

02/07/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 02/07/2023]

Meeting called to order on [2/7] at [2:07 pm] on ASB 135.

Find the meeting agenda [here](#).

I. Roll Call

- a. President Victor Oluwagbemi
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary Pranish Khanal
- d. Treasurer Riley Stein
- e. Chief of Staff Ekaprana Ramesh
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs Samantha Schley (late excused)
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Saenz
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
- k. Secretary of Programming Christine Defeo
- l. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Mejia
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs
- n. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi
- o. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
- p. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
- q. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos
- r. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini
- s. Senate President/ SSHA 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 Aidan D’Oria
- aa. Senator Alexander Frisch
- bb. Senator David George
- cc. Senator Katelynn Haury
- dd. Senator Sara Hosbach
- ee. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- ff. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- gg. Senator Shanel Lopez
- hh. Senator Daeun Mun
- ii. Senator Amanda Shortt
- jj. Student Trustee Gloria
 - 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 Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from
 - i. Moved: Desiree
 - ii. Seconded: David
 - 1. 13-0-0


V. President's Announcements

- a. Happy Black History Month!
- b. Prize Request for student RA Appreciation Day

- i. On Wednesday, February 21, 2024, The Office of Residence Life is observing International RA Appreciation Day to show thanks for all of their hard work
- ii. Res Life is asking to donate a small "prize" or "gift" (such as a gift card or Ramapo Swag) that they will then raffle off to the RA's during the event.... Thoughts?
- c. Celebration of Life
 - i. If you are comfortable, the celebration of life for Andrea Mendoza is today at 4 pm starting at the arch. Those who would like to attend will start at the arch and take a short walk around the pond. Again, this is only if you are comfortable, but your attendance would be highly appreciated
- d. 2024 EngageNJ THRIVE Student Conference
 - i. a yearly conference organized by EngageNJ, that features a wide range of opportunities for students from across the state to connect and learn from one another about their experiences engaging their communities.
 - ii. The conference will take place on Saturday, February 24th, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, at Middlesex College in Edison, NJ. There will be no cost to attend and they will be offering free transportation.
 - iii. The bus will leave the Bradley Center at 8:15 a.m. and leave the conference at 3:45 p.m. The anticipated time you will be back on campus is 5:15 p.m.
 - iv. To learn more [check out their website](#) and email dheffer1@ramapo.edu by Feb. 14
- e. State of the College address
 - i. Next Wednesday 2/14/2024 - 12pm - 1pm

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President
 - i. Club Process -
 - 1. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 - 2. Allocations are available! - fill out [this form](#) if you are interested
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff Ekaprana Ramesh
 - i. Cabinet meetings start today (02/07 at 7 pm in SGA Office)
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Samantha Schley
 - i. Academic Affairs committee meeting will be held on 2/14/24 in A220 from 3:15-4:15 pm
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Valentines Day DIY Card Making Feb 8 1PM at JLees

- ii. Lunch & Learn Feb 13 1PM
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs
 - i.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
 - i.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. nothing to report
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i.
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. Please reach out to me with any event ideas for the semester :)
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Oliver Meija
 - i. Nothing to report.
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs
 - i.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. My first sustainability meeting will be today from 3:30-4 in G221!! Come join if you'd like!
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i.  SGA 2023-2024 Community Service Hours
 - ii. This semester's tracker can be found under the "Sp24" section
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
 - i. Nothing to Report
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Last Senate meeting we approved the 3-D Printing Club
 - 1. Had a wonderful discussion on potential topics for liaison meetings
 - ii. There are currently 4 senator-at-large positions open and we are looking for interested individuals
 - 1. Anyone interested must complete the archway application and can reach out to myself or Evelyn with any questions
 - iii. Janelle: I am the liaison to the EOF office and it is difficult to get a hold of them and they don't get back to me.
 - 1. It is still a large population of students so we still need the liaison. If you are having issues then talk to Rick and Madi and they will try to work on that.
 - 2. It would be a great idea to assign organizations as liaison to delegates as well.
- q. Student Trustee Gloria Jeong

