

10/30/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/30/2023]

Meeting called to order on [10/30/2023] at 7:05 pm 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 (N/A)
 - 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 Alex 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: Stephen Raymond (excused), Andrew Zhang (excused)
 - iii. Absent: Desiree S. Bounds, Sean Brescia, Jake Hessels, Eileen Jaquez, Patricia Kalaidjian, Amanda Shortt


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.  10/23/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: David
 - ii. Second: Sara
 - iii. 12-0-0

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy Halloween!!
- b. We are looking for a new senate secretary!
- c. As you all know, today liaison reports are due!
 - i. The next report is due 11/27
- d. As registration is starting, please remember to keep SGA in mind
 - i. Try not to take a class during Senate or General unless necessary!
- e. Don't forget to get your community service hours in!

IV. New Business

- a. Co-Sponsorship: Donation Day (Civic and Community Engagement)
 - i. November 6th, 2023 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm in Alumni Lounges 156-7
 - ii. Money for Food, Social Media Marketing, and Promotion at a Meeting
 - iii. Funds Asked For: [\\$125](#)
 - iv. Funds Approved: \$121
 1. Moved: Nicole
 2. Second: Janelle
 3. 12-0-1
 - v. Questions:

1. Mihir- How much was given last year?
 - a. Does not know
2. Evelyn - How many people are you expecting to attend?
 - a. We got over 70 people last year
3. Katelynn - Are the other co-sponsors providing money for food?
 - a. They are only promoting it
4. Evelyn - Out of the food which you would choose to keep?
 - a. Doesn't matter
- vi. Comments:
 1. Janelle - Popular event and good event for the public
 2. David - Full amount is good
 3. Nicole - How much of the budget is left?
 - a. Madi - We have about 1,000 left for the semester
- b. Co-Sponsorship: Bollywood Night (Naach)
 - i. November 9th, 2023 from 7:30 - 11:00pm at the Trustee's Pavillion
 - ii. Volunteers, Money for Supplies, Social Media Marketing, and Promotion at a Meeting
 - iii. Funds Asked For: [\\$239.73](#)
 - iv. Funds Approved: \$125
 1. Approved 3 volunteers for both set up and clean up
 2. Moved: Janelle
 3. Second: Sara
 4. 13-0-0
 - v. Questions:
 1. Sara- How many people are you expecting?
 - a. 80 people
 2. Sara- Is the SGA only contributing to the decorations?
 - a. Yes
 3. Janelle - What is most important on the list?
 - a. Table cloths, red carpet, decorations, henna cones and stencils
 4. Madi - How many volunteers
 - a. 5 people for both shifts (necessary)
 5. Sara- Do you need volunteers during the event
 - a. Serving food

vi. Comments:

1. Janelle - They have a lot of co-sponsors for the event. Likes the idea of the event. I Don't think a full amount is necessary. Suggests \$ 100 - \$125
 - a. Lots of seconds
 2. Sara - Don't need 5 volunteers but maybe less
 3. Sara- SGA could have a table at the event
 - a. Madi- can bring it up at next general
- c. Liaison Reports! Please put your summary points in below with your name and liaison.
- i. Stephen Michael Raymond/HGS - I met with Assistant Dean Michael Unger, and we discussed a few things. On November 9th, at 4:00pm we will be having a "Meet the Faculty" event for the HGS School. Students will be able to meet with the Deans, Professors, Alumni, and current students to discuss future courses, and future job opportunities within the school. We are still looking into the location, possibly the York Room, and the food that would be there. We discussed the Solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian Civilians Bill, which he was very grateful to hear was created, and mentioned that if we ever need any academic support, they are willing to assist us. We also held a Dean Advisory Board meeting, where we gave updates with our social media initiatives, b-wing satellite food pantry initiative, and updating the TV's with the deans list.
 1. Madi - What did he say about the TV's with the Deans list
 - a. It is being worked on at the moment
 2. Mihir - What did he mean by academic support?
 - a. Students are going to them for questions about everything going on and anything that we need such as professors for panels to reach out.
 - ii. David George/ITS - I met with Robert Doster and Tim Babasade and we went over the new e-sports room, the classroom technology survey, phishing issues, and other topics. The new e-sports room has been used and is located in the Bradley Center in room Q223. There is a classroom technology survey that was sent out at the end of September and is due Halloween night. It is incredibly helpful towards improving the use of technology and getting rid of recent issues. On November 18th and 19th,

Web Self Service and wifi will be down for an update. The ITS department has been working to tend towards phishing issues and if there is a job offer not from Handshake, it is better not to click it as it is likely to be a phishing scam.

