

10/4/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 10/4/2023]

Meeting called to order on 10/04 at 1:04 PM on SC 156-7.

Meeting Agenda can be found [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 (Excused)
- 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 (Excused)
- 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 (Excused)
- dd. Senator Jake Hessels
- ee. Senator Sara Hosbach (Late)
- ff. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- gg. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- hh. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (Excused)
- ii. Senator Shanel Lopez
- jj. Senator Daeun Mun (Excused)
- kk. Senator Amanda Shortt
- ll. Senator Andrew Zhang
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late: Sara
 - iii. Excused: Paige, Kristen, Katelynn, Patricia, Daeun
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement (Read by Oliver)

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 Oliver)

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 Minute Meetings

- a. Minutes from [9/27/2023 General Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Moved Janelle, Seconded Jake
 - 1. 13-0-4

V. President's Announcements

- a. The new corkboard is now up, if you are a part of another club/organization on campus and you want to promote an upcoming event you can use the corkboard for this.
 - i. However, if you want to post anything on the wall run it by **Pranish Khanal** first BEFORE you post it on the wall.
- b. **Reminders:**
 - i. Make sure you are working towards completing your requirements
 - ii. Attend and track your office hours
 - iii. Reach out to the appropriate person if you need to miss a meeting or come late/leave early.
 - iv. Maintain communication with one another and leadership with concerns, ideas, bills or anything else going on.
 1. If you are unsure about how to go about something or want more ideas these are great ways to use one another and leadership for support.
 2. We are all one team and the success of one person is all of our success so let's work together!
 - v. During meetings we should be respecting each other and paying attention to the speaker and not cutting the speaker off while they are speaking.
 1. Respect the speaking order that is set by Madi
 2. Maintain professionalism at all meetings from beginning to end.
 - a. Save the jokes for the end of the meeting
 3. We will be implementing a new process during reports and announcements that we will expect everyone to adhere to.
 4. Feedback:
 - a. Mihir: It feels very streamlined and smooth.
 - b. Oliver: It felt less interactive than other times.
 - c. Jake: It did work out today, however, if we have different ideas and when everyone wants to speak this could lead us to not having meaningful discussions that we usually have.
- c. Come Out and Support Your Fellow Roadrunners
 - i. All Roadrunner students, faculty and staff enter FREE with valid ID! Wear maroon, see you there!

1. Wednesday, 10/4 - Turf Field
Men's Soccer vs. King's College - 3pm
 2. Friday, 10/6 - Turf Field
Field Hockey vs. Cedar Crest - 7pm
 3. Saturday, 10/7
Women's Tennis vs. Hunter - 1pm - Tennis Courts
Field Hockey vs. Keystone - 4pm - Turf Field
Women's Soccer vs. NJCU -7pm - Turf Field
 - a. First game under the lights! Free for #RCNJ Students: Hot Chocolate Bar, Hot Dogs, Rally Towels. \$5 Chick-fil-A Sandwiches. Come give Rocky a high five!
- d. [Upcoming events](#)
- i. The Village Barbie DreamHouse
 1. Friday October 6th 8 - 10 pm
 2. We are still in need of 4 volunteers for the event.
 - e. Ask, Listen, Refer Training is due on October 9th at 11:59 pm
 - f. WeCare Food Pantry and Laptop Drive
 - i. The CCEC is accepting donations for the food pantry due to the uptake in 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](#)
 - g. The President's State of the College Address
 - i. Has been moved to Wednesday October 18th at 12 noon in Friends Hall

- ii. An SGA attendance is expected and welcomed
- h. General Lineup:
 - i. 10/11 - Pat O'Connor
 - ii. 10/25 - EMS Pinning ceremony
 - 1. We will all start and participate in the ceremony and then walk together to Friends Hall.
 - 2. It is a part of general and thus everyone is required to attend.
- i. TKE Powderpuff Flag Football Tournament
 - i. For TKE's philanthropy St. Jude's Children's Hospital
 - ii. October 19, 2023 @ 8 pm
 - iii. Up to 10 people per roster
 - iv. Need to know by Monday October 9, 2023
 - v. We will get more information as the event approaches
 - vi. If you are interested in participating please contact me by Friday 10/6
- j. ALICE Training
 - i. If you got an email from me from ALICE training on October 18th please respond back to me.
 - ii. Everyone, who needs to fulfill the ALICE Training requirement, received an email from me this morning at 8 am telling you when you have your class and location.

