

09/25/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/25/2023]

Meeting called to order on [09/25/2023] at [7:04] in A - 220

I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon Decicco
- 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: Andrew Zhang,
- iii. Absent: Nicole Cohen, Katelyen Haury, Katelynn Haury,

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. [9/18/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Moved: Mihir Jariwala
 - ii. Second: David George
 - iii. 10-0-3

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy Yom Kippur!!
- b. Liaison reports are due next meeting 10/2!!
 - i. [SGA Drive](#)
 - ii. Add summary points to the meeting minutes next week
- c. If you would like to write a bill and need help, please reach out to Senate Leadership!
- d. Evelyn and I will be hosting a virtual training for new Senators 12 - 1pm and 3 - 4pm this Wednesday!

IV. New Business

- a. Constitutional Amendments
 - i. [Senate Bill 2023-02: Constitutional Amendment - Judicial Panel Re...](#)
 - ii. Janelle Boamah : Should there be two separate bills for the expansion of the executive board? Are the other justices in agreement with the amendment?
 - iii. Desiree S. Bounds : Asked to clarify which justices serve on the club process committee. Ask who we will meet with if you have a white notice. Answer : Lena will be the main Justice responsible for the Senate.

- iv. Sara Hosbach : Asked to clarify whether eboard is in the executive branch - answer was the executive board is considered all leaders of their respective branches.
 - v. Madi Weeks : If the respective members can't attend the Senate meeting - or misses a meeting.
 - 1. Answer : No, liz said she will attend meetings in their absence - is open to editing it. However, if they do not attend or reach out that would qualify for a white notice.
 - 2. Should it be required for the Legislative Justice to attend senate meetings or just encouraged?
 - 3. Answer Liz : I agree it should be encouraged. Janelle : Maybe have them attend one meeting each month? Liz : Love the idea! Sara : Should be at the discretion of the Senate President. Liz : Agreed.
 - vi. Andrew : Should we define the discretion of the Administrative Justice for how we define an equitable committee : Liz : We should trust the Justice. We want to have the same amount of people on the committee. There is no limit to outside student members ... there will be no hard set limits.
 - vii. Evelyn : Should have something in there that has there should be a discussion prior to the meeting.
 - viii. Desiree: If you are Greek can you be removed from the Greek life committee : Liz : Yes, if they are members of the SGA, if not they do not have jurisdiction.
 - ix. Moved:
 - x. Second:
 - xi. 0-0-0
- b. Advisement Experiences [Form](#)
- i. Shannon : Are we doing academic advisors and career advisors?
 - ii. Desiree : Would you prefer it if SGA is doing the poll?
 - iii. Mihir : Can you clarify on the verbiage of the form? Perhaps it can be the academic affairs of the sga.
 - iv. Madi : There was a typo in strengths.
 - v. Andrew Taranta : I think the SGA should be in the form name. Are there too many questions? Mihir : I think it's fine. Evelyn : "other" is brought up twice.

- vi. Sara : I would change the verbiage of “what type of advisor is the aforementioned advisor” what type of advisor or what department. Madi : Faculty advisor isn’t a department.
 - vii. Evelyn : Bringing up typo
 - viii. Desiree : Is the question regarding if you “trust” your advisor. Evelyn : suggest you can say do you seek out your advisor.
 - ix. Janelle : have “additional comments” at the end
 - x. Madi : it should be two pages to make it easier for the students to fill out the survey.
 - xi. Sara : Should the multiple choice be first. Shannon : Agreed.
 - xii. Madi : There may be survey fatigue
 - xiii. Andrew : Perhaps make the second page optional? Desiree : No we need to know the information, as it’s most important for the form.
 - xiv. Shannon : Add descriptions that they can elaborate as much you prefer
 - xv. Andrew : How are we sending it out? Desiree : Provost said can add to daily digest. Janelle : Perhaps have professors bring it up in class.
 - xvi. Shannon : Also perhaps the tabling to help expand the usage of the survey. Who is willing to do it : Janelle, Desiree, Eveyln, Mihir, Sara, Sara, Patricica, Didi, Aidan, Stephan, Madi, Shannon, David.
 - xvii. Mihir : Transparency within the student body is important and this is a great way to do it. I know there was a Speak out event from Sara and it seems this form fits the message of transparency.
 - xviii. Janelle : During CPB I can add marketing to the events
 - xix. Desiree : I expect all SGA members to fill form
 - xx. Stephan : How long will the form be out until we discuss with advisors. Shannon : Speak with Provost middleton to align initiatives asap. Also speak with the deans and see if they can push it out to their own channel.
 - xxi. Janelle : Leaving it until the end of the semester to capture the freshman experience.
- c. Let’s Write a Bill Together!
- i. Example Bill:
 - [Senate Bill 2022-11_ One Man in Memory of Six Million .pdf](#)
 - 1. Evelyn : A good example of a bill as we were able to accomplish this! Strong whereas clauses and clear therefore be it resolved clauses.

2. Disreee : Is it possible to reach out first. Evelyn : Yes, have them look over it just to see if you have the ability to achieve it.
 3. Janelle : Not every bill has to be a physical achievement. Can be the importance of the bill to stand as a point.
 4. Madi : We wrote a bill on the solidarity of the SGA and we can also reach out to Senators on the bills.
 5. Shannon : if it is in the There Be It Resolved, it has to be done. The bill can also add and create legislation within the SGA. Make sure they are feasible.
 6. Madi : with the therefore be it resolved, unless you know you will be working with one department it's best to remain broad in the description
 7. Sara : Should we share at one point of the process...Madi : once you're done or need help, reach out.
 8. Desiree : What's the difference between Introduced and Proposed : Evelyn : Introduced by the Senate is simply who was working on it and the propose was who spoke to the senate. Desiree : Is there an order as to who to send it out to? Evelyn : Share it with all three.
- ii. Today's Bill:
- ☰ Senate Bill 2023-X_Recycling for On Campus Apartments
 1. <https://secondnature.org/signatory-handbook/the-commitments/>
 2. Janelle : They tend to put things all in one bin for recycling. Madi : You need to dump the bags into the trash for it to be recycled.
 3. Madi : teach how to properly recycle
 4. Mihir : You have to avoid contamination. The fines are very large.
 5. Mihir : Do you want me to reach out to my liaison? Confirmed will reach out.
 6. Rest of notes on bill
- d. Liaison Questions/Updates?
- i. Madi : Dean of Students and Dean Lorenz - cannot meet with Dean of Students until the day after the reports are due. Will have it for next week.

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. Janelle : Eat all of our food at Taste of Mahwah at 9pm Thursday and reach out by Wednesday.
- b. David : They have events that stay open until 10pm and I've gotten injured and that the first aid access is pretty poor. The next week he went up for bandaids. He is currently trying to contact people about that concern. Was there when Viktor fell and couldn't get ice. The trainers room is off limits to students.
- c. Evelyn : In reference to Dining service : They don't list the ingredients of the items they have in dining. Aidan (Dining Services Liaison) - will bring up.
- d. Janelle : Can you make sure the scoopers are washed to help cross contamination.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 9:06pm**
 - i. **Moved: Desiree**
 - ii. **Second: Sara**