1. Madi - Can you repeat the week that we will have no WIFI
 - a. November 18th and 19th
 2. Janelle - What are students supposed to do?
 - a. Hot spot
- iii. Desiree S. Bounds/CA- The original library is coming out of storage, then we can add student artwork. The Dean is hesitant to put student artwork outside the Berrie Center unless it is framed. (He wants to gain more student opinion about the topic). Patrons are welcome to buy student artwork at showcases. If any Communication Majors are having issues with professors speak directly to Dean Goldstein. The Fall 2023 Dean's List will be appearing on the TVs next year. Advisement Form will launch Nov. 6 and tablings will follow soon after. The CA Advisory Board still has openings and we are still working on a date for the CA Breakfast. The Dean is asking to spread the word and come visit the galleries in Berrie.
- iv. Didi Mun/Roukema Center—I met with the Roukema Center and we discussed the upcoming International Education week. Roukema center will be offering international foods and any updates will be posted on @ramapoabroad on Instagram. There is an upcoming event called “passport day” where the Roukema Center partnered with Ramapo photographer Carolyn. More updates will be available on instagram.
- v. Mihir Jariwala/Facilities Management - Had my meeting with Nicole Jones. There hasn't been any significant updates regarding the bird decals. As for the village stairs, they are continuously monitoring them with weekly assessments, and as for completion, they plan on renovating one quad in the summer and the last quad in Fall 2024. For new things, suggestions or concerns regarding the campus master plan can be emailed to Dan Roche, the head of the project. I brought up the observatories and Nicole stated that concerns regarding them should be addressed with the PROVOST. I mentioned composting, and Nicole stated that it is starting up again and you can get bins from the Lodge and Thomas S Commons in the CPAs and Village respectively. One of the big things I brought up was

in regards to recycling, and she supported ideas regarding implementing recycling through peer facilitators, RAs, and dorms through magnets. For some final notes, if there are issues with housekeeping setting up, you can contact events and conferences regarding concerns. When it comes to cleaning up after events, there does not seem to be any strict guidelines, so please be sure to clean up. Please continue to give me more concerns and ideas that I can bring to Nicole and Facilities, greatly appreciated.

1. Katelynn - Will they be open to working with other clubs on recycling?
 - a. Thinks so
2. Sara - Stairs in the parking deck update
3. Madi - Is there a reason why they can't spray beetles?
4. Shannon - Late work orders
 - a. They are short staffed, and have to look at what is more important. Some things students can do.
- vi. Madi Weeks/SSHS - Dean Lorenz has offered to send out my SSHS program to faculty so that we can get a broader reach. He is going to send out an email to freshmen regarding the program in late November/early December. He has obtained the list of names who made last semester's Dean's List and is just brainstorming ways to make it look fun and creative! Lastly, he loved Liz's idea for the SGAXPAD Freedom of Speech Fair and says that SSHS is giving their full support.
- vii. Madi Weeks/Dean of Students - Senator Sara Hosbach brought to me the idea of starting a Global Awareness Task Force that would be mostly student lead, with the support of staff/faculty. Dean VDW said there used to be a Global Response Team that was made up of faculty. It was done through CSI and the International Education Office. Rick Brown was the co-chair and you can reach out to him for more information! Additionally, she acknowledged the hard work being done on the Unsolicited Presenters Bill and stated that the DoS will now immediately inform the SGA president when they are aware, rather than going through Rick first. She is also working with Senator Amanda Shortt to update the Student Dissent Policy. She also brought up Narcan Vending machines and was looking to hear the opinions of the SGA (I will bring it up on Wednesday!).
 1. Interested in Global Awareness

