

11/1/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 11/1/2023]

Meeting called to order on [11/01] at [1:04 pm] on Alumni Lounges SC 156 - 7.

Meeting Agenda can be found here [11/1/2023 General Meeting Agenda](#)

I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon DeCicco
- b. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
- c. Secretary Pranish Khanal
- d. Treasurer Riley Stein
- e. Chief of Staff
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg (Excused)
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Saenz
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal (Excused)
- 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
- o. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
- p. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino (Excused)
- q. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos
- 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 Sean Brescia
- aa. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- bb. Senator Alexander Frisch
- cc. Senator David George
- dd. Senator Katelynn Haury
- ee. Senator Jake Hessels
- ff. Senator Sara Hosbach
- gg. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- hh. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- ii. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian (Excused)
- jj. Senator Shanel Lopez (Excused)
- 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 David)

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 David)

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 [10/25/2023 General Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Moved: Mihir
 - ii. Seconded: David

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V. President's Announcements

- a. November is First Generation College Celebration Month and Native American Heritage Month
 - i. [Frist Generation Website](#)
 - ii. [EDIC Website](#)
- b. November 5th - 11th is Black Solidarity Week
 - i. [EDIC Website](#)
- c. When the meeting is called to order there should be no side conversations happening. If we cannot stop them from happening there will be some changes made. **We must maintain professionalism at all times during our meetings.**
- d. Reminder for scheduling classes
 - i. Everyone - DO NOT schedule classes for General and Senate meeting times
 - ii. Eboard - Meeting times will be discussed after registration
 - iii. Cabinet - DO NOT schedule classes for Cabinet meeting times
 - iv. Committees - Committee Chairs will be picking new times based on their new availability
- e. If there is someone that you would like to hear from at General please let me know so I can get in contact with them.
- f. Donation Day is taking place on November 6th from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 - i. Food donations will go to the WeCare Food Pantry
 - ii. Blood Drive with the American Red Cross
- g. [Upcoming Events](#)
 - i. Rededication Ceremony on November 8th at 4:30 pm
 1. Need 2 - 4 people standing at doors at beginning of the ceremony
 2. Need 2 people to help collect materials at the end of the ceremony
 3. Would like **at least 7** people in attendance, not including the 4 - 6 helping with the beginning and end of the ceremony or the people who are required to be there.
 - ii. Bollywood Night November 9th 7:30 pm
 1. Need at least 3 volunteers for set up
 2. Need at least 3 volunteers for clean up
 3. If more people wish to volunteer then email me
- h. Come Out and Support Your Fellow Roadrunners!
 - i. Saturday, 11/4

1. Women's Volleyball - Tri-Match vs. St. Joseph's LI (11am/Senior Day) & Wilkes (3pm) - Bradley Center
2. Women's & Men's Swim vs. Susquehanna - Adele and Reuben Thomas Pool
- ii. November 3rd - 5th and 9th - 11th
 1. Ride the Cyclone
 - a. In this hilarious and outlandish story, the lives of six teenagers from a choir are cut short in a freak accident aboard a roller coaster. When they awake in limbo, a mechanical fortune teller invites each to tell a story to win a prize like no other — the chance to return to life. This popular musical is a funny, moving look at what makes a life well-lived.
 - b. General Admission \$15 RCNJ Students \$5
 - c. [Link for tickets](#)
 - d. [Link for Performance Schedules](#)
 - i. Everyone has to join the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser!
 - i. Download the Double Good app
 - ii. Enter our event code **JCMWSQ** in the app
 - iii. Create your Pop-up Store.
 - j. Make sure you are completing your event and community service requirements
 - i. [Infraction Policy](#)
 - ii. [Event Requirement Tracking](#)
 - iii. [Community Service Tracking](#)
 - k. If you are a student employee, the college timesheets are due Friday...
 - l. We are looking for a Chief-of-Staff. If you know someone who is interested in the position please send them this [link](#) for the application.

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process -
 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 Nov. 29th ... please make sure you get it done on time 😊
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal

