11/15/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 11/15/2023]

**Meeting called to order on [#/#] at [Time am/pm] in Friends Hall.**

General Meeting Agenda can be found [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LHf91g9JJFAihZvULnHsps4uL9bDCFpjgQFQH4AxChQ/edit?usp=sharing).

# Roll Call

* 1. President Shannon DeCicco
  2. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
  3. Secretary Pranish Khanal [absent]
  4. Treasurer Riley Stein [late]
  5. Chief of Staff
  6. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta [absent]
  7. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg [absent]
  8. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
  9. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison Case [absent]
  10. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Saenz
  11. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
  12. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
  13. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Mejia
  14. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta [absent]
  15. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi [absent]
  16. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
  17. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
  18. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos [absent]
  19. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini [absent]
  20. Senate President/ SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
  21. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
  22. Senate Secretary
  23. ASB School Senator: Nicole Cohen
  24. CA School Senator: Desiree Bounds
  25. HGS School Senator: Stephen Raymond
  26. Senator Janelle Boamah
  27. Senator Sean Brescia
  28. Senator Aidan D’Oria
  29. Senator Alex Frisch
  30. Senator David George
  31. Senator Katelynn Haury [absent]
  32. Senator Jake Hessels [absent]
  33. Senator Sara Hosbach
  34. Senator Eileen Jaquez
  35. Senator Mihir Jariwala
  36. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian [absent]
  37. Senator Shanel Lopez
  38. Senator Daeun Mun [absent]
  39. Senator Amanda Shortt
  40. Senator Andrew Zhang [absent]
  41. Alternate Student Governor Sophia Riccobono-Baran
      1. Present:
      2. Late:
      3. Excused:
      4. Absent:

1. **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.*

1. **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.*

# Approving Meeting Minutes

* 1. Minutes from [11/8/2023 General Meeting Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1KLS0V7o_mIRAkTYj53GQdM5N5MeygXXJWNIuFNryk-s/edit)
     1. Moved: Stephen
     2. Seconded: David
        1. 14-0-0

# President's Announcements

* 1. November is First Generation College Celebration Month and Native American Heritage Month
     1. [First Generation Website](https://www.ramapo.edu/first-gen/)
     2. [EDIC Website](https://www.ramapo.edu/edic/)
  2. Make sure you are completing your event and community service requirements
     1. [Infraction Policy](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nci20VmU5ayNhfIoBHjK2DA0PXzOzxTQxozpIiBfQbk/edit?usp=sharing)
     2. [Event Requirement Tracking](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WfyyfYCPcvIVYvCXJsfQNi7fut6n7Di2B2XZ-BBO0UY/edit?usp=sharing) 
        1. 20 people who still need to meet their requirement
           1. \*checked at 11:00 pm last night
           2. If there is a discrepancy please email Shannon
     3. [Community Service Tracking](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XNhvoRRz7U2ceAonJ3twbwKSH12uw8EjEQidzW7bthE/edit?usp=sharing) 
        1. 31 people who still need to meet their requirement
           1. \*checked at 11:00 pm last night
           2. If there is a discrepancy please email Stefanie
  3. [Upcoming Events](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1r_O8MnKlzeVDFyK2HDTxgE53PKVjabqNGSNAJ7BJwko/edit)
     1. Light the Night with ISO
        1. November 17th 8:00 pm - 11:30 pm
        2. In need of 3 - 4 volunteers to serve food from 9:30 pm - 10:00pm
        3. If you are helping it is encouraged that you come early/stay for the event but not mandatory
  4. Even with the break coming up please make sure you are making the time to meet with your liaison and completing your reports, using the break as an excuse is not acceptable as there has been plenty of time this month to reach out and complete your reports.
     1. Reminder that your reports are a requirement for your position!

