

11/29/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 11/29/2023]

Meeting called to order in Friends Hall at 1:06 pm in Friends Hall.

Meeting agenda [here](#).

I. Roll Call

- a. President Shannon DeCicco Excused
- b. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi Excused
- 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 Excused
- 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 Excused
- o. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
- p. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino Excused
- q. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos Excused
- r. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini
- s. Senate President/ SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
- t. Senate Vice President/ TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- u. Senate Secretary Danielle Rosengrant
- 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
- jj. Senator Shanel Lopez
- 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 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.

III. Land Acknowledgement (Read by Mihir)

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 [11/15/2023 General Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Moved: by David
 - ii. Seconded: by Mihir

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V. President's Announcements

- a. November is First Generation College Celebration Month and Native American Heritage Month
 - i. [First Generation Website](#)
 - ii. [EDIC Website](#)
- b. If you 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 on 12/6
 - i. How many students are using the program/resource?
 - ii. Do they believe the program/resource is successful? Why/why not?
 - iii. Do they need any additional support in running the program and what would that look like?
 - iv. Any other information that you or your liaison would like to share with the SGA and students
 1. Programs could be like WeCare, counseling services, OSS, Career Center (including but not limited to). Any office that has a resource or program that students can use or participate in.
- c. General Lineup
 - i. 12/6 - Last General of the Semester
 1. 1:00-1:15 Meeting and Voting on Second SGA Advisor, Cynthia Michalewsk, Senior Assistant Director of the Cahill Career Development Center
 2. 1:15 - 2:00 Sharon McLaurin, Director of Public Safety
 3. 2:00 - 3:00 President Jebb
 4. After 3...end of semester party
 - a. Everyone is expected to show up **ON TIME**
 - ii. 1/31 - First General of the Spring Semester
- d. If there is anyone that you want to hear from at General next semester please tell me or Victor now so we can get in contact with them.
- e. [Upcoming Events](#)
 - i. Gingerbread Making Competition
 1. December 6th 8 - 10 pm
 2. Friends Hall
 - a. Need 2 - 3 people for set up, during the event, and clean up
 3. If you have completed your requirements please **DO NOT** sign up
 4. If you have **NOT** completed your requirements please sign up
- f. Make sure you are completing your event and community service requirements
 - i. [Infraction Policy](#)
 - ii. [Event Requirement Tracking](#)
 1. 18 people who still need to meet their requirement
 - a. *checked at 10:00 pm last night
 - b. If there is a discrepancy please email Shannon
 - iii. [Community Service Tracking](#)
 1. 22 people who still need to meet their requirement

- a. *checked at 11:00 pm last night
- b. If there is a discrepancy please email Stefanie
- iv. **Get in touch with the judicial panel ASAP if you are in danger of not completing the requirements!**
- g. Wellness Room Grand Opening/Therapy Animal Visit
 - i. The Center for Health and Counseling Services invites you to the grand opening of the Wellness Room on Thursday, November 30th from 12 pm to 1 pm. Designed as a haven for students, this serene space offers a retreat from the academic hustle. President Jebb and students will share remarks and refreshments will be provided.
 - ii. Creature Comfort Pet Therapy will also be in attendance with three therapy animals from 1-3 p.m. to help us celebrate the importance of wellness on every college campus.
 - iii. Students will be able to reserve an appointment in the wellness room for themselves and up to three friends starting 12/1/23. Learn more here: [link](#)
 - iv. Questions? Email studentwellness@ramapo.edu.
 - 1. Location: E-216
 - Date: Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023
 - Time: 12:00 pm
- h. Presidential Speaker Series: Higher Education & The Public Good
 - i. Please join President Jebb for a discussion with Dr. Nancy Cantor, Chancellor of Rutgers and Distinguished Professor of Psychology. Dr. Cantor is recognized nationally and internationally for her leadership in emphasizing the role of colleges as anchor institutions in their communities, especially by forging diverse, cross-sector collaboratives and leveraging publicly engaged scholarship to advance racial equity and equitable growth. This event will take place on December 4, 1pm in the Trustee Pavilion.
RSVP here: [link](#)
 - 1. Location: Trustees Pavilion
 - Date: Monday, Dec. 04, 2023
 - Time: 01:00 pm
- i. Friendly reminder: Help is available
 - i. We understand that emergencies don't keep office hours. That's why counselors are always available providing immediate support during times of crisis. If you are experiencing a mental health emergency call the Counseling Services main line at 201-684-7522 and follow the prompt for immediate assistance, 24/7/365. Another option available nationwide is texting/ calling "988" to be linked with a counselor if you have thoughts of suicide, a mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. 988 and Ramapo's emergency counseling are free, and available 24/7/365.
 - 1. Questions? Call Counseling Services at 201-684-7522.
- j. Finals are around the corner, we ask that you all take the time you need to study and do well on your exams.

