

02/05/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 02/05/2024]

Meeting called to order on [02/05/2024] 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: 14
 - ii. Late: Daeun Mun (Excused)
 - iii. Absent: Nicole Cohen, Shanel Lopez, Alex Frisch, Stephen Raymond (All 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. [01/29/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. Moved: Desiree
 - ii. Second: David
 - iii. 11-0-0

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. We currently have four open senator-at-large positions!
 - i. Currently Evelyn and I plan to vote on the new senators at the next meeting 2/12 so be sure to be in attendance!
 - ii. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them fill out this application: <https://cglink.me/2fF/s60175> and message myself or Evelyn if they have any questions
- b. Gentle reminder to reach out to your liaisons if you haven't already.
- c. Happy Black History Month!
 - i. Be sure to check out the college and BSU's programming if you can
- d. This Wednesday at general we will be voting on Victor's choice for the new Vice President
 - i. Please be in attendance if you can so that we meet quorum for voting

IV. New Business

- a. 3-D Printing Club
 - i. [Club Presentation](#)
 - 1. Desiree - Are tours or all meetings once a month?

- a. Biweekly GBMs, tours once a month
 2. Mihir - How many 3D printers are there currently in the Berrie Center?
 - a. Anthony - 3 currently working, 2 under maintenance.
 3. Desiree - When you get your own budget, will the printer that may be purchased only be for the club? Or for CA in general?
 - a. Anthony - If the club were to purchase a printer, not sure if it could be only for the club or if it would be shared.
 - b. Desiree - I'm senator for CA so I can ask the Dean.
 - c. Victor - Talk to Eddie Seavers.
 4. Desiree - There are open lab hours? Would only the E-Board be given swipe access?
 - a. Anthony - If members of the club wanted to go on their own, they would have to go with the club. E-Board would have access to the lab with instructor/advisor permission. Access to the lab for every meeting is not necessary.
 5. Anthony - In CA, it's currently \$2 an hour, per hour of printing. Club printing would be covered with budget, preferably. And there would be limits on printing and material use.
 6. Desiree - You would be willing to print trinkets for other clubs?
 - a. Anthony - Yes! We could have a form on Archway for other clubs to access.
 7. Evelyn - How many people are currently interested in the club?
 - a. Anthony - 15.
 8. David - How would you balance the price to print with the price of selling? How much would you charge if you're selling prints?
 - a. Anthony - Kind of hard to answer. Situational. The goal is to mark things up slightly to make a profit.
 - b. Anthony - If the club has its own printer, supplies can be bulk bought, which would last multiple semesters.
- ii. Discussion:
1. Victor - First ever unanimous approval for the club process committee.
 - a. Provides a unique experience for the students
 - b. A lot of room for interest

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- c. E-Board are from different majors - diverse group
 - d. Everything was well thought out and realistic
 - e. Fun and engaging activities, other clubs can also get involved and collaborate. Co-Sponsorship opportunities.
 - f. The club can be a resource for classes too.
2. David - Material costs a lot of money and maintaining the printers can cost a lot and take a lot of work. The fact that the lab has a budget and the printers are maintained by the lab will be very helpful. Selling prints is also a positive and takes care of many of the possible financial issues.
 3. Desiree - In CA, visual arts students don't get a lot of "love" so this is a good opportunity for them. Montclair and TCNJ are the only other NJ schools with 3D printing clubs, so this is a good selling point for incoming students.
 4. Mihir - How much, on average, is given to clubs for their budgets?
 - a. Victor - Clubs list out all meetings and events and list the supplies and the amount of money needed for everything. It depends on what they're asking for. The \$200-350 that they're estimating is very doable. Allocations can also be made for a good reason.
 5. Mihir - I don't see a problem with it. It's unique and financing seems secure. They can make money, which doesn't happen with a lot of clubs. Even with more popularity, certain concerns can be managed.
 6. Katelynn - It's a unique thing for Ramapo. How do you apply for allocations if you are on an E-Board?
 - a. Victor - Email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 7. Janelle - The only concern could be the lack of solidified events. They just have potential ideas and co-sponsorships.
 - a. Desiree - The slicing software and tours can be events. Their GBMs will be "show and tell". The software demonstrations and tours of the lab will be more like events.
 8. Daeun - Do they have someone who knows about the coding/programming involved?

- a. Desiree - They have an advisor who works with these printers.
 9. Madi - It doesn't seem like they're spending a lot of time in the lab itself. A lot of time will be spent discussing projects and techniques.
 10. Victor - Printing itself won't be limited to just the general body meetings. The advisor can let members in and they can also print during open lab hours.
- iii. [Constitution](#)
 - iv. Moved: Desiree
 - v. Second: Mihir
 - vi. 11-0-1
- b. [Interim Senate Election Bill](#)
- i. Discussion:
 1. Eileen - For the Interim Election Commission, both the Vice President and Secretary of PR are listed, but Oliver (current PR) is moving to VP.
 - a. Victor - Oliver will fill in the VP position (once elected) but will still hold the responsibilities of PR until the PR position can be filled.
 - b. Eileen - The bill states "Vice President" and "Secretary of PR" but this is the same person.
 - c. Madi - Per the constitution, both positions are part of the committee, even if it's the same person. This is a unique situation where both positions are being held by one person. One position can be removed if everyone would prefer.
 - d. David - It's probably the best to keep it, as this is a unique exception and won't remain this way for future occasions.
 - e. Ingrid - Is there a specific way for candidates to present themselves?
 - i. Madi - An email was sent with the Archway application and specific details.
 - ii. 2/7/24 General:
 - iii. Moved: Janelle

iv. Second: David

v. 10-1-2

1. Tabling until there are enough voting members of the Senate present. Please review the bill and voting will commence at the beginning of this week's general meeting.

c. Topic suggestions for liaison meetings?

i. Victor - For SSHS (Madi), can we bring back the advisory council?

1. Madi - It has been brought up at every meeting with Dean Lorenz. He sends out something the week before finals and nobody is available. I will be taking initiative to try and gather everyone's availability and send it to him to help prompt things.

ii. Victor - For athletics (Eileen), the games this past Saturday seemed successful in terms of student turnout. Suggests more collaborations with at least CSI to get more people to show up to athletic events and show support for athletes.

iii. David - Will be talking about wifi, printing, TV, etc. issues with IT