

9/27/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes can be found here

[Wednesday, 9/27/2022]

Meeting called to order on 9/27 at 1:03 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 Desiree)

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 Desiree)

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 [9/20/2023](#)
 - i. Moved Janelle, Seconded Mihir
 - 1. 9-0-4

V. President's Announcements

- a. Career Center is hosting an IRS Citizen's Academy
 - i. Applications are due October 6th
 1. Applicants will be informed if they were accepted on October 9th
 - ii. Event will take place on October 20th in Pavillion from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
 1. Lunch will be provided
 - iii. Priority will be given to those who have majors or minors in Accounting, Finance, Law and Society, Social Science/Justice, and Sociology/Criminology.
 - iv. Application link can be found [here](#)
- b. Health Services
 - i. In order to better manage your medical needs an appointment is required. Students are usually seen the same day or within 24 hours of calling for an appointment. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated if our schedule does not allow for it, therefore, we request that you call ahead for a specific appointment time. We can be reached at 201-684-7536.
 - ii. For more information visit the health services website <https://www.ramapo.edu/health/>
- c. TripShot
 - i. Mobile app for shuttle bus information.
 - ii. Download it and encourage students to download it too.
 - iii. [Tripshot App](#)
- d. Counseling Services
 - i. If you or anyone you know needs resources from counseling services use [this link](#) to find those resources.
- e. The President's State of the College Address
 - i. Has been moved to Wednesday October 18th at 12 noon in Friends Hall
- f. General Lineup:
 - i. 10/4 - Counseling Services
 - ii. 10/11 - Pat O'Connor
 - iii. 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.
- g. If you are passionate about a project or initiative, even if it is not exactly your liaison or position, work with each other to complete it. Use GroupMe or contact one another through email or DM to start working on those projects/initiatives.
- h. Come out and support your fellow Roadrunners!
 - i. Wednesday, 9/27 - Turf Field
Women's Soccer vs. Rutgers-Camden - NJAC Game - 3pm
 - ii. Field Hockey vs. Western Connecticut St. - 7pm

Come out & give Rocky a high give! First 100 RCNJ students get a FREE rally towel, Free hot dogs for the first 100 RCNJ students with ID provided by Sodexo & Dining Services, FREE Kona Ice for the first 150 RCNJ Students with ID, Chik-Fil-A will be on-site w/food to purchase.

- iii. Thursday, 9/28
Women's Volleyball vs. Rutgers-Camden - NJAC Game - Bradley Center - 7pm
- iv. Saturday, 9/30
Women's Tennis vs. Bard - Tennis Courts - 1pm
Men's Soccer vs. Montclair State - NJAC Game - Turf Field - 1pm
- 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
- j. Alternate Student Trustee Selection Committee
 - i. Assist in the 1st round of interviews
 - ii. Interviews will take place on Monday October 30th between 10:30 am - 3:00 pm
 - iii. Cannot be a senator
 - iv. If you are interested please email Dean Van Der Wall (mvanderw@ramapo.edu)
- k. There will be a new corkboard in the office for us to post flyers of events happening around campus. The parts to it are on the table. I put in a work order for it. Just leave the cup and the corkboard alone. Facilities will be around to put it up.
- l. Thank you everyone for all of your active participation in all of discussions that we have held in all of our meetings and in the GroupMe. Please keep this up and continue this trend through the rest of the year.

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process - No meeting... again
 - 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. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. No report
- d. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
 - i. Cabinet reports are due tonight by 11:59pm!!
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
 - i.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Had 1 on 1 with Liaison yesterday
 - 1. Last two big commuter events, Pizza and Pals and Stuff a Plush went great
 - 2. 5 people attended commuter focus group and said they liked the events so far and suggested a commuter friendsgiving
 - 3. I expressed concerns about the sidewalks and crosswalks in the commuter lot
 - ii. Commuter Breakfast Thursday, Oct 5 8am - 10am in front of CSI
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Next meeting October 9th, 6-7pm in A106. Nothing to report.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
 - i. Our next committee meeting is on October 5th from 6-7pm!
 - ii. Diversity Day is also on October 5th, beginning at 12pm on the Grove.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. Nothing to report
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. Nothing to report
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Oktoberfest Shift Sign up sheet
 - 1. [SGA Oktoberfest Shift Sign Up Sheet](#)
 - 2. As an SGA member, you are **REQUIRED** to sign up for **AT LEAST ONE** shift
 - a. Please communicate with me if you have any issues with the schedule and I will try to work it out with you
 - b. If you do not sign up, prepare for an infraction
 - ii. Oktoberfest Sweatshirt sign up
 - 1. [Oktoberfest SGA Sweatshirt Sizes](#)
 - 2. You are **REQUIRED** to wear the sweatshirt while volunteering
 - 3. You have until 4pm today to put your name and size
 - iii. Founders Day