- i. Remember that leadership are students just like you and so we may not be able to contact or get back to you as quickly. Give us patience as we all move into the final season together!

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - i. Club Process - Presentation at 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 at 11:59 pm... please make sure you turn it in 😊
- 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. Nothing to report
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Ice Cream Social went well
 - ii. Dec 4 Commuter Destresser
 - iii. Fri Dec 1 5-6 Commuter Affairs Committee Meeting
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Had a representative from the Career Center at the previous meeting (11/20). Final meeting Monday, December 4th from 6-7pm in A106. Nothing to report.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Madison
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- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. nothing to report
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. Last Governmental Affairs Committee meeting 12/5 from 1-2pm in the SGA office. Still working on correspondence with other college/university SGAs.
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. My last event will be next Wednesday the 6th. It is a gingerbread house making contest
 - ii. If you have any programming ideas for next semester please reach out to me!
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija

- i. If you have any promotional ideas for this and next semester please let me know.
 - ii. Had a committee meeting today to discuss events for next semester and marketing opportunities. For example having late night hours for the SGA office during finals, to serve as a distress center where we can have snacks and coffee.
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs Agrim Gupta
 - i. Nothing to report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. Nothing to report
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. Thank you to everyone who attended the campus cleanup!
 - ii. If, by the end of this week, you have yet to submit at least 2 hours (or inform me that you have your hours completed and simply need to fill out the form), I will be setting up a meeting with you and the judicial panel – I have sent an email reminder to those who need it
 - iii. Currently in the lead for the prize: Patricia with 36 hours! (Evelyn is 2nd with 24 hours and Desiree is 3rd with 7 hours)
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
 - i. Please complete your requirements and attend all required meetings!
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. We welcomed Danielle as the Senate secretary!
 - ii. Did our LAST liaison reports of the semester!!!!
 - iii. The last senate meeting is next Monday

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. Calendar Taskforce (Madi and Victor)
 - 1. Report sent to president Jebb, haven't heard anything from her yet. Few calendars introduced, one that has less days in the semester with less holidays, one that has wellness weeks and federal holidays on the same date. However, this calendar will not be implemented next year. It will take some time.
 - ii.

VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Shannon - For the party on the 6th what are some things you would like to have (games and/or food) let me know or discuss it now so I can start placing the orders. **THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE SIMPLY SUGGESTIONS**
 - i. Oliver - Chinese food was good from fall training was good, the games from the same training as well.

- ii. Riley - Jeopardy from last year.
- iii. Desiree - Cabinet vs senate family feud.
- b. Shannon - Do we want to see a comeback of the final snack ferry or late night study hours during finals? (would count for event (snack ferry)/community service requirements (study hours)) If yes, who would like to take the lead on the snack ferry and contact the dean of the learning commons?
 - i. Majority of people voted to bring it back again this year.
 - ii. Nicole and David also brought the idea that instead of making the SGA office a study room, we make SGA study hours a social event where people can come in and get treats and hang out. It can be a destresser place rather than a place to study.
- c. Shannon- Victor and I are meeting with President Jebb on 12/8. Is there anything that you would like us to bring up to her at that meeting?
- d. Desiree- I met with Dean Goldstein today about the recent post on Twitter.
- e. Janelle- CPB is having Snowball 12/2 at 8 pm in Friends Hall. \$5 for RCNJ students \$10 for outside guests. Proceeds will go to St.Judes Children's Hospital.
 - i. We will also need help with setting up and cleaning up so if you are free and need community service hours please reach out to me.

X. Adjournment at 1:46 pm

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