- i. Nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. no report
- d. Chief of Staff
 - i.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
 - i. Meeting next week after the general meeting - venue not decided yet.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Commuter Affairs Committee meeting on Fri Nov 3rd 5-6pm
 - ii. Commuter Breakfast Nov 6th 8 - 10:30am in front of CSI
 - iii. Commutersgiving Nov 13th 1-2pm
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Next delegate meeting on Monday. November 6th from 6-7pm in A106. Nothing to report.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
 - i. Muslim Student Association is hosting a vigil for Palestinians affected by the occupation and ongoing conflict tomorrow, November 2nd from 5-7 PM under the Arch.
 - 1. This is happening during our committee meeting. I encourage committee members to go.
 - ii. Menstrual Equity event is happening now in the Student Center! There is tea, coffee, menstrual products, and a cold compress station.
 - iii. November is First Generation College Celebration Month! There is an open mic tonight in the Padovano Commons from 5:30-7:00 PM.
 - iv. Black Solidarity Week starts on November 5th.
 - 1. If you need community service opportunities, join BSU for a cemetery clean-up on Sunday, November 5 at 11:00 AM. They're meeting at the BSU office.
 - 2. Opening Banquet is Monday, November 6th at 5:00 PM in Friends Hall.
 - 3. Karaoke Night & Talent Show is Wednesday, November 8th at 7 PM in the York Room.
 - 4. Students of Caribbean Ancestry is hosting Game Night on November 9 from 6-8 PM in Alumni Lounges.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. TKE powderpuff is Thursday Nov.2...If you are free please come and support
 - ii. Food Drive will be starting November 6th (Drop off points will be SGA office, CSI office,)
 - a. I encourage you to bring microwavable food (kraft mac and cheese in the cups)
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
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- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Bonding Night - Nov 16th 7pm in SC158
 - 1. Powerpoint night
 - 2. Food catered from Cars
 - ii. Grocery Bingo - Nov 8th 8pm in SC219
 - 1. Need 5 volunteers
 - iii. Kindness Rocks - Nov 13th 12pm on Grove
 - 1. Need 5 volunteers
 - iv. Sign up for these events here: [📅 Upcoming Events](#)
 - v. PR and Programming Committee Meeting 11/1
 - 1. Lot of good ideas for this semester and next semester
 - 2. Two non-SGA people came to give their input!
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. Still need headshots from 2 people! Gloria and Didi
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. I am working on an initiative with Dean Goldstien and CSI to bring bigger events to campus and increase student engagement.
 - ii. Working on an initiative with Andrew T. to update the speakers in the Sharp fitness center.
 - iii.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. Sustainability Meeting tomorrow from 4-5 in A 102
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. I have updated everyone's service hours as of yesterday (please check to see your progress: [📅 SGA Fall 2023 Community Service Hours](#))
 - ii. November Cleanup will be mandatory for anyone who has completed 0 hours of service by the date of the first cleanup (TBD – I will send an email with the dates sometime by the end of this week/beginning of next week)
 - 1. There will be 2 sessions to choose from
 - 2. 23 people have 0 hours submitted as of right now
 - 3. Only counts as volunteer hours (not an event requirement)
 - 4. Either the week before or after Thanksgiving (reach out to me if you have a preference – I will take it into consideration)
 - iii. Also, please fill out this survey form from last week: <https://forms.gle/ZijyqKupcgZ4HjOO9>
 - 1. Difficulties you face when trying to complete hours (only 7 responses so far)
 - iv. Service opportunities on bulletin board
 - 1. Cemetery Cleanup: this Sunday Nov 5, 11:00 AM (any questions please reach out to [Black Student Union](#))
 - 2. Opportunities with Enactus (flyers on bulletin board)
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino

- i. Nothing to Report
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Approved 2 co-sponsorships:
 - 1. Donation Day with Civic and Community Engagement
 - a. November 6th, 2023 from 12:00 - 5:00pm in Alumni Lounges
 - 2. Bollywood Night with Naach
 - a. November 9th, 2023 from 7:30 - 11:00pm at the Trustee's Pavilion
 - b. 3 volunteers for both set up and clean up
 - c. SGA Tabling during the event?
 - ii. Liaison Reports!
 - 1. Next report is 11/27 so start setting up meetings
 - 2. Looking for someone to fill the library liaison
- q. Student Governor Gloria Jeong
 - i. AST search has been unsuccessful
 - 1. There will be no AST Presentations to the Senate and the public on November 8, 2023
 - ii. Applications and the search will open up again in the Spring 2024 semester.
 - 1. Change in the application process: students will be able to fill out the application online
 - 2. Applicant requirements/eligibility:
 - a. Have *at least two full academic years* remaining at Ramapo ("one year" as the AST (upon elected to June '24) and one year as the Student Trustee (July '24 to June '25)). If you do plan on studying abroad, only summer and winter are allowed. Studying abroad in the academic year (fall and spring semesters) during your term is not allowed.
 - b. Be at least 18 years of age.
 - c. Be a U.S. citizen.
 - d. Be a regularly matriculated, full-time student with at least 12 credits earned.
 - i. Class of 2027 will be able to apply
 - e. Be in good academic standing (min. 2.5 cumulative GPA).
 - 3. Class of 2027 will be able to apply
 - iii. Any feedback will be appreciated

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
 - 1. Narrowing in on a few calendar options
 - 2. Last time a few calendars were being drafted, now the numbers calendars are being narrowed down. It has been down to four now. Few ideas are - some will be condensed with less school days and some will have all holidays but the school year will run longer.
 - ii.

VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Christine: How do we do tabling on bollywood night?
 - i. Maybe we could have a theme or offer some activity.
- b. Dean Vander Waal: November 16 Thanksgiving in Birch Tree inn during dinner hours.
- c. Jack: WRPR Radio chance to be on radio broadcasting. Members of SGA and Ramapo have opportunity to be in Radio and are interested please contact CSI or Eddie Seavers.
- d. Jack: Tomorrow is Project Lead Presentation in A101 from 1-2 pm.
- e. David: The Esports room is up and running. November 18-19 the banner and wifi are going to be down.
- f. Janelle: EOF is organizing an event targeting all male identifying students to come together and be together in the vent.
- g. Janelle: CPB list of artists who could be in the concert has been sent to Eddie Seavers.
- h. Stephen: Thursday November 9 is an HGS faculty event. You can come and meet professors and talk about classes, your major and minor.
- i. Oliver: Oliver is planning on making a meet the SGA video. Interested ones do contact Oliver.
- j. Madi: SSHS Dean's list for Spring 2023 is on TVs and you can see them.
- k. Madi: There are talks going on to make NARCAN available in residence halls.

X. Adjournment at 1:56 pm

- a. Moved by Stephen
- b. Seconded by Sarah