

Senate Bill

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Introduced by: CA School Senator Desiree S. Bounds, Senator Sara Hosbach, Senator Amanda Shortt

Proposed by: CA School Senator Desiree S. Bounds, Senator Sara Hosbach, Senator Amanda Shortt, Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case

Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: Off-campus guests who come to campus with the intent of interacting and supplying materials to students are not legally obligated to notify Ramapo College Events & Conferences prior to their presence on campus;

Whereas: Ramapo College takes pride in its inclusive community and is dedicated to fostering an environment where all students feel safe and supported;

Whereas: Recognizing that while off-campus visitors are not subject to College regulations, they may hold beliefs that have the potential to negatively impact the well-being and identities of Ramapo's diverse student body;

Whereas: The SGA supports the importance of nourishing the foundations of freedom of speech while preserving the protection of the student body;

Whereas: The SGA acknowledges the value of proper communication and prioritizes transparency between the governing members and the entire student body;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA commits to stronger communication with Events and Conferences to establish an agreed-upon notification system that ensures the student body is promptly notified of the presence of unsolicited presenters with the intention of interacting with and/or offering materials to students as soon as the faculty and staff become aware;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA commits to collaborating with the Dean of Students to develop statements (both pre-made and remedial) to address plausible concerns of students regarding guests on campus. These statements would be used on an as-needed basis as determined by the SGA and Dean of Students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA encourages a constant and visible public safety presence whenever presenters with the intention of interacting with and/or offering materials which insight an intense crowd or significant worry are present on College grounds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: In situations where there is minimal or no advance notice provided, the SGA, Civic Community Engagement Center, and the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Compliance will ensure that tabling materials are readily available on short notice to provide information and resources to support affected students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA will continuously work with the appropriate departments to ensure materials remain relevant and adequate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA will be proactive in their promotion of on- and off-campus resources that advocate for student overall well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA will educate about students' right to protest.

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