v. ASB School Senator: Nicole Cohen
- w. CA School Senator: Desiree Bounds
- x. HGS School Senator: Stephen Raymond
- y. Senator Janelle Boamah

- z. Senator Sean Brescia
- aa. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- bb. Senator Alexander Frisch
- cc. Senator David George
- dd. Senator Katelynn Haury
- ee. Senator Jake Hessels
- ff. Senator Sara Hosbach
- gg. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- hh. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- ii. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- jj. Senator Shanel Lopez
- kk. Senator Daeun Mun
- ll. Senator Amanda Shortt
- mm. Senator Andrew Zhang
  - i. Present:
  - ii. Late:
  - iii. Excused:
    - 1.
    - 2.
  - iv. Absent:

**II. Mission Statement** (Read by Senator Sara)

*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** (Read by Senator Sara)

*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. Approving Meeting Minutes**

- a. Minutes from [10/4/2023 General Meeting Minutes](#)
  - i. Moved Stephen, Seconded by David
    - 1. 14-0-2

**V. President's Announcements**

- a. Reminder
  - i. Write down your thoughts and questions and save them until the end of announcements and reports. There will be a chance for you to speak at the end of the reports.
- b. Come out and support your fellow Roadrunners!
  - i. All Roadrunner students, faculty, staff & Ramapo retirees enter FREE with valid ID! Wear maroon, see you there!
  - ii. Wednesday, 10/11  
Women's Tennis vs. John Jay - 4:00pm - Tennis Courts  
Women's Soccer vs. Kean - 7pm - Turf Field
  - iii. Saturday, 10/14  
Men's Soccer vs. Rowan - 1:00pm - Turf Field  
Field Hockey vs. Stockton - 4:00pm - Turf Field
    1. Follow us for game announcements and updates on social media: @RCNJathletics and via our website: [www.ramapoathletics.com](http://www.ramapoathletics.com).
    2. Location: Athletic Fields & Courts  
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023  
Time: 07:00 pm
- c. [Upcoming Events](#)
  - i. Take Back the Night w/ OVP
    1. October 19th from 6 - 9 pm
    2. 4 Volunteers needed for both set up and clean up
- d. The President's State of the College Address
  - i. Next Wednesday in Friends Hall at 12 pm
  - ii. If you are free we expect you to attend
- e. WeCare Food Pantry and Laptop Drive
  - i. The CCEC is accepting donations for the food pantry due to the uptake in the amount of students using the resources. If you have the ability to donate please do so.
    1. The Food Pantry is looking for the following non-expired items:
      - a. Cereals / Oatmeal
      - b. Peanut Butter
      - c. Pasta
      - d. Tomato Sauce
      - e. Microwaveable meals (not frozen)

- f. Body Care Products
- g. Cleaning Supplies
- h. Other items noted here: <https://www.ramapo.edu/ccec/donation/>
- ii. Laptop Donation:
  - 1. If you have a personal laptop(s) you no longer use, donate it and keep it out of a landfill! We will wipe the laptop's hard drive without review, refurbish it, and provide it to a Ramapo student who needs it. Additional technical requirements are at this [link](#)
- f. General 10/25 1 pm Arch
  - i. EMS Pinning Ceremony
  - ii. Everyone is REQUIRED to be there.
    - 1. We will walk together to General after the ceremony.
- g. Next week 10/18:
  - i. Cahill Career Center is coming in to talk about resources
- h. Oktoberfest is this week.
  - i. Show up for your shift on time or early
  - ii. Communicate with [Christine Defeo](#) with any questions you have
    - 1. No calling, no showing your shift will fall under the infraction policy and is unacceptable.
  - iii. Wear your sweatshirt
    - 1. It is your uniform for your shift!
  - iv. Make sure we are treating everyone with respect this weekend this includes families, friends, students, faculty and staff. We are the representatives of the student body and we must embody that this weekend.
  - v. Sign up for a shift if you have not done so already. I will personally call out everyone who didnt sign up for a shift after the meeting today.
    - 1. [SGA Oktoberfest Shifts](#)
- i. Graduate and Professional School Fair
  - i. Wednesday October 25, 2023 2 - 4 pm in Pav
  - ii. Register [here](#)
  - iii. Anyone can attend
- j. Eboard meets today from 4 - 5 in SGA office

## **VI. Cabinet Reports**

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
  - i. Club Process -

1. Involvement - If you know anyone who is interested in representing a club and want to join the Club Process Committee, please email me either at [voluwagb@ramapo.edu](mailto:voluwagb@ramapo.edu) or at [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
  2. Club Creation - If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
    - i. Nothing to report
  - c. Treasurer Riley Stein
    - i. No report
  - d. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
    - i.
  - e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
    - i. Committee Affairs Meeting today after Generals at ASB 220
    - ii. Advisement Survey Meeting – Desiree
  - f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
    - i. Commuter Affairs Committee meeting Friday at 5 pm
    - ii. Commuter Breakfast and DIY went great
    - iii. Commuter Lunch and Learn Mon Nov 16th at 1pm in B225
    - iv. Trunk or treat Thur Oct 26th from 5pm - 7pm in Tennis Court Parking Lot. Complete the form on archway to register a car and theme.
  - g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
    - i. We had our delegate meeting this past Monday where we visited the Women’s Center to learn about the on-campus resource. Next meeting is Monday, October 23rd from 6-7pm in A106.
  - h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
    - i. Thank you to the Senate for passing the Narcan bill!
    - ii. Madi and I will be working with Professor Elias and her office (TCADR Prevention and Community Services) to obtain Narcan, signage, boxes, and ideally increased training.
    - iii. Committee meeting is next Thursday from 6-7pm!
  - b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
    - i. Nothing to report
  - i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
    - i. Nothing to report. If there are any issues or policies that you feel like must be addressed let me know.
  - j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
    - i. Oktoberfest this Weekend starting on Thursday night