- a. Stephen, Janelle, Nicole, Matthew
- viii. Eileen Jaquez/Athletics- I met with Kate Levin regarding marketing strategies, upcoming athletics events, Rosters, and new gym equipment. It was confirmed that Ramapo's gym would be getting new equipment for 11/3. There have been posts for each and every athletic event as well as rosters have been updated for almost every team. Moving forward we are discussing new ways to get more students at athletic events as well as new athletic merch.
- ix. Sara Hosbach/Public Safety - In my meeting with Director Sharon McLaurin, we discussed the possibility of incorporating a loading/unloading zone in the CSI lot and clarified visitor parking, usage of OSS spots, additional signage for drivers on campus, parking deck mirrors, and cost of ticketing. We also discussed at length the presence of public safety officers on campus.
 1. Matthew - No mirrors in commuter lots can cause safety issues
 - a. Mihir- Jack is working on it.
 2. Madi - on Narcan bill - AEDs are under public safety - confused as to why it isn't them
 3. Janelle - on solicitors presenters bill - Public safety is just standing there
 4. Katelynn- Parking pass locations
 - a. Sharon is talking to the officers
 5. Janelle - needs to make information more known
 - a. Madi- Bring up bill with them on having public safety more present on campus
- x. Janelle Boamah/EOF- I met with Dr.D and we discussed promoting the MAST program. These are the following dates: November 8, November 29, December 6. If you are a male identifying student please show up, they really want SGA male representation. I am also creating a brochure for the EOF program so that they can give it out to prospective students. They are having an Open Mic event in collaboration with First Gen on November 1st as well.
 1. Matthew - What is MAST
 - a. A program for male identifying students on campus

- xi. Sean Brescia/CSI - Met with Jack Nesmith for my liaison report. CSI has numerous upcoming trips for students. There is an upcoming trip to New York City to see the tree, and two trips to the American Dream Mall are also planned for November. CCEC is getting ready for Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (HHAW), which will take place from November 13th to 17th. Make sure to visit the CCEC and check their website for updates, as well as information on the We Care Program and Food Pantry. You can always go to CSI to get bus tickets for trips to New York City and to purchase stamps. The Tripshot app has been successful, and the CSI Shuttle has had a lot of riders, including students, faculty, and staff. Make sure to check the shuttle website for updates and use the app to track the shuttle's location. The Trunk or Treat event had very high attendance and was very successful.
- xii. Amanda Shortt/First-Gen: Met with Uma to discuss upcoming events for First Gen Month in November, I will let everyone know about volunteer opportunities when the schedule is finalized! Tri-Alpha, the first-gen honors society, is getting inducted in November as well.
OSS: Met with David Nast and brought up some of the concerns from our last reports. He told me they are tabling at open houses. However, OSS information is not being given to admissions or tour guides. When I asked him about a registration date, he told me before the beginning of the semester is preferred, however, with documentation they will not deny people who register later. Accommodations just might be harder to make. I'm going to be working on getting that information to admissions.
- xiii. Katelynn Haury/Cahill Career Center - We discussed concerns brought up at the last senate report meeting which includes accessing internships that aren't local (using handshake radius features), coordinating the shuttle with internship opportunities, clarifying Ramapo partnerships, discussing the Undeclared programs including pathways, as well as CA internship and smaller major opportunities. We also talked about promoting opportunities by making students aware of the interdisciplinary aspect of jobs (using a QR code at job fairs, advertising events for various majors). We also talked about improving attendance to events, such as through a Career Day or altered common hour. The urgency of internships has been communicated so that faculty through advising can push internships. The

center wants me to remind the SGA that your pathways should be done by the end of sophomore year or this year!

xiv: Shanel Lopez/ Office of Violence Prevention- Trans day remembrance is November 20th. Cosponsoring with womens center on this. Wants SGA to advertise it. Assuming animals will be brought. 1-2pm. World Aids day is on December 1st. November 3rd: they will have a table about bystander intervention in the Student center lobby. Recruiting and looking for VIPS. specifically male identified VIPS. This would be for next semester. Trying to do more male outreach and trying to start a group that discusses male mental health. It's a safe place for men to discuss their feelings. Looking for about three VIPS. If there's anybody that anyone has in mind to recommend this position to, that would be great! Requirements for VIPS: have to put on two programs a semester. Ideally they are looking for biweekly meetings for the vips men. The events can be at night. Two weekly office hours. Attending exhibits or programs held by other vips and womens center events as well. They need a 2.5 gpa. The menstrual thing is November 1st at 12-3pm. The women's center focus will be on how not only women get periods. Other details are TBD. Is it possible to keep the ramapledge in the sga office?