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process - Allocation Meeting @3:30pm in room A100! WOOOOO
 - 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 or at sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 - 2. Club Creation - If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
 - i. Everyone, please make sure you report your office hours using the QR code in the office.
 - ii. Time outside your office hours that you spend in SGA office does not count as office hours.
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. No report
- d. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
 - i.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta

- i. The Academic Affairs Committee Meeting will be held on the second of every month, instead of the previously designated first of every month, to prevent a clash with SAIL meetings.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Commuter Breakfast is tomorrow at 8:30am in the 2nd floor of the student center from 8:30am-10am outside the CSI Office.
 - ii. Commuter Affairs DIY 1pm Oct 10th at J Lees
 - iii. Commuter Lunch and Learn on leadership is happening Monday, October 16th at 1pm in B-225
 - iv. Battle of The Pets will start soon on the RCNJCommuters Instagram page
 - v. Moved Commuter Affairs Committee Meetings to Every other Friday from 5-6 starting last Friday
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Meeting on Monday, October 9th from 6-7pm in A106. Please be on time because we will be visiting the Women's Center for a presentation by Madison!
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
 - i. Committee meeting is tomorrow from 6-7pm in A106!
 - ii. Diversity Day is tomorrow, starting at 12 pm in the Grove.
 - iii. Pride Fest is next Wednesday, also starting at 12 pm in the Grove.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. Committee Meeting at 3:30 at A105
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lfew50Do5gdKoKkOpR-8zq_4Bm3qUvrTCWZDda9b2xA/edit
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. I will be working on the SGA website and will reach out if I need any pictures from anyone.
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. Nothing to report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi
 - i. Planning on moving my sustainability meeting to Thursdays from 4-5 so that more people can attend
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. Remember to complete volunteer hours – 4 hrs per semester (still have not received anyone's hours – emails will be sent out Mid-October if you are not on track to complete them)

- ii. Find form on SGA Official Drive → Current SGA Records→Community Service
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
 - i. Nothing to Report
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. We went over the first liaison reports of the year!
 - ii. Andrew Taranta briefly walked us through the potential long term changes being made by the Facilities Master Plan

VII. New Business

- a. Counseling Services (2 - 3)
 - i. [Powerpoint](#)
 - ii. Counseling Services has drop in hours Monday to Friday from 1pm to 3pm - D216.
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Madison: After counseling with services is done, are they connected with outside resources?
 - a. Depending on the case and insurance our counselors usually try to connect interested students to counseling service outside school.
 - 2. Sarah: How are these resources being marketed and what is the plan going forward?
 - a. There has been a main push marketing these resources to students. Flyers are around campus, emails are usually sent and emails will be sent out to students with resources available to students.
 - 3. Andrew: Suggestion to make counselors more approachable could be to have a tablecloth and hang around in the J-Lees, Common Grounds.
- b. President Dr. Cindy Jebb
 - i. We just started one of a kind Genealogy Lab this Friday.
 - ii. We just won a 1.3 million dollar grant. This is going to be given over five years and will be given to first generation students and underrepresented minorities.
 - iii. We are also expanding our nursing program because of great outcomes we have had with the program.
 - iv. We got 32 million dollars to transform Linden Hall.
 - v. Lights on the field is another great achievement.
 - vi. We are focusing on creating a liberal arts college experience for students which will prepare students to tackle problem of the whole world
 - vii. We have a panel happening soon that is on empowering students on Title IX. Do you guys have any ideas or points for this panel?
 - 1. Riley: We have free counseling services for students on campus. We need more support for a longer span of time than what we have right now. It would be great to make it known to people and expand on it if we can.
 - 2. Lena: If RAs were to have more training on this topic that would be great too. When residents have issues they usually want to go to RAs and having more focused training will be helpful.
 - viii. Questions:
 - 1. Andrew: There are observatories behind Bradley and it would be interesting to put them

into use.

2. Desiree: What are we doing with the grant we are receiving?
 - a. It is going to the first generation center and EDIC.
 - b. It is also going to help us start a STEM center on campus.
 3. Jake: Did you talk about recycling in the Faculty meeting?
 - a. A great person to talk to for this would be Vice President Michael Yankovich.
 4. Janelle: Would it be possible to add an elevator, expand music and film studio in H wing?
 - a. We have a history of doing the right things ever since we were founded. We are looking at the whole campus to make sure it is accessible for everyone.
 5. Roads and parking lot being renovated would be great. Also having more Ramapo displays in the parking lot or around campus would be great.
 - a. It is something that we have been looking at and we are already working on it.
- c. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
- i. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
 1. Victor: We will be meeting President Jebb with our reports and have a discussion and present common themes of the discussion we might have with her
 - ii. Salameno Spiritual Center is getting knocked down and that space is going to be empty. So asking you guys how that space could be utilized or what could be built there. Also, the pond is getting cleaned in the spring.

VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Janelle- [Fitness Center Survey](#)
- b. CPB is hosting a fundraiser event for Maui Disaster Relief Fund at 9 pm tomorrow at Friends Hall.
- c. Evelyn- If you signed up for the Village Barbie Dreamhouse event, please fill out the spreadsheet linked on the upcoming events sheet :)
- d. Phi Alpha Delta has a community service opportunity today 5-6pm today. Contact [Elizabeth Mendicino](#) for more information.
- e. Liz- Freedom of Speech Panel virtual meeting at 6:30 today, message me privately if you would like to join/ have suggestions.
- f. Jake - recycling in the village and cpa needs to not have bags at all.
- g. David: I did talk to ITS about issues with connection issues in Laurel and Village. They will take a look into it.
- h. Madison: SSSH has an Open House on October 22. Contact [Madison Weeks](#) if you are interested to speak about the school and speak with students about it.

X. Adjournment at 2:54 pm

- a. Moved by David Seconded by Aiden