

9/6/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 9/6/2023]

Meeting called to order on 9/6 at 1:01 PM on ASB 136.

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 (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 (absent)
- 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 (Excused)
- 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
- r. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini (Excused)
- s. Senate President/ SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
- t. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- u. Senate Secretary
- v. ASB School Senator: Nicole Cohen
- w. CA School Senator: Desiree Bounds
- x. HGS School Senator: Stephen Raymond
- y. Senator Janelle Boamah
- z. Senator Katelynn Haury (Excused)
- aa. Senator Sara Hosbach
- bb. Senator Mihir Jariwala

- cc. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- dd. Senator Shanel Lopez
- ee. Senator Amanda Shortt
- ff. Graduate Senator
- gg. Student Governor Natalie Barr
- hh. Alternate Student Governor
- ii. Student Trustee Gloria Jeong
- jj. Alternate Student Trustee
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused: Paige Duell, Katelynn Haury, Lena Mardini, Oliver Mejia
 - iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement (Read by Senator 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 (Read by Senator Janelle)

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
- b. Motioned by
- c. Moved by

V. President's Announcements

- a. Welcome to the Fall Semester and to our first General Meeting!
- b. 9/11 Flag Planting
 - i. Friday September 8th 10:00 am Grove (Volunteers sign up using the link below)
 - ii. [Upcoming Events](#)
- c. 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
 - i. Monday September 11th 1:15pm Arch (Rain Location: Friends Hall)
- d. Athletics Night Game
 - i. Wednesday September 6th at 7:00 pm in the turf field (Men's soccer vs. Moravian)

- e. Office Hours are not happening today due to the power outage.
- f. BSU Open House 5pm- York Room
- g. Provost Council - Need Student Representative (email Shannon if interested)
- h. Power Outage

i. **Changes to Operations**

Due to related ongoing repairs to a faulty transformer, the following temporary measures/hours of operation are in place until further notice:

- **The Robert Scott Student Center** closed today at 10:30 a.m. and is expected to partially reopen tomorrow, September 7 by noon. This means the following campus services are closed, relocated, or operating online:
 - **Atrium Dining and Birch Tree Inn** are closed today.
 - Lunch (starting at 11:30 a.m.) and dinner service will be provided in the Trustees Pavilion today.
 - Late night dining is canceled this evening.
 - Tomorrow, September 7, breakfast, lunch and dinner service will also be provided in the Trustees Pavilion.
 - Atrium Dining and the Birch Tree Inn are expected to resume normal operations on September 8.
 - **The Alumni Lounges, Friends Hall, and offices in the Student Center** are closed. Programs scheduled for the Alumni Lounges today and through to noon tomorrow have been relocated:
 - The Faculty Assembly will meet today in H-Wing Room 129.
 - The Student Government Association will meet today in ASB136.
 - The Black Student Union Open House will take place at 5 p.m. today in the York Room of the Birch Mansion.
 - **Follett Bookstore** will close at 12pm today for pick-up orders and is expected to return to normal operations by noon tomorrow.
 - **The Center for Student Involvement** is providing virtual services today and is expected to return to normal operations by noon tomorrow.
 - **J. Lees** is closed today and is expected to return to normal operations by noon tomorrow.
 - **The Bradley Center** will close this evening at 9:30 p.m.
- **Dunkin'** is operating today from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Common Grounds** is operating today from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Power is going out across campus after 10 pm. Pavilion will be open as the cooling area

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process - No meeting! We have no presentations yet, but there are a few students preparing to create a club, so anticipate a meeting soon!
 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. Office Hours started yesterday. Please make sure you are doing your office hours and let me know if you ever cannot do those hours. You have to make up those missed hours.
 - ii. We are buying supplies for the office. If you have a specific request for supplies we have an amazon wish list, there is a wishlist board in the SGA office or you can let me know.
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff Paige Duell
 - i. First Cabinet report due September 27th!
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
 - i. First Committee Meeting - We will be having our first committee meeting right after Generals today. Everyone is welcome to attend. Happening at Learning Commons.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. First Committee meeting on Wednesday
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
 - i. A-106 Wednesday first committee meeting
- 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. Starting to think of some fun event ideas for the general student body
 - ii. Also thinking of our first bonding night, be on the lookout for a poll in the groupme!
 - iii. Meeting with dean soon for Octoberfest
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. Excused

- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. Nothing to Report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. First General Meeting on the 18th of September at 2:30 PM
 - ii. Want to work on getting proper recycling for the dorms on campus
- n. Chief Justice Elizabeth Mendicino
 - i. Selection for Conduct Justice in process
- o. Student Governor Natalie Barr
 - i. First fundraiser of the year: Chipotle!!!
 1. Wednesday September 13th, 4 pm - 8 pm
 - ii. Philanthropy Committee– 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm on Mondays (bi-weekly)
 1. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bhwj2vH18c1xPnKMXNhc5OcbzLKQs6qg-G8K1A8mJbY/edit#gid=1510084934>
 2. Thoughts on doing a Color Run for October?
 - iii. Future fundraisers I have planned for this semester include:
 1. Halloween bake sale tabling
 2. Double-Good Popcorn fundraiser
 3. Some type of tabling for holiday season in December
 - iv. Any questions or fundraiser ideas you have, please let me know through GroupMe or email at nbarr@ramapo.edu
- p. Student Trustee Gloria Jeong
 - i. The Board of Trustees (BOT) met on June 26, 2023
 1. Thanked the following outgoing members for their service:
 - a. Trustee Charles “Chuck” Shotmeyer
 - b. Student Trustee Jakub Zak
 - c. Ramapo Staff Association President Lisa Ambrose, welcomed Asal Salah as the incoming RSA president
 2. Many staff and faculty were also recognized
 3. Meeting minutes can be found on: www.ramapo.edu/board/
 - ii. Next BOT meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2023.
 - iii. The Alternate Student Trustee (AST) search will happen this semester. Any questions or interests should reach out to studenttrustee@ramapo.edu.

VII. New Business

- a. Guest: **Provost Middleton September 13th, 1-2pm** - Introductions and hearing questions/comments/concerns.

- b. Recap of a few Summer Training Goals:
 - i. Active participation - Being cheerful givers, volunteering emphasis
 - ii. Advisement across the Schools - Getting all faculty on the same page
 - iii. Providing support - Outreaching to smaller programs and majors
 - iv. Keeping the office clean - Make sure the office remains a welcoming place
 - v. Being innovative - Getting the idea of the Bus tracking app out to the public
- c. Discussion about Fall 2023 elections
 - i. 8 Senator positions are open and 9 people are running. We could select 8 from nine and one wouldn't be selected or we could select all the 9 people.
 - ii. Rick: He suggests that we select 9 even though we only have 8 positions if you all think they are good candidates to be senators.
 - iii. Janelle: How long will the process of interim election last?
 - 1. Rick: It gets done in a senate meeting and has to be done in the next senate meeting if we are selecting them through the senate in the senate meeting.
 - iv. Bibhu: Does the constitution allow that?
 - 1. Madison: We would have to make a temporary legislation to allow this to happen.
 - v. Desiree: I do not agree with the idea as it feels like a participation trophy rather than actually selecting them the democratic way.
 - vi. Riley: I second what Desiree has to say.
 - vii. Mihir: We should let the student body vote for candidates and just go with the normal process instead of bending rules to let people in.
 - viii. Alan: Just because turnout is low does not mean we have to suspend elections. It's their right to vote, let them vote.

VIII. Public Comment

- a.

IX. Open Forum

- a. Jack: I am an advisor for Sophomores Advancing in Leadership. Applications are open till September 25 till noon.
- b. Christine: SGA and CPB are doing a volleyball tournament this Friday at 7 pm at Aux gym.
- c. Victor: Integrated Calendar Task Force works to make the calendar better. Vicor, Madi and Rick are part of it. If you have any ideas related to it you can go to them.
- d. Madi: SGA Training for everyone on September 17, 6 pm to 8:30 pm.
- e. Shannon: Part time job fair happening on 9/13 1-3 pm in Grove.



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X. Adjournment - 2:23 PM