1. I will be personally calling out those of you who have not signed up for a shift. That is unacceptable at this point.
  2. Wear your sweatshirts when volunteering, also wear them around this week to advertise!
  3. I will not be at the Saturday day event (the carnival). You will be reporting to Eddie Seavers
- ii. Bonding night will be rescheduled. I will be sending out more polls in the GroupMe
    1. If you want an opinion on bonding night you have to respond to my polls
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
    - i. If anyone could help me shoot a promo for Octoberfest after general, that would be great!
    - ii. Please send me your headshots! Email me at: [omejia@ramapo.edu](mailto:omejia@ramapo.edu) with the subject as “Headshot”
  - l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
    - i.
  - m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
    - i. Next meeting on October 16th at 2:30 in G238
  - n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
    - i. Remember to do your 4 volunteer hours! Emails will be sent out next wednesday (10/18) if you are not on track
    - ii. Electronic vs. Physical submissions – I am ok with both :)
      1. With that being said, do not just put your document in the drive as I am less likely to check it frequently (its ok if you have already done that, but keep this in mind from now on)
      2. If you want your hours approved sooner, please send me an email so I can either approve it electronically and/or check my mailbox for the physical copy
      3. \*Note: if you left it in my mailbox sometime after last Thursday I haven’t gotten the chance to approve it yet
    - iii.  SGA Fall 2023 Community Service Hours – use this to see your progress
    - iv. Coordinator of Community Engagement Interviews
      1. ½ of the coordinator’s job is related to community service
      2. On behalf of the SGA and its interests in community service, are there any questions you guys would like me to ask the candidates?
    - v. Service opportunities will be posted on bulletin board starting this week.
  - o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
    - i. Please make sure you’re on track to fulfill your requirements & attend the correct office hours!
  - p. Senate President Madison Weeks
    - i. Finished going over liaison reports
    - ii. Passed [NARCAN Bill 20323-02](#)
      1. Proposed by Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion Madison Case
      2. Introduced by Senate President Madison Weeks

- iii. Approved the Co-Sponsorship with Take Back the Night with the Office of Violence Prevention
  1. Thursday, October 19th, 2023 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, starting in the Alumni Lounges
- q. Student Trustee Gloria Jeong
  - i. The BOT met on October 2, 2023
    1. Approved the following:
      - a. Approved the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting
      - b. Approved the Slate of Officers of the Board of Trustees through to September/October 2024: Susan A. Vallario, Chair; AJ Sabath '93, Vice Chair; David G. Schlüssel, Treasurer Approved the August 2023 List of Graduates for Conferral
      - c. Approved Revisions to [Policy 225: College Founders](#)
      - d. Approved Revisions to [Policy 425: Drug Free Workplace](#)
      - e. Approved Spring 2023 Lab/Course Fee Adjustments
      - f. Approved a Series of Personnel Actions
    2. Thanked outgoing Trustee and EOF Program Liaison Sharlene S. Vichness for her many years of service to the College
    3. Received the [Annual Campus Security & Fire Safety Report](#) and the NJS485 Report
    4. Participated in a Work Session on the College's Financial Ratios
  - ii. AST search is still going!!
    1. Application deadline **has been extended to October 24, 2023** (please share)
    2. Please communicate with [studenttrustee@ramapo.edu](mailto:studenttrustee@ramapo.edu)
      - a. To receive an application and manual, which includes all descriptions of the role
        - i. Qualifications and descriptions can also be found here:  
<https://www.ramapo.edu/board/role/> (see "Student Representatives")
        - b. For any questions/concerns. I am more than happy to help.
    3. Looking for NON-SENATE, seven people to participate in Round 1 of interviews if applicants received. Can be any student.
      - a. Interview date: November 1, 2023 from 1pm-5pm. 30 minutes per interview.
        - i. Not sure yet if it will take the whole time
    4. If applicants pass Round 1, public presentations to the senate (Round 2 interviews) will take place at the General Meeting of November 8, 2023.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
  - i. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
    1. They met with President Jebb and spoke with her about common issues that the campus has and possible solutions to those issues.
    2. If you have more issues you want to be discussed let Victor and Madi know. Next meeting is on Friday.
  - ii. Native American Plaque Committee
    1. Liz, Andrew and Ivonne are making Native American Plaque Committee which will work further with Plaque placement and what more can be done.
- b. Government Relations Officer Pat O'Connor
  - i. He is trying to take 20 students to the statehouse on Wednesday November 28, to see how it works and functions. Also another trip will be organized in March.
  - ii. There will be a workshop before students will go so they have an idea of what they are getting into. Students will learn how the system operates and how you can influence it.
  - iii. Reach out to Patrick O'Connor if you need any more information or want to talk about this in further detail.
  - iv. If you are interested contact Shannon or Victor.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

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## **IX. Open Forum**

- a. Shannon - Career Center Events go to Handshake → Events. You can see a list of all of the currently planned events and register for them. Events range for every school but also includes informational, fairs, and academies.
- b. Shannon - Victor and I are meeting with President Jebb on 10/16. Is there anything that you would like us to bring up to her?
- c. Madi: Take Back the night is next Thursday, they are looking for survivors who are comfortable talking about it. Contact OVP if you are interested
- d. If you live in the Village or CPA, check your email about Recycling and follow what it says.
- e. Madi is doing tabling tomorrow in Fishbowl for SSHS Mentor, if you know who would be interested in being a mentor let Madi know.
- f. The CA student Advisory Board is organizing a breakfast soon. Dates will be provided soon.

## **X. Adjournment** at 2:16 pm

- a. Moved by Desiree seconded by Shanel