Xv: Aidan D'Oria (Dining Services)

- Ice cream station was found acceptable by Board of Health
- Not looking to run back and forth to the kitchen for clean utensils in regards to the ice cream scoopers
- Unused bagels from other dining locations are already being put into the BTI if viable
- Apple Pay is being worked on, they don't have it now because a card swipe system is faster during peak hours
- Switching the music to a different station would be easily doable, looking for more student opinions before switching to anything. An option that came up would be Ramapo's radio station, which they used to do in the past
- Mobile ordering is also being worked on, delayed due to complications on Sodexos end and tax glitches.
- Coffee can be replaced at a students discretion, all you have to do is ask an employee to rebrew it
- Talked about the possibility of tabling with Dining Services and their advertisement team
 - Janelle: Bring up again about Ice Cream station and tabling with Dining Services

- Madi : Individual scoops in the ice cream

XVI: Alex Frisch (Title IX) Meeting 10/18/2023

Discusses student art media contest Art for Awareness: Launch an art and media contest where students can submit creative projects (art, videos, essays) that raise awareness about Title IX. Display winning entries

across campus to spark conversations.

● Timeline:

- Week of 2 /5: Announce Media Contest
- 3/25: Student submissions due
- Week of April 1: Display art at SAAM(Sexual Assault Awareness Month)

● Questions:

- Who judges the contest?
- Research: how do we run an art contest?
- Can the SGA CA Rep assist us in planning by asking for guidance from anyone Who has hosted a similar contest before

I am hoping i can collab with Desiree to find judges for this art media contest

● Student Art Media Contest:

Secure funding for prizes and awards for winning entries.

Partner with local art galleries or museums to host exhibitions.

Invite renowned artists or experts as judges for the contest.

XVII: Nicole Cohen (ASB)

- Reviewed past ASB events (So far very successful) - i.e. Meet & Greet, Women's Entrepreneurship Week
- Discussed upcoming events (Spring Semester has career path panels planned to be all 7 in one day)
- Dean's List on TV's (Dean would be happy to do so but would like to know who he can contact to get the full list)
- Would like to do a Dean's Lunch with Academic Affairs Committee
- Likes the Advisement Survey and would like to see the results
- Brought up potential partnership with foundation Program brought to my attention by Stefanie - Dean Petkus will discuss with ENACTUS

xvii: Evelyn Voitsekhovich/TAS: There will be an alumni panel with TAS alumni in the spring, I met with the alumni board as well as the dean to introduce the topic to them and they were all excited to attend. The dean was excited about the idea of a dean's dinner/lunch and suggested it occur on a fourth thursday of the

month when the deans usually meet. We spoke about keeping the library open late during finals, as well as supporting students who make the dean's list by putting dean's lists on school TVs/having a dinner at the end of the second semester/having an ice cream social/putting it in the school paper.

V. Public Comment

a.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Alex F- Is it ok if i can change my office hours next semester due to the fact I have two conflicting classes on Tuesday and Thursday which are three hours and 30 minutes long.
- b. Mihir - In regards to the mold and bug infestation problems in dorm rooms, Nicole stated, "When a request of this nature is received, Facilities and Environmental Health and Safety promptly investigates and responds to concerns. Residents should communicate directly with their RA/ Resident Life staff with concerns."
- c. Aidan - As I work to set up a tabling event with dining, does anyone have any questions they would like to see in a survey that would be given at the table. Or any opinions on the music in birch. Feel free to reach out to me after the meeting if you have any concerns or ideas
- d. Janelle- CPB Concert Update Kinda
 - i. [concert ideas](#)
- e. Katelynn- What are the open positions in SGA
- f. Didi- Talking with MSA in a prayer room. Wants to create a bill.
 - i. Caroline- I actually had the chance to speak to President Jebb about this, and she's semi-already on it, would love to chat more with you about it

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 8:49**
 - i. **Moved: Mihir**
 - ii. **Second: David**