- i. Thank you all for your help in spreading the word about the Alternate Student Trustee position and application process!
- ii. Dean Van Der Wall and I are looking for students from all aspects of student life to help in the process of Round 1 Panel Interviews, which will happen on February 28, 2024 from 1pm to 5pm.
 1. Each interview is about 30 minutes.
 2. We will have a better idea of the time frame once we understand how many candidates there are to interview.
 3. Only SGA Senate will not be able to participate in Round 1 Interviews, as they will be responsible for the selection of the next AST on March 13, 2024 (Round 2 Interview).
 4. This is a non-paid time commitment. Food will be provided!
- iii. As always, any questions/concerns/topics that you would like me to address with the Board, please reach out to me.
 1. For example, here is the list of Ramapo College Policies and Procedures: [click here](#)
 2. More information about the Board can be found [here](#)

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. [Interim Senate Election Bill](#)
 1. Moved by Janelle, seconded David
 2. 10-1-2
 - ii. Dining Services
 1. How to check how many flex or swipes you have left?
 - a. You can go to any registers in the dining hall or the atrium and ask them for a balance check and they will do it for you.
 2. How to make dining services more sustainable?
 - a. We run the college's business for them and the college has to work with freedom pay and once it gets done then we should be able to pay with apple pay or tap and go. I am not sure how long it might take but it will happen.
 3. Would dining services let students bring their own lunch boxes to get rid of take out boxes and make the system more sustainable?
 - a. We cannot let students bring their own takeout boxes. We cannot have control points if all the students have their own boxes and it's not ideal. So that is not possible.
 4. How long does it take for a new meal plan to go through?
 - a. That comes through residence life and they look into billing. If it has been more than 24 hours and it still hasn't come through then come see us.
 5. Do flex dollars roll over from earlier semesters to next?
 - a. Yes they roll over and should always.

6. Is it possible to have more cooked vegetable options?
 - a. Yes, we do have options for that. We will look more into that so make sure that we implement it.
 7. For someone with strawberry allergies is it possible to work on the scooper in birch so it doesn't get mixed?
 - a. Talk to the supervisor or manager and see if you can access something from the back and they will help you with it
 8. Light lunch sometimes has lots of food and sometimes there is nothing?
 - a. With that it is always tricky as most of the time it is food from earlier window of the meal which is lunch and depending on the turnout in that window we have food during light lunch. However, a pasta bar, salad bar and deli is always available.
 9. There is no convenience store and there are vending machines now in the fishbowl area?
 - a. They do not yet. They are supposed to accept flex dollars but are not doing so yet. Once the system gets set up they should be accepting flex.
 10. Is it possible to make a customizable meal plan?
 - a. It would be an administrative difficulty setting that up. It would eliminate the possibilities of canceling the meal plans they have.
 11. At late night it was said that the food gets thrown at the end of the day. How does that work?
 - a. If it's anything in self service it get thrown away. Otherwise if there's anything that is still usable we try to use it the next day in different ways and make it sustainable.
 12. In terms of promotions, is it possible to speak to the speaker in the dining hall to promote items and events that's happening?
 - a. Yes, that is possible. Also, the screen that is behind the cashier can be used as a display to promote events.
 13. Dining Services Survey from 26th February to 9th March
- iii. Approval of Oliver as VP
 1. Motion to move to a closed meeting
 - a. Moved by David, seconded Aiden
 2. Motion to approve President Victor's decision to appoint Oliver as Vice President
 - a. Moved by David, Seconded by Nicole
 - b. 9-1-3
 3. Motion to move to an open meeting
 - a. Moved by Desiree, Seconded by David
 - iv. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees

VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Eileen Jaquez (Liason for Athletics)
 - i. Men's volleyball Tri-Matches on Friday February 9,2024 at 1:00, 3:00,and 5:00pm.
 - ii. Men's Basketball game on Saturday February 10, 2024 at 1:00PM.
 - iii. Women's Basketball game on Saturday February 10, 2024 at 3:00PM.
- b. Danielle (Liaison for Women's Center/LGBTQ+ Services)
 - i. I will be meeting with Alex Woods next week, so if anyone has any questions, concerns, or anything they'd like me to discuss, feel free to let me know (droseng1@ramapo.edu).

X. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment at 2:55 pm
- b. Moved by Eileen, seconded by David