# Come Out and Support Your Fellow Roadrunners!

* + 1. Wednesday, 11/15 - Bradley Center
       1. Women's Basketball vs. York College (NY) - 5:30pm
       2. Men's Basketball - home opener vs. Sarah Lawrence - 7:30pm
  1. Applications for Chief-of-Staff will be closing on 11/20 at 11:59 pm. If you know anyone interested in the position please have them fill out an [application](https://cglink.me/2fF/s60117). Interviews will take place after Thanksgiving Break.
  2. General Meeting Lineup
     1. 11/22 - No General - Enjoy Thanksgiving break
     2. 11/29 - Normal General meeting
        1. There will be a number of us not here as we are attending a trip in Trenton, Cabinet members attending the trip will still be required and expected to add a report to the agenda and everyone not on the trip will be expected to attend the meeting as normal
     3. 12/6 - Last General of the Semester
        1. 1:15 - 2 Sharon McLaurin, Director of Public Safety
        2. 2 - 3 President Jebb
        3. After 3…end of semester party
  3. If your have a liaison who is in charge of a program or offering for students on campus please reach out to them and ask them the following questions to report at our last General Meeting
     1. How many students are using the program/resource?
     2. Do they believe the program/resource is successful? why/why not?
     3. Do they need any additional support in running the program and what would that look like?
     4. Any other information that you or your liaison would like to share with the SGA and students
  4. Panel on Media and Wellbeing
     1. Social Media and Media Literacy During the Middle East Crisis: How can we stay informed without compromising our well-being?
     2. Panelists:
        1. Regina Clark, Associate Professor of Journalism
        2. Katie Cohen, Reference and Instruction Librarian
        3. Megan Johnson, Health Educator
     3. With real-time updates, graphic images, and a range of opinions flooding our screens, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed. Continuous exposure to such emotionally charged news can take a toll on one’s mental health, raising the crucial question addressed in this panel discussion. Panelists will discuss the impact of media, strategies for media literacy and for well-being during times of stress and crisis.
     4. Location: A-221
     5. Date: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023
     6. Time: 01:00 pm

# Cabinet Reports

* 1. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
     1. Club Process - No meeting!
        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](mailto:voluwagb@ramapo.edu) or at [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
        2. Club Creation - If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
     2. Cabinet -
        1. Cabinet Reports - Due Nov. 29th … please make sure you get it done on time 🙂
  2. Secretary Pranish Khanal
  3. Treasurer Riley Stein
  4. Chief of Staff
  5. Secretary of Academic Affairs Bibhu Bhatta
  6. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
     1. Dessert Day Thur Nov 16th J Lees 1-2pm
     2. Next Committee Meeting A-221 Fri 5-6pm
     3. Ice Cream Social Tue Nov 28th J Lees 1-2pm
  7. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
     1. Next meeting VIRTUALLY on Monday, November 20th. We will be having a representative from the Cahill Career Center coming to speak. Nothing to report.
  8. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
  9. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
     1. Reminder about food drive, there is a “box” in the SGA for food drop off (ends 11/15)(microwaveable food)
     2. Friends Giving is going to be 11/20 in the Pav, This was also announced to Greek Orgs during the town hall meeting earlier (Potluck style)
  10. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
      1. If you are going on the Trenton trip please respond/look to all the emails sent by Eddie Seavers. Look at your Assembly and State Senators and be sure to know what you would like to talk about. Click here for more information on districts: <https://newjerseyglobe.com/legislature/the-new-jersey-globe-2023-voters-guide/>
      2. Tentative schedule as of now: At 8 am we leave Ramapo, then at 10 am arrive at Trenton, then Panel, then Lunch, then Panel, then a Tour, then at 4 pm we leave Trenton and we arrive on campus 6 pm
  11. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
      1. Bonding night tomorrow night 7pm in SC158
      2. tentative event for december
  12. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
      1. Met with my liaison yesterday to talk about instagram posts going forward. Will be doing a video similar to the theme song of “The Office” with members of each group of SGA. Would like to start shooting today after General if possible with EBoard.
  13. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
  14. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
      1. Next meeting tomorrow in A102 from 4-5PM
  15. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
      1. Check your hours here: [SGA Fall 2023 Community Service Hours](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XNhvoRRz7U2ceAonJ3twbwKSH12uw8EjEQidzW7bthE/edit#gid=0) (let me know if there are any discrepancies)
      2. Most Hours so far: Desiree!! (7 hours)
      3. Remember: winner gets to select a prize that costs up to $25 + gets a certificate
      4. November Campus Cleanup
         1. Dates/times: Nov 27 (Mon) and 28 (Tues) from 3PM – 5PM
         2. Mandatory for anyone with 0 hours submitted by 1PM November 20th (next Monday)
         3. Open to everyone who wants to get some hours in
         4. Email will be sent out to everyone on November 20th confirming the information + additional email to those who have 0 hours by then
         5. If you have 0 hours and you fail to attend, a meeting will be organized with the judicial panel
      5. Liaison Meeting (Dylan Heffernan)
         1. New Coordinator of Community engagement hired – service opportunities should be easier to find with their help
         2. Proposed the creation of an additional Cabinet position – “Secretary of Community Engagement” (he says that, after the events of last week, he thinks the Civic Engagement section would benefit from a more direct connection with the SGA)
  16. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
      1. Please attend the meetings that you have committed to attend unless you would like to have a panel meeting :)
  17. Senate President Madison Weeks
      1. No senate next Monday 11/20!!!
      2. Liaison reports due 11/27
         1. Please get them in!
      3. Last Senate meeting we had a great discussion about what students want to see in regards to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
      4. Approved a co-sponsorship with the United Asian Association for Asian Noodle Bubble Tea Night
         1. Tuesday 11/28 from 8:00-10:00pm
  18. Alternate Student Governor Sophia Riccobono-Baran
      1. Thank you to EVERYONE that participated in the fundraiser! We made $2,827 in sales, which means our event earnings are $1,413.50. SGA will be getting 50% of the earnings.
      2. The top 3 earners were:
      3. 1. madison weeks ($50 bookstore gift card)
      4. 2. caroline clarke ($30 bookstore gift card)
      5. 3. desiree bounds ($20 bookstore gift card)

