

02/21/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 02/21/2023]

Meeting called to order on [2/21] at [Time am/pm] in Friends Hall.

Find meeting agenda [here](#)

I. Roll Call

- a. President Victor Oluwagbemi
- b. Vice President Oliver Mejia
- 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 Sarah Glisson
- 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 (excused)
- l. Secretary of Public Relations
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs
- n. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi
- o. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. View your approved hours: [SGA 2023-2024 Community Service Hours](#)
 - ii. Will be meeting with liaison this week to discuss Volunteer Fair (let me know if you have any ideas or thoughts!)
- p. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
- q. Conduct Justice Ryan Campos (excused)
- r. Procedural Justice Lena Mardini (Excused)
- 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 Aidan D’Oria
- aa. Senator Alexander Frisch (excused)
- 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 (excused)
- ii. Senator Amanda Shortt
- jj. Senator Juliana Campagna
- kk. Senator Matthew Zegla
- ll. Senator Franko Miyashiro (excused)
- mm. Senator Brian Joseph
 - 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 Lunaanpe Nation.

IV. Approving Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from 02/14/2024
 - i. Moved: David
 - ii. Seconded: Janelle
 - 1. 12-0-1

V. President's Announcements

- a. Relay for Life - Co-sponsor opportunity
 - i. Every Year, we typically co-sponsor with the American Cancer Society to commemorate cancer survivors and honor those who have passed as well as raise money for cancer research
 - ii. The event is in April but requires a long period of time for planning as it runs from 6pm to 6am. Mid event there will be a moment were we walk to honor the cancer survivors and those who passed, but throughout the night there will be 5 rounds of food from restaurants like Cars, as well as games to play
 - iii. Interested in supporting?
- b. Life and Need in Gaza Today featuring Rasha Abousalem, Independent Aid Worker, St. Louis, MO
 - i. Thursday, February 29, 2024 @1:00 pm in the Alumni Lounges. [Program Highlights](#)
- c. Annual Diversity Convocation
 - i. TODAY, February 21st at 3 pm, featuring keynote speaker, Tanesha Way, the Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey
- d. Reaching out to faculty for Graduation
 - i. Some previous graduating students wished more faculty would attend graduation
 - ii. Thoughts on the SGA sending letters or a formal invitation, etc?
 - 1. It would be a good idea for Deans to send the invitations to faculty.
- e. Sticky notes of kindness
 - i. We could make an event requirement out of it.

VI. Speaker - Michael Yankovich (VP of Operational and Administrative Integration)

- a. Comprehensive Facilities Plan
 - i. A Ramapo environment vision for next 10 years. Produced from participation from different members of campus including students.
 - ii. Focuses more on renovation and renewal rather than construction of new infrastructure. Emphasis is on student growth.
 - iii. Focus on smaller classrooms than building large lecture halls.
 - iv. Feedback that was received in the planning process:
 - 1. Location of the Student Health and Residence life center is not accessible.
 - 2. Nursing labs are oversubscribed. Trying to find a way to upscale our nursing building.

- v. Linden hall will be renovated.
 - 1. First floor - Public Safety
 - 2. First floor - Health Center (separated from Public Safety)
 - 3. Second Floor - Counseling Services so it's close to Health Services
 - 4. Third Floor - HR and business Services
 - 5. Fourth Floor - Classrooms and Meeting Rooms.
 - 6. Residence life, student mail will be moved to C Wing where HR and public safety is. The space left will be for student activities and clubs.
- vi. Proposed plan includes Linden Hall Renovation, Pedestrian Safety, increased LED lights, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Classroom Upgrade, and Improve Landscaping.
- vii.
- b. Achievement of the 2013 Campus Facilities master plan included Adler Center, Learning Commons, Stadium Turf Replacement. Some things that were not improved were renewal of C, D, E and H wing. New administrative Building and Welcome Center were proposed but not achieved.
- c. Some infrastructure improvements required on campus include H Wing, Observatory, CPA Laundry room.
- d. Questions:
 - i. Do solar panels work?
 - 1. 90 percent of them do work. It is owned in partnership with external contractors. It is being renovated in spring break.
 - ii. How will the empty buildings be used?
 - 1. We are not sure yet. We are looking for options. Lodge can be a Gym or Childcare facilities.
 - iii. While renovating commuter parking lots, is pedestrian crossing or walking points also going to be renovated?
 - 1. Yes, they will be renovated eventually in the future. It will involve working on crossing paths, improving cutaways that helps in accommodations.

VII. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Oliver Mejia
 - 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. Allocation meeting today at 3:45 in A103
 - 3. Vacant Positions: We have vacant positions in our Cabinet! The Secretary of Public Relations and the Secretary of Residential Affairs. The forms are on Archway and they

close this Saturday the 24th, at 11:59 p.m. Please share this information with anyone that might be interested.

- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
 - i. Everyone, just a friendly reminder to do your office hours and record it using the QR code. If you cannot do your hours or have missed them, please email me or message me on groupme. If you have not done office hours, you are going to get an email from me this weekend.
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff Ekaprana Ramesh
 - i. Cabinet Reports due next week (02/28/24)!!
 - ii. Cabinet Meeting today at 7 pm at the SGA office :)
 - iii. GroupMe communication for committee meetings, can be initiated for all committees if it is helpful, but please continue with email communications
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Samantha Schley
 - i. Academic Affairs Committee meeting will be Feb 28th at 4:15 in room A220
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Dessert Day Thursday Feb 22 1-2 PM J Lees
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sarah Glisson
 - i. Delegates will be meeting for the first time this Thursday from 7-8 PM in A100. Please promote the program, especially if you know anyone who might be interested.
 - ii. The Delegate Shadow Program will be introduced at the meeting tomorrow, I will be in touch senators :)
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
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 - i. No Report
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Approved the Hidden Gems Pop Up Shops co-sponsorship with the Women's Center and LGBTQIA+ Services
 - 1. Asked for volunteers and social media/meeting marketing
 - ii. Passed [Senate Bill 2024-2: Voting Day](#)
 - iii. Elected Matthew Zegla, Brian Joseph, Franco Miyashiro, and Juliana Campagna has our newest senators-at-large
 - iv. Liaison reports are due next week!

VIII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i.

IX. Public Comment

- a. On March 7 1 pm there is a Project Lead event.
- b. Career Events coming up this week. Look up in the handshake.

X. Open Forum

- a. Danielle - Monday, March 25th: The Vagina Monologues from 8-10pm in The Adler Black Box Theater. Performers needed!! Reach out to me, the Women's Center, or Alex Woods about signing up.
- b. Sara: this was sent to me by Dr. Labendz, please try to attend/spread the word
 - i. "The 2023 ethnic cleansing of Artsakh Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh by Azerbaijan." Dr. Heghnar Watenpaugh (UC-Davis) will offer a talk via Zoom this coming Wednesday, February 21 (TODAY!) at 7:00 pm via Zoom. [Register here.](#)
- c. Sara: If you're interested on joining or can spread the word, Alpha Phi Omega has interest meetings this week – Thurs A106 12-1, Fri A104 4-5
- d. Liz: Interested in law? Join Ramapo's Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Chapter! PAD is an international co-ed fraternity united by an interest in law and related professions. If you are interested contact phialphadelta@ramapo.edu or talk to Amanda & I!

XI. Adjournment at 2:33 PM

- a. Moved by Desiree, Seconded by David