

11/6/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 11/06/2023]

Meeting called to order on [11/06/2023] at 7:03pm in A - 220

I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon DeCicco
- b. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
- c. Senate President/SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
- d. Senate Vice President/TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- e. Senate Secretary (N/A)
- f. Graduate Senator (N/A)
- g. CA School Senator Desiree S. Bounds
- h. ASB School Senator Nicole Cohen
- i. HGS School Senator Stephen Raymond
- j. Senator Janelle Boamah
- k. Senator Sean Brescia
- l. Senator Aidan D'Oria
- m. Senator Alex Frisch
- n. Senator David George
- o. Senator Katelynn Haury
- p. Senator Jake Hessels
- q. Senator Sara Hosbach
- r. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- s. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- t. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
- u. Senator Shanel Lopez
- v. Senator Daeun Mun
- w. Senator Amanda Shortt
- x. Senator Andrew Zhang

- i. Present:
- ii. Late: Stephen Raymond, Daeun Mun, Andrew Zhang
- iii. Absent: Sean Brescia, Jake Hessles, Patricia Kalaidjian,


Mission Statement (Read by Mihir)

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 (Read by Mihir)

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.  10/30/2023 Senate Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: Mihir
 - ii. Second: Aidan
 - iii. 11-0-2

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. No Senate on 11/20 for Thanksgiving Break
 - i. Liaison report is due the following week 11/27
- b. Rededication Ceremony this Wednesday 11/8
- c. Evelyn and I are working on an application for senate secretary
 - i. Already have some interested members

IV. New Business

- a. Rhythm Game Club
 - i. [Club Presentation](#)
 - ii. [Constitution](#)
 - iii. Moved: David
 - iv. Second: Nicole
 - v. 0-13-2
 - 1. Questions:
 - a. Evelyn: How is it different from other gaming clubs on campus?
 - i. The movement part makes it different. Difference is in the kind of games.

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- b. Madi: How many gaming clubs do we have on campus?
 - i. Between 5 - 7 clubs
- c. Madi: Were all meetings going to be trips?
 - i. No, not all meetings but there are themed nights.
- d. Evelyn: Is the EBoard the same people or different?
 - i. Yes
- e. Desiree: What is stopping other gaming clubs from doing this type of games?
 - i. Each club specializes in its own thing, so they will do it differently.
- f. David: What would an average meeting look like in terms of funds?
 - i. Wasn't brought up much in the process.
- g. Madi: How many people were interested in the club?
 - i. 80 people on Discord and 44 people on Google Forms.
- h. Desiree: Have anyone who wanted to starting gaming clubs going to the preexisting clubs and asked them to fill in the gaps
 - i. David Ripinsky: It's not typically done
 - ii. Agrim: The clubs are set in their ways
- i. Sara: Where is the equipment coming from?
 - i. They are bringing it
- j. Sara: What happens when people graduate?
 - i. David Ripinsky: Funds would be used and built up over time but personal equipment would be used until they can get the equipment.

2. Comments:

- a. Janelle: Seems like we have too many gaming clubs but this club can be incorporated into an already existing club.
- b. Nicole: Out of the other 6 or 7 gaming clubs should be more opened.
- c. Janelle: They have a lot of people interested in the club but will they actually show up. There isn't a point to having another gaming club on campus.

- d. Sara: It's not fair to assume people will have the equipment or that it will be purchased by the school.
 - e. Alex: Another gaming club is way too much. Likes the ideas but it's excessive.
 - f. Mihir: Running resources thin, how will the clubs thrive, not entirely accessible. The structure is the same, the games can be different.
 - g. Victor: The number of clubs is getting bigger and the funds are not.
 - h. Madi: Eboards change and the next one could be different
 - i. Janelle: Games on presentation can lead to expensive costs over time. If they can't do the main purpose what is the point?
 - j. Mihir: This club will be a big financial drain on the college. Would not personally give equipment to people to use when it could be damaged. It would require a lot of resources.
 - k. Desiree: All the gaming clubs have been overlapped with eboard positions and can cause problems
- b. Co-Sponsorship: Light the Night (International Student Organization)
- i. Friday, November 17th, 2023 in the Trustee's Pavillion from 8:00 - 11:30pm
 - ii. Money for Supplies, Volunteers, Social Media Marketing
 - iii. Funds Asked For: [\\$408.22](#)
 - iv. Funds Approved: \$215
 - v. Moved: Janelle
 - vi. Second: Sara
 - vii. 15-0-1
1. Questions:
- a. Mihir: How many people came last year?
 - i. Over 100
 - b. David: Who else is co-sponsoring?
 - i. Nacch and South Asian Club
 - c. Madi: How many volunteers do you need
 - i. 3 - 4 volunteers for serving food

- d. Janelle: What is your most wanted items from the lists?
 - i. Remove the chapter items for the prizes and supplies
- e. Madi: If we cannot supply all of the fund do you have a back up?
 - i. Yes but not enough for everything
- f. Sara: How do you win prizes?
 - i. Games. TV is raffled off at the end

2. Comments:

- a. Sara: Lower price, the
 - b. Mihir: A little bit of overkill for the amount
 - c. Janelle: Agreeing to the lower price suggests a lower price of \$200 - \$300. Remembers the event being very good and has large attendance
 - d. David: Could give enough money for all supplies and some prizes
 - e. Nicole: Where is the budget currently at for co-sponsorships?
 - i. We've used about 700 so far
 - f. Katelynn: Give enough money for prizes
 - g. Alex: Suggests to give half of requested funds
 - h. Andrew: We don't have to give them the full amount.
 - i. Mihir: The vibe and decorations are more important for the tradition and cultural aspect and not entirely the prizes. Suggests \$200
 - j. David: The supplies and TV would be good for give for the funds
 - k. Janelle: Suggests \$215
- c. Updates on passed bills?
- i. Sara and Amanda: Civilians on Israeli and Palestinians Bill update on our meeting today
 - 1. *Our next potential step*: SGA meeting centered solely around this topic; next week both senate and general dedicated to this and extend the invite to student leaders and the student body

- a. Google form sent to the club leaders who could not meet
2. Potential ideas:
 - a. A Call to Pause
 - b. Series of panels
 - c. Global Awareness Taskforce (*does this come after our current efforts?*)
 - d. Artwork display in Berrie and Library
 - e. Potential drive with CCEC
 - f. Other ideas? What do students want to see?

V. Public Comment

- a.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Mihir - In regards to bills surrounding sensitive topics and responses to issues that span long periods of time, there have been student and faculty concerns with what is being stated in the bills, especially within the *Whereas* clauses. Some of these concerns include history being opinionated and how no matter how you state past events, especially those of conflict, the source of information, and consequently, the phrasing of clauses may be potentially opinionated. Furthermore, concerns include certain information regarding conflicts being inaccurate or not including all sides of the story, leading to accidental bias. These concerned students and faculty suggested that stating the history and events regarding a certain conflict should not be necessary as the resources regarding clarification and further information are already implemented within the *resolved* clauses, and these bills should remain mostly humanitarian.
- b. Sara-Bollywood Night table?
- c. Shannon - About the room change for next week.
- d. Janelle- If you need community service CPB has a big event that will need a lot of volunteers and come to Big Prize Bingo.
- e. Desiree- Ride the Cyclone is still running

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 8:44**
 - i. **Moved: Desiree**



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ii. **Second: David**

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