# New Business

* 1. Student Outreach
     1. [Multi Organizational Event Planning: Conflict in Israel and Palestine](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bLMCy9IvUuqyJfZy14j-PyTNHdVnLJQrA5lHP5UaFcE/edit?usp=sharing)
     2. Disclaimer: Safe place for conversations
     3. Organizations in attendance today: MSA, BSU
     4. Bill Revisions contacts:
        1. Sara - Gross Center
        2. Janelle - MSA
        3. Stephen - HGS and CCEC
        4. Amanda - EDIC
     5. MSA - Working on the bill (They will not sign unless these things are addressed)
        1. Adding contextual information and facts to the bill
        2. Wording - Israel was often written first
        3. Considering the death tolls and impact on hospitals in Palestine
        4. Not addressing Israel occupation in 1940’s and the issue being long-term - revise start dates that were described in the bill
        5. Revisiting information in the bill that has been “debunked” - reevaluating research
     6. David:
        1. Maintaining a humanitarian perspective
        2. Suggested promoting specific information at different events
        3. On the 27th - Next Senate meeting - Bill revisions
     7. Alan:
        1. The Jewish groups would not be able to align with some of the ideas that were brought up, so to maintain an unbiased stance, we should continue to focus on humanitarian aspects of the issue
     8. Events:
        1. Who would we have?
           1. We will consult with the proper organizations for panelists
        2. How can we ensure students are going to be safe on campus?
           1. We would talk with the proper departments to ensure all students are safe on campus during events
        3. Mental health standpoint may be a good way come together
        4. Candle light vigil
        5. Off-campus safety for gatherings (Mahwah PD)
        6. Rave Guardian Safety app tabling
        7. Make the events cellphone free to prevent doxing
        8. Gathering at the Arch for a moment of silence:
           1. Proposed by Jebb… we would gather at the arch
           2. Also providing a room with resources for students
        9. MSA would like to propose a bill on current events
     9. President Jebb -
        1. Thankful for setting the right tone
        2. Used a quote from MLK to describe that the values that define us help guide how we want to come together
        3. Newspaper - Meet the Champions of Nuance - Survivors and those who have lost loved ones from Israel and Palestine and those families from both come together and give talks together to seek peace.
        4. Unity and Community emphasis
        5. It is okay to report things - If you do see/hear something, you can report it (anonymously as well) - It is very important so that we can maintain a healthy environment for the students
        6. Panel tomorrow about student inquiries on accurate resources for finding information
  2. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
     1. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
        1. Nothing to report - we meet this Friday

# Public Comment

# Open Forum

* 1. Freedom of Speech Fair: Today in the York Room!!!
  2. Victor - Repainting Arch?
     1. Cleaning /renovating is being considered by the board of trustees
     2. Painting might need to be approved (historical)
  3. David - Banner and Internet Down for the Weekend
     1. 19th - 8am - 4pm wifi will be down (primarily the dorms) - staggered so it’s not the who campus being shut down
     2. Printing will be fixed/improved on campus next semester (using an app to print instead of your card)
  4. Madi Weeks
     1. Healthy Masculinity Day - 29th of Nov
     2. Narcan Bill - Dean Van Der Wall said that it will be finalized and there will be narcan in each of the AEDs
  5. [Jack Nesmith](mailto:jnesmith@ramapo.edu)
     1. First Gen -
        1. Finishing first - 27th of Nov 1 pm in A225, celebrating first gen

# Adjournment @ 2:40 pm

* 1. Moved: Desiree
  2. Seconded: Mihir

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