

# 10/18/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 10/18/2023]

Meeting called to order on Oct 14 at 1:05pm on ASB 136.

Access the meeting agenda [here](#).

## I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon DeCicco
- b. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
- 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 Katelynn Haury
- dd. Senator Jake Hessels
- ee. Senator Sara Hosbach
- ff. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- gg. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- hh. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- ii. Senator Shanel Lopez
- jj. Senator Daeun Mun
- kk. Senator Amanda Shortt
- ll. Senator Andrew Zhang
- mm. Student Governor Natalie Barr
  - i. Present:
  - ii. Late:
  - iii. Excused:
    - 1.
    - 2.
  - iv. Absent:

**II. Mission Statement** (Read by Liz)

*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 Liz)

*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 [10/11/2023 General Meeting Minutes](#)
  - i. Moved: Janelle
  - ii. Seconded: Mihir

1. 13-0-0

## V. President's Announcements

- a. Write down your thoughts and questions for the end of my announcements. Do the same for cabinet reports.
- b. There will be a helicopter landing and taking off on the bandshell during general today. We may be able to hear it. It is not an emergency and it is for a demonstration for students, faculty and staff.
- c. Thank you for all of your hard work over Oktoberfest weekend!
  - i. Very special shoutout to Secretary of Programming Christine and Secretary of PR Oliver for all of the work that you both did to make this weekend amazing and promoting the events we were holding!
- d. Thank you to everyone who attended the State of the College address!
- e. Come out and support you fellow Roadrunners!
  - i. All Roadrunner students, faculty, staff & Ramapo retirees enter FREE with valid ID! Wear maroon, see you there!
    1. Wednesday, 10/18
      - a. Women's Soccer vs. Rutgers-Newark - 7:00pm - Turf Field
    2. Saturday, 10/21
      - a. Women's Soccer vs. Stockton - 6:00pm - Turf Field - Senior Day
- f. 10/25 General
  - i. EMS Pinning Ceremony @1 pm at the Arch
  - ii. **EVERYONE is required to attend**
  - iii. We will walk to Friend's Hall following the ceremony.
  - iv. Attendance will be taken
- g. [Upcoming Events](#)
  - i. Take Back the Night w/ OVP
    1. Thursday 10/19
    2. 2 volunteers still needed
- h. Victor and I spoke with President Jebb on Monday 10/16
  - i. She commended the SGA on the work for Oktoberfest
  - ii. We spoke about the Fizz app.
    1. She did not know about it right away however connected us with with Mike Yankovich
      - a. "[T]hey do have a set of community guidelines that purportedly disallow bullying, identification of personal information, hate speech, misinformation, spam, illegal activity, self-harm, and obscene content. The website also describes a process through which randomly selected users from the college serve as moderators of content. The website also describes a process through which law

enforcement can request information about users as part of criminal investigations or emergency situations.”

- iii. We spoke about the war happening in the Middle East. We were reassured that the panel discussion that happened yesterday was not the end of the conversations on campus, it was merely the beginning of the discussions and they want to continue to have more conversations.
  - 1. I do not know what these conversations look like at the moment, once I know you know.
- i. We have been asked to attend a Student Government Conference at Stevens Institute of Technology.
  - i. Conference would take place November 12th from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
  - ii. Lunch would be provided
  - iii. If we get enough people interested in attending we may be able to get a bus.
  - iv. If you want to attend please email me
- j. TKE Powderpuff Game
  - i. Pushed back to Nov 2nd
    - 1. Need people for a team by 10/28
    - 2. Up to 10 people
- k. Complete your community service requirements!
  - i. Admissions Open House 10/22
    - 1.  Volunteer Corp Presentation Go to the QR code on the last page to sign up and volunteer
    - 2. Approx. 4 - 6 hours of volunteer time
  - ii. Volunteer Bulletin
    - 1. [Bulletin Link](#)
- l. The Marketing Office at Ramapo College is on the lookout for students who aren't camera shy to serve as models for an upcoming photography shoot.
  - i. When Is The Photo Shoot?
    - Monday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and
    - Wednesday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  - ii. How Do I Sign Up?
    - Email us at [marketing@ramapo.edu](mailto:marketing@ramapo.edu). Include your name and contact information and your availability on Mon. Oct. 23 or Wed. Oct. 25.
  - iii. How Will The Photos Be Used?
    - The photos captured are used in College marketing materials. Typical uses include brochures, websites, social media and other print materials for students who are interested in joining the Ramapo College family.

## VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
  - i. Club Process - 1 Presentation Today! Show up on time if you can!
    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. Cabinet please write your reports on meeting agenda doc by 12:00 pm on days of general meeting.
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
  - i. No report
- d. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
  - i.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
  - i.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
  - i. Next meeting will be Monday, October 23 from 6-7pm in A106. Nothing to report.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
  - i. Nothing to report
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
  - i. SGA x Food Drive will be starting November 6th- still figuring out the little details (drop off points and advertising)
  - ii. TKE powder puff pushed back to Nov. 2
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
  - i. I meet with my liaison Pat O'Connor right after general today. If there is any issues or policies that you would like me to discuss with Pat today let me know.
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
  - i. Thank you all again for your participation in Oktoberfest!
  - ii. Bonding night in the works :)
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
  - i. Please send in your headshots to my email ([omejia@ramapo.edu](mailto:omejia@ramapo.edu)). Everyone **must** send me a headshot.

- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
  - i. Nothing to report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
  - i. Nothing to Report
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
  - i. If you have not completed 2 or more hours of community service you will be receiving an email today
  - ii. You must fill out the form (you cannot just email me the information)
  - iii. Whoever completed the most hours this semester will receive a prize! (Prize TBD)
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
  - i. ALICE Training at 3:30 today in Friends Hall, do not forget to attend if you are signed up for this session.
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
  - i. Approved the Ramapo Girls in Gaming Club (RGG)
  - ii. Passed the [Unsolicited Presenter Bill](#)
    1. Riley: It would be great if we could showcase the bills we have passed so far.
  - iii. Had a discussion about possibly having a place in the office to rotate passed bills
- q. Student Trustee Natalie Barr
  - i. DoubleGood Popcorn fundraiser is back!
    1. Nov. 8th at 5 pm - Nov. 12th at 5 pm
    2. Instructions:
      - a. Download the Double Good app
      - b. Enter event code: JCMWSQ
      - c. Create your Pop-Up Store
    3. EVERYONE must join the fundraiser, please join by Nov. 1st. :)
  - ii. I will be hosting a Halloween tabling soon selling baked goods, so if you want to volunteer to bake something let me know:)
  - iii. Any questions email me at [nbarr@ramapo.edu](mailto:nbarr@ramapo.edu) or text me on GroupMe

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
  - i. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
    1. Reevaluating what can be achieved
      - a. We have to split our goals into short and long term. So for now while we are here we are going to work on them accordingly and what can be achieved right now or later.

2. More data collection
  - a. We are planning on asking specific questions to students to get answers to specific issues.
  - ii. Land Acknowledgement Sign - Andrew & Liz
    1. Design, any artists available? If there are any, contact Andrew and Liz.
  - b. Career Center: Danielle Marina (Career Advisor)
    1. Three Pathways
      - a. Module 1: Helps you choose what career path might interest you
      - b. Module 2: Prepares you to apply for internships and jobs
      - c. Module 3: Interview Skills
    2. Find and apply for jobs on and off campus using Handshake. You can also find co-ops on handshake for free if it is a requirement.
    3. Questions:
      - a. Andrew: Should we write we were in SGA in our Resume?
        - i. It would be a great way. Anything that shows that you can manage time and take leadership positions will help.
      - b. Andrew: Do you think pathways should not be made mandatory because if they are stopping you from graduating?
        - i. We have this so we can help students find employment. But if anyone has difficulty finishing Pathways we can definitely talk about it.
      - c. Do you guys work with cover letters?
        - i. Yes we review it and give you feedback on it.
      - d. What are the opportunities for internships outside career fair to learn more about internship opportunities?
        - i. Yes, if you go to Handshake and look into the events you can see various opportunities for internships from there.
      - e. Are there part time opportunities as well on Handshake?
        - i. Yes, you can go to events, then events and filter to only see part time jobs.
- c. Voting on Alternate Student Governor Sophia Riccobono-Baran
  - i. Sophia Riccobono-Baran
    1. Has experience working with student government and fundraising.
  - ii. Comments:

1. Natalie: Has worked with Sophia and she would be a great person in the role
2. Madison: How she answered the questions that we asked was great. Also that she is willing to accept that she doesn't know everything and is willing to learn is great.
- iii. Motion to appoint Sophia Riccobono-Baran as Alternate Student Governor
  1. Moved by Janelle, Seconded by Desiree
  2. 13-0-0, Approved

### **VIII. Public Comment**

- a. Matthew: In the parking lot, when you are going out there are a number of transformers and it makes it impossible to see the coming traffic.
- b. Jack: Trunk or Treat being organized by Commuter Affairs and OFSL happening on October 26 5-7.
- c. Project Lead at 1 pm October 19 A101

### **IX. Open Forum**

- a. Janelle: Updates on the Fitness Center meeting with Janelle
  - i. Students are requesting for music to be played. Playlist will be created
  - ii. The company that used to repair broken machines in the gym was out of lease but is back again.
- b. James: Are there any pressing issues in regards to college life, safety, or tuition that you feel as if the SGA should be vocal about?
- c. Alex: I have my next Liaison Meeting with Kat McGee from Title IX at 2:00, any suggestions that I should bring up to her?
- d. Nicole: I have my next liaison meeting with ASB Dean Petkus next week on October 24, please let me know if there is anything you would like me to bring up.
  - i. Woman Entrepreneurship Week coming up on October 23-26: Designs Sprint, How to Use LinkedIn and free headshots, Women's Roundtable, etc.
- e. Patricia: Elections are coming up November 7! Healing the vote is an organization determined to encourage people to vote for their healthcare. Research shows that those who vote for their healthcare actually have better outcomes than those who don't! please visit: [vote.health/8341](http://vote.health/8341) to register to vote! It takes less than a minute!!

### **X. Adjournment** at 2:54 pm

- a. Moved by Nicole
- b. Seconded by David