1. Cake cutting at 2:00 OR 2:30 pm on Oct 13th for Founders Day (to be determined)
2. I encourage you to show up if you are free. I understand that people have class!
- iv. Potential Greek life x SGA volleyball tournament collab with Luis
 1. Date and time TBD
 2. 8 people per team
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. Will be working on “Meet the SGA” website, please send headshots to omejia@ramapo.edu
 - ii. Next PR & Programming Committee Meeting is October 4th from 12 - 1pm in A106
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. Met with liaison
 - ii. RA applications open soon
 1. Must attend one interest meeting
 - iii. Spring intent form will go out week of October 12
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. Next Committee Meeting is on October 2nd at 2:30
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. Remember to complete volunteer hours – 4 hrs per semester
 - ii. Volunteer Bulletin on SGA Official Drive → Current SGA Records→Community Service
- o. Student Governor Natalie Barr
 - i. Thank you so much for everyone’s support with the Chipotle Fundraiser!
 1. 100% of the money raised will be going towards SGA. We raised over \$250 and 33% of that is going towards SGA.
 - ii. I met with Peter Rice and Andrea Buser to discuss topics related to my position such as fundraising and my contribution to the Board of Governors
 1. Please apply for Foundation Scholarships here: <https://www.ramapo.edu/scholarships/>
 - a. Deadline is October 10th!
 - iii. October 26th I am attending the Board of Governors meeting, so if there is anything that you would like for me to bring up message me on GroupMe or email me at nbarr@ramapo.edu
 - iv. The Fund for Ramapo College
 1. Unrestricted money for Ramapo scholarships, student travel (study abroad), faculty research, innovative research, and more.
- p. Chief Justice Elizabeth Mendicino
 - i. Christine and I are planning a co-hosted Freedom of Speech panel with Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. If you know any professors or organizations that you think would be interested in speaking/participating please let us know.
- q. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Discussed Constitutional Amendments presented by Chief Justice Liz

- ii. We all looked at Desiree's "[Advisement Experiences Form](#)" and made edits/suggestions
 - 1. She has placed it in the Daily Digest and is asking that everyone in the SGA supports her and fills out the form
- iii. As a group we started a bill on recycling in residential housing

VII. New Business

- a. Admissions - Jose Vallajo, Admissions Counselor (1:15 - 2 pm)
 - i. Admission office provides prospective students and families to come here and see if this is the place for them to come to. Admissions has always had admission ambassadors that help with tour guides.
 - ii. Admissions is creating a new volunteer program that allows all the interested students to come and participate in admissions related events.
 - iii. Help set up events, talk to families, take them through tour routes and share your stories.
 - iv. Training will be provided and for students who assist certifications will be provided with a number of volunteer hours. Usually tours last for 45 minutes.
 - v. The program is starting this semester. First open house for this program is this Sunday 10/01.
 - vi. Q: Nursing program overadmits?
 - 1. We only have about 150 seats for nursing students. A lot of them transfer out, change majors. We have never over enrolled people that we have had a crisis situation.
 - vii. You have to do training before you volunteer. The training video is 7 minutes long and with powerpoint combined it will take about 15-20 minutes to complete the training.
 - viii. Q: How are we looking in our admission numbers compared to before covid?
 - 1. This year's enrollment compares to before covid numbers. This year we saw the second largest enrollment numbers in the history of Ramapo. We have one of the best tours in the state of NJ.
 - ix. This is an opportunity to connect with future roadrunners.
- b. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. Integrated Calendar Task Force
 - 1. Student Athlete Council
 - a. It is better for them to move the semester a week earlier because they have games during finals or during christmas break.
 - b. Nursing students' core classes always end up becoming full and they have to request overrides.
 - c. Common hours should be promoted more because they did not know about it.
 - d. Wellness on Wednesday doesn't make much sense because not a lot of classes happen on wednesdays anyways.
 - 2. Dining Services
 - a. It is not a fan that all of the classes end at the same time. People have to stand in line and there are not enough seats for everyone. When not many people are coming dining doesn't have any thing to do.

- b. There needs to be more communication with Dining Services about Calendars. They did not know we have two wellness days during winter.
- 3. Faculty Concerns
 - a. They said we should start the semester a bit later than when we start now.
 - b. They were concerned about winter courses and its integrity because it's only four weeks. Some colleges like Montclair meet for shorter class times than us and still finish semester in time.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Eddie: Founder's day could very well be happening the Friday before Octoberfest. According to Eddie's understanding President Jebb's effort is to organize a big event that will include all students, families and alumni which could be called Homecoming weekend.
 - i. Q: Is it possible for SGA to do something for Founder's day?
 - 1. The college is recognising October 13 as founder's day. If you want to hold a different event in November like last year it cannot be called Founder's Day.
- b. Jack: Thank you all for applying to the SAILS program.

IX. Open Forum

- a. Internet Connection Problems in Laurel at night - Shannon
- b. Student Leadership Council - Victor
 - i. The theme was communication and collaboration among clubs. Having different organizations posting events from each other helps sharing information and events promotion.
- c. Madi: There is a seminar for new senators and it is virtual. It starts right after the meeting.
- d. CPB is hosting Taste of Mahwah tomorrow night. If you want to volunteer contact Janelle.
- e. On Friday there is First Dean Advisory Council, talk to Stephen if you have any question

X. Adjournment at 2:57 PM

- a. Moved by Stephen seconded by David