

02/12/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 02/12/2024]

Meeting called to order on [02/12/2024] at 7:01 pm in ASB - 230

I. Roll Call

- a. President Victor Oluwagbemi
- b. Senate President/SSHS School Senator Madison Weeks
- c. Senate Vice President/TAS School Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich
- d. Senate Secretary Danielle Rosengrant
- e. Graduate Senator (N/A)
- f. CA School Senator Desiree S. Bounds
- g. ASB School Senator Nicole Cohen
- h. HGS School Senator Stephen Raymond
- i. Senator Janelle Boamah
- j. Senator Aidan D'Oria
- k. Senator Alex Frisch
- l. Senator David George
- m. Senator Katelynn Haury
- n. Senator Sara Hosbach
- o. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- p. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- q. Senator Shanel Lopez
- r. Senator Daeun Mun
- s. Senator Amanda Shortt

- i. Present: 16
- ii. Late: Daeun Mun (Excused)
- iii. Absent: Nicole Cohen (Excused)


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.

Land Acknowledgement

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.  02/5/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: Alex
 - ii. Second: Mihir
 - iii. 11-0-3

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. The liaison report folders are up and running in the SGA Drive!
- b. If you need any help with writing a bill please don't hesitate to reach out to Evelyn or myself
- c. Please make an effort to attend the President's State of the College Address this Wednesday from 12:00pm - 1:00pm in Friend's Hall

IV. New Business

- a. Co-Sponsorship: March Madness Finals Watch Party (Ramapo Sports Club)
 - i. Monday, April 8th in Friend's Hall
 - ii. Asking for money for food
 1. [\\$275](#)
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Stephen - Where will the event be held?
 - a. Friend's Hall (usually Padovano Commons)
 2. Sara - Are you just asking for money? Do you need volunteers or advertising?
 - a. Mainly the money but advertising would also be helpful!
 3. Madi - Is anyone else cosponsoring this event?
 - a. Just Sports Club

iii. Discussion:

1. Desiree - If they have a really big budget, how much money do they really need?
2. Mihir - When it comes to the items, one red flag would be the pizza. 22 pies seems excessive on top of so much pasta and lasagna for ~100 people (if that many people are there)
3. David - 22 pies seems kinda crazy. If anything, we should maybe cut the pizza in half.
4. Eileen - Their events are really good and there's a lot of good feedback. I think 80-100 people would show up and it would look really good for the SGA if we were to cosponsor. They are putting half of the food budget in themselves too.
5. Janelle - They have a big budget due to their events being food events. The March madness event last year ran out of food. They seem very dedicated to advertising and making the event a success. I don't see the harm in giving the full \$275.
6. Alex - He was very energetic about what he was saying. It looks like a lot of effort is going into the event, so the expected number of people may be reasonable.
7. Victor - At every event there is a consistent 40 people that stick around for the entire event. A lot of retention. The \$275 seems warranted.
8. Evelyn - We gave them \$200 last year (they asked for \$250) and they ran out of food. It seems like they'll need and use the \$275 appropriately.
9. Janelle - CPB co-sponsored with them last year and this year they are doing it themselves, so they'll need the assistance.
10. Madi - It seems like a lot of food but \$275 is pretty low for what we've been asked for, and they're covering half. This is their big event for the year, as they've been frugal for the other events of the year. We have room in our budget right now.
11. Katelynn - Because they ran out of food last year, they will want to provide more this year considering their estimated attendance.

iii. Moved: Stephen

iv. Second: Katelynn

- v. 14-0-0
- b. [Spring 24 Interim Senate Elections Bill \(Revised\)](#)
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Sara - Should there be the first whereas clause at the beginning, like with previous bills?
 - 1. Madi - I'll add it.
 - ii. Moved: David
 - iii. Second: Janelle
 - iv. 13-1-0
- d. Follow-up on Senate Bill Solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian Civilians
 - i. [Building on What We Have Learned Programming](#)
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Sara - CCEC will work with us on a fundraiser, such as a Doctors without Borders donation drive/fundraiser.
 - 2. Janelle - For Doctors without Borders, would we be donating supplies or funds?
 - a. Sara - The thing they need the most right now is money. It will be discussed and figured out with Dylan from CCEC.
 - 3. Victor - Could fundraising be an option?
 - a. Sara - Will ask and see what kind of fundraiser we could do.
 - 4. Madi - Is there anything that you need from the Senate to help with these events?
 - a. Sara - Responses in the group chat. You'll be hearing from me with communication from Dylan about upcoming activities.
 - 5. Janelle - Will any other clubs or organizations be working with us?
 - a. Sara - No other clubs have reached out.
 - 6. Madi - Are we still trying to have everyone meet at the Arch and wear maroon?
 - a. Amanda - Most of the ideas that were brought up were turned into events (by the college) that are already scheduled to happen in February. They acted on the ideas that were brought up. Our idea was to really focus on doing

a drive and be helpful in that way. If anyone is still interested in that, we can be open to that.

7. Janelle - Where is the SGA's name on these events and ideas? Will bring it up at work later this week.

V. Public Comment

- a. Matt - Since tomorrow the college will be essentially closed, what's the status of the SGA office?
 - i. Madi - The office will be closed.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Sara - Please save the date, March 29 4pm-8pm Relay for Life Panera (1300 NJ 17, Ramsey, NJ) fundraiser (either mention at checkout or use code FUND4U)
- b. Janelle - Possible fundraiser idea: Smashburger in Pequannock.
 - i. Mihir - It would be a good idea. The distance is the only issue.
 - ii. Madi - Are there any risks to running this type of fundraiser?
 1. Janelle - No risk.
 - iii. Mary - Check their website to ensure that there's no minimum needed to actually receive the donations.
 1. Janelle - 20% of whatever they make, no minimum
- c. Desiree - Gender Inclusive Bathroom Urinals - A student approached me about being in the gender inclusive bathroom with urinals and being uncomfortable.
 - i. Desiree - Potentially closing the urinals or blocking them into stalls? What's the best course of action?
 - ii. Janelle - Spoke to Eddie about it and he said that they didn't change anything physically about the bathroom due to financials. Removing the stalls or adding anything wasn't feasible. That's why there are signs explaining that there are urinals in the one bathroom.
 - iii. Sara - The Bradley bathrooms can be locked from the inside. Maybe this is a good way to solve this issue in the Student Center.
 - iv. Desiree - In Bradley, the urinal is currently wrapped up and closed off.
 - v. Mihir - Will bring up to facilities about adding a lock.
- d. Madi - OVP is starting to plan the SA awareness month activities. We are looking for models for Denim Day. According to Marie, SGA will be volunteering and tabling at the April 3rd SA Awareness Month symposium in the Pavillion.

- i. Victor - Was told that they would come to a meeting to let us know and ask what we think. They are on the calendar for April 3rd's general.
 - 1. Madi - Confirming with Marie this week.
- ii. Desiree - Do you know when clubs need to respond by?
 - 1. Madi - Will let you know.
- e. Madi - There are more Narcan boxes across the residence halls and all over campus! Please send pictures and let me know if you see more of them.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 7:46
 - i. **Moved:** Desiree
 - ii. **Second:** Sara