

9/20/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 9/20/2023]

Meeting called to order on [##/##] at [Time am/pm] on SC 156-7.

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 Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
- i. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
- j. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Saenz
- k. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
- l. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
- m. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Mejia
- n. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
- o. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi
- p. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
- q. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
- r. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos
- s. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini
- t. Senate President/ SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
- u. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- v. Senate Secretary Andrew Taranta
- w. ASB School Senator: Nicole Cohen
- x. CA School Senator: Desiree Bounds

- y. HGS School Senator: Stephen Raymond
- z. Senator Janelle Boamah
- aa. Senator Sean Brescia
- bb. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- cc. Senator Alexander Frisch
- 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 Janelle)

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

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. Meeting Minutes from [9/13/2023](#)
 - i. Moved Stephen, Seconded Janelle
 1. 8-0-5

V. President's Announcements

- a. Welcome all new members!
- b. Support Your Fellow Roadrunners!
 - i. All Roadrunner students, faculty and staff enter FREE with valid ID! Wear maroon, see you there!
 1. Wednesday, Sept. 20th
Field Hockey - Home Opener vs. New Paltz - 3:30pm - Turf Field
Men's Soccer vs. Skidmore - 7:00pm - Turf Field
 2. Thursday, Sept. 21st
Women's Volleyball vs. John Jay - 7pm - Bradley Center Arena
 3. Saturday, Sept. 23rd
Men's Soccer vs. TCNJ - Athletic Center Turf - 1:00pm
Field Hockey vs. Misericordia - 4:00pm
- c. Committee Reminders
 - i. If you received an email from Liz yesterday please respond back to her or follow the message in the email
 - ii. If you have not signed up for a committee please do so soon. [Committee Spreadsheet](#)
 - iii. Committee Chairs please make sure you are checking for new members in your committee and begin reaching out to the new members.
 - iv. If you have any friends, outside of SGA, who would like to be on any committee please bring them along or have them reach out to the chair of the committee to participate. We want to encourage members of the student body to attend committee meetings as well.
- d. Ask, Listen, Refer Training
 - i. For NEW members only
 - ii. Due October 9th 11:59 pm
- e. Fall 2023 Training
 - i. Saturday September 23rd 1:30 - 3:30 pm Friends Hall
 - ii. Lunch will be provided
 - iii. If you ABSOLUTELY CANNOT attend email me.
- f. [Upcoming Events](#)
 - i. Words of Hope 9/21 12 - 3 pm @ Grove (SGA Members try to attend)
 - ii. The Village Barbie Dreamhouse 10/6 8 - 10 pm @ Pavilion

- g. Provost Middleton Open House
 - i. First Open house office hours: Tuesday September 26th 2 - 3:30 pm
 - ii. First floor of the Mansion
- h. General Meetings Lineup:
 - i. 9/27 - Admissions (1:15 - 2)
 - 1. Talking about new Volunteer Program
 - ii. 10/4 - Counseling Services (2 - 3 pm)
 - 1. New Counseling Resources and Suicide Prevention
 - iii. 10/11 - Pat O'Connor, Government Relations Officer
- i. [SGA Roster](#)
 - i. Please make sure it is updated with all of the correct information including liaisons
- j. E-Board Meeting today 4 pm SGA Office
- k. Missed meetings reminders
 - i. If you are needing to miss any meeting please contact the appropriate person.
 - 1. Senate Meetings - Senate Secretary Andrew Taranta (ataranta@ramapo.edu)
 - 2. General Meetings - Secretary Pranish Khanal (pkhanal@ramapo.edu)
 - 3. Cabinet Meetings - Chief of Staff Paige Duell (pduell@ramapo.edu)
 - 4. EBoard Meetings - President Shannon (sdecicco@ramapo.edu) or Vice President Victor (voluwagb@ramapo.edu)
 - 5. Committee Meetings - Committee Chair

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process - No meeting today!
 - 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. Please sign up for office hours [here](#).
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. Met with the senate on 9/18 to talk about co-sponsorships
 - ii. Meeting with Eddie Seavers tomorrow
- d. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
 - i. Cabinet reports due next wednesday!
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta

- i. People who are in the Academic Affairs Committee if it works for you please consider joining other committees which have very few members.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Nothing to Report
- g. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. First meeting with liaison tomorrow.
 - ii. Let me know if you have anything specific you want me to address.
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. NO MEETING Monday, 9/25. Nothing to report.
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
 - i. Our second committee meeting is tomorrow from 6-7pm in A106!
 - ii. I met with Rachel Sawyer, and we have a few programming and initiative ideas in the works... more on that soon.
 - iii. If anyone has any concerns that they'd like me to discuss with Rachel, please let me know!
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. Just a Reminder that our first committee meeting will be today at 330pm in A105
 - ii. I spoke to Amanda Riehl about doing a food drive with SGA and Greek Life, I also need to contact Dylan Heffernan with further details for approval
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. We have the first ever Governmental Affairs committee meeting ever so I can't wait to see the great work our group does.
 - ii. Meeting Next Monday : 1-2 pm
- k. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Bonding Night on Friday Oct 6th at 7pm!
 - 1. Thank you for those of you who voted in my polls (i can see who did and did not)
 - 2. Catering from Cars
 - 3. If you have dietary restrictions PLEASEEEEE let me know via dm
 - ii. Unnamed SGA Event on Sat night of Oktoberfest
 - 1. Reminder that attending at least one Oktoberfest event is required! Does not count towards your event requirement for the semester!
 - 2. Thursday Oct 12th - Saturday Oct 14th
 - iii. Oktoberfest Sweatshirt Sizes
 - 1. [Oktoberfest Sweatshirt Size](#)
 - 2. You need to be wearing the sweatshirt while you are volunteering
 - iv. Wanna collab on event ideas? Reach out to me!
 - 1. I promise I am not scary and I am very open to any ideas
 - a. Andrew: One idea could be "Lay under the Stars with SGA"

- b. Liz: Vinyl painting, SGA Sleepover event,
- c. Janelle: Silent Disco with Glowfest
- l. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. Nothing to Report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. Nothing to Report
- n. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
 - i. Our appointee for Conduct Justice Ryan Campos was voted in at this Monday's Senate meeting
 - ii. Please respond if you receive an email from me!!
- o. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Welcomed and inaugurated our new senators!
 - ii. Approved 2 co-sponsorships
 - 1. The Village Barbie Dreamhouse October 6, 2023 from 8 - 10pm in Pav
 - 2. Pridefest with the Women's Center October 11th, 2023 from 12 - 4pm in the Grove
 - 3. Treasurer Riley came and presented on the cosponsorship budget.
 - iii. Voted in and inaugurated our new Conduct Justice, Ryan Campos!

VII. New Business

- a. Calendar Task Force (Victor and Madi) 2 - 3 pm
 - i. [Our charge](#) - The link to the purpose of this task force
 - 1. Task force is working
 - a. To not have classes during federal holidays
 - b. More common hours to increase engagement
 - c. Decrease overlapping of events
 - ii. [Current Fall 2023](#) and Future Spring 2024 Calendar
 - iii. Good things about current calendar:
 - 1. Janelle: It's easy to see the add drop period, add drop deadline to see 100% refund on classes, and other dates like these easily.
 - 2. Desiree: Thanksgiving break, wellness days
 - iv. Recommendations to make improvements:
 - 1. Riley: Having a calendar tab where we can see what's happening like google calendar can be helpful. The whole layout of the calendar should be changed.
 - 2. Janelle: Off on Veterans day; days that staff have off that students don't have off.
Wellness days: have a wellness week
 - 3. Sarah: There should be election day off
 - 4. Madison: The day to drop classes is too short. We haven't even met our professor and the day to drop classes with 100% refund is already gone.
 - 5. Agrim: Add drop is too confusing with classes on some days having one deadline and Monday classes having a different drop day.

6. Rick: There is a possibility to start our semester mid-August or we could start it after labor day.
7. Liz: While we are talking about important holidays and how move-in dates are scheduled around that. If we are trying to avoid certain holidays as move in days or move out days it is important to consider different holidays of different cultures.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Sophomore leadership opportunity SAIL Program application open - Deadline Monday, 25th September at Noon

IX. Open Forum

- a. On Friday, 9 pm CPB Squishmallow event
- b. Pastor Stanley, a conservative pastor, will be here on Thursday, 9/20 at 11:30 am on campus
 - i. Liz: SGA should provide resources to help people out who might be distressed with this whole situation.
- c. Alumni Lounge: Training to apply Narcan tomorrow

X. Adjournment @ 3:05

- a. Moved by Eileen, seconded by Aidan