

10/25/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 10/25/2023]

Meeting called to order on [10/25/2023] at [1:46pm] in Friends Hall

General Meeting Agenda can be found [here](#)

I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon DeCicco
- b. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
- c. Secretary Pranish Khanal [absent]
- d. Treasurer Riley Stein
- e. Chief of Staff
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski [absent]
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
- 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
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
- n. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi [absent]
- o. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
- p. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
- q. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos
- r. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini
- s. Senate President/ SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks [absent]
- t. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- u. Senate Secretary Andrew Taranta
- v. ASB School Senator: Nicole Cohen
- w. CA School Senator: Desiree Bounds
- x. HGS School Senator: Stephen Raymond
- y. Senator Janelle Boamah
- z. Senator Sean Brescia

- aa. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- bb. Senator Alex Frisch
- cc. Senator David George
- dd. Senator Katelynn Haury [absent]
- ee. Senator Jake Hessels
- ff. Senator Sara Hosbach
- gg. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- hh. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- ii. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian [absent]
- jj. Senator Shanel Lopez
- kk. Senator Daeun Mun [absent]
- ll. Senator Amanda Shortt
- mm. Senator Andrew Zhang
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent:

II. 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.

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. Minutes from [10/18/2023 General Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Moved: Janelle
 - ii. Second: David
 - 1. 14-0-1

V. President's Announcements

- a. Senate Bill 2023-05: Solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian Civilians
 - i. Let's have a moment of silence to honor the lives that are lost due to the ongoing war.
 - ii. All SGA members are expected to make an effort to stay informed on the conflict through reputable sources to foster open and constructive discussion forums and encourage other students to do the same.
- b. Complete your community service and event requirements.
- c. Come out and support your fellow Roadrunners!
 - i. Wednesday, 10/25
Men's Soccer vs. WPU - 7:00pm - Turf Field - Senior Night
 - ii. Saturday, 10/28
Men's Tennis - Roadrunner Invitational - Tennis Courts - 12pm
Field Hockey vs. Rowan - Turf Field - 7pm - Morgan's Message Dedication Game
 1. [Morgan's Message](#)
- d. Thank you all for attending the EMS Pinning ceremony!
- e. Registration:
 - i. Make sure you are meeting with your advisors to remove holds if necessary and all registration dates and time should have gone out.
 - ii. If you do not know how to use the system to register for classes watch the videos that are provided or ask your advisor to help you learn it PRIOR to your registration!
 - iii. If you did not receive your registration date and time contact the registrar or your academic/faculty advisor.
 - iv. When you are looking and registering for classes GENERAL AND SENATE will remain at the times they are currently at. DO NOT schedule classes or work for general/senate meeting times.
 1. Committee Chairs will pick a new meeting time based on their availability
 2. Cabinet and Eboard the time will be discussed this week so we are all aware
- f. Keep up the good work in getting feedback from students!
 - i. If you would like to do a tabling please let me or Victor know the following information
 1. Date(s)
 2. Time(s)
 3. Location
 - a. Fishbowl, 2nd floor student center, Atrium, Padovano, C-wing Underpass

4. Title of Tabling
 - a. What you would like it to be called (ex. SGA dining survey, SSHS Mentorship Program, SGA Delegate Program Tabling)
5. Description of Tabling
 - a. This is what students will be able to see on Archway and how they will know what you will be tabling about
- g. Make sure we are treating everyone with respect and kindness regardless of if they are within SGA or not. We are the representatives of ALL students and it is expected that we act as such while representing the organization in the best way possible.
- h. Eboard today from 4 - 5 pm in the SGA office
- i. Rededication of Ramapo College's Holocaust Memorial
 - i. November 8th at 4:30 in Friends Hall
 - ii. This was an SGA started initiative, if you are free during this time we will expect to see you in attendance

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process - 2 Allocation Presentations! Be there on time! (3:15 pm)
 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
 - ii. Cabinet -
 1. Cabinet Reports - DUE TODAY
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
 - i. No report
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. No report
- d. Chief of Staff
 - i. Cabinet Reports are due today Oct 25, 2023 11:59 PM
 - ii. Please make sure you are following the correct template when doing the reports. Any question contact Shannon or Victor

- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
 - i. We met with the Provost and one of the topics of our discussion centered around academic discussion panels. It appears that these panels will serve as a platform for faculty members and students to engage in moderated conversations on a wide range of subjects. We discussed the prospect of panels related to health and wellness, and its intersection with social media, given our faculty's expertise in media and social media studies. If you have any innovative ideas or insights to contribute, please don't hesitate to share them here or contact me directly. Our input is instrumental in shaping the direction of these discussion panels, and I hope we can provide ideas for dynamic and thought-provoking discussions!
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Trunk or Treat Oct 26th 5pm - 7pm Tennis Courts Lot
 - ii. Halloween Commuter Focus Group Oct 30th 1 - 2pm
 - iii. Commuter Breakfast Nov 6th 8 - 10;30am
 - iv. Commuter Friendsgiving Nov 13th 1-2pm
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Delegate Tabling today @ upstairs of the student center 3-5pm. Nothing to report.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
 - i. Committee meeting is tomorrow from 6-7pm in SGA office!
 - ii. OSS Art Expo is happening NOW in the Berrie Center until 4:00pm.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. Meeting with my liaison at 3:30 today after GM
 - ii. TKE PowderPuff will be Nov 2nd, if you are interested in participating please reach out to Shannon (10 players per team)
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. nothing to report
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Trunk or Treat this Thursday
 - 1. Set up is at 4
 - ii. Bonding night to be announced
 - iii. There will be at least 2 events within the next 2 months hosted by the SGA for you all to volunteer at to get your event requirement hours
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. Please send me your headshots to my email: omejia@ramapo.edu

1. People who have not sent headshots: Eileen Jaquez, Didi Mun, Andrew Zhang, Lena Mardini, Gloria Jeong
- ii. I will be working on a “Meet the SGA” Reel to introduce the SGA to the student body. Will likely need a couple people from EBoard, Cabinet, Senate, Judicial Panel, and Associate Members. Would love to hear if anyone has ideas for this video!
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. Working on new speaker system in Bradley gym
 - ii. Working on new secret initiative with Dean Goldstein
 - iii. Other initiatives in the works
 - iv.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. Next Sustainability meeting on Thursday November 2nd in A102 from 4-5 PM
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. Volunteer Opportunities
 1. Cards for Kids (A moment of magic) – today (10/25) at 9:00pm in SC-158
 2. Teaneck Tutoring ([Math Adventures & Word Play \(MAWP\)](#))
 3. Big Brothers Big Sisters – eagerly searching for more student volunteers (commitment)
 - a. <https://forms.gle/XKtkU5yK1xu288JR9/> Email Rkinne@mentornj.org
 - b. 2 times a month on campus from 4:00-5:30 pm
 - ii. Upcoming November Campus cleanup
 1. What areas need cleaning up the most?
 2. Should it be just for the SGA?
 3. Need at least 5 volunteers
 4. May make it compulsory for those who have completed 0 hours by that time (will count as volunteer hours)
 - iii. Volunteer Survey: <https://forms.gle/bEVAmZkfxdQG4C5k8>
 - iv. Most Volunteer Hours Prize: Choice of the winner (less than \$25)
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
 - i. If you are interested in putting together a small tri-fold/poster/slideshow for the freedom of speech fair on SGA’s behalf please let me know!
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Passed the [Counseling Services Accessibility](#) Bill
 - ii. Passed the [Solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian Civilians](#) Bill

- iii. Approved the Google Developer Student Club
- iv. Reminder that Liaison Reports are due next meeting 10/30

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
 - 1.
 - ii. Greater majority wishes to remain the speaking order procedure for cabinet reports and keep questions at the end

VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Shannon - Provost Middleton wants to know what other types of panel discussions students would like to have regarding the ongoing war.
 - i. Being planned right now:
 - 1. Self care
 - 2. Social Media
- b. Madi W - We are trying to start a peer mentorship program in SSHS! If you are a sophomore, junior, or senior SSHS student please fill out [this application](#) if you are interested in becoming a mentor. I would also greatly appreciate it if you could share this link with others within SSHS who may be interested.
- c. Alex F-In the past in SGA has anyone thought about Ramapo College Having a 4+3 for law and society Program and a law school? I know this sounds crazy and complex but I was thinking since Ramapo College has a nursing program they should make a law one that would make them more money. A lot of thinking in planning on the Colleges part would have to go into this. Just a thought not a proposal. I think it would be very cool for Ramapo College to have its own law school. It would cost a lot of money and time. This would be a great opportunity and addition to the school and would add another to the 5 already existing. It would add more majors and minors and concentrations. It would be cool if they could also make a law and Society Masters. There would be a total of 6 schools. It could be called Ramapo College School Of Law. There could be better networking opportunities to connect law school students with law firms to get them their first job. Law school is usually 90 credits, while undergrad is 128 credits or depending on the college, this 7 year program would be made up of 218 credits with a dual degree program. This program would grant students the opportunity to earn their Bachelor Arts Degree and Their Juris Doctor at one college. This program should give students optional choices to submit their LSAT. Any questions?

- d. Janelle- Anyone need community service hours can contact Janelle, Shannon, Victor or Christine.
 - i. We need help looking for a Spring concert artist. \$60,000 is the limit.
 - ii. <https://concertideas.com/> This is the website to use
 - iii. If you have any suggestions please email or DM Janelle
- e. Nicole - Women's Entrepreneurship Week: Last day is tomorrow, Women's Roundtable on Thursday 8-9:30 pm in SC 157-8, anyone is welcome even if you are not in ASB
- f. Evelyn - Honors Halloween Dance 6-9 in the Pavillion

X. Adjournment @2:29 pm

- a. Moved : Sara
- b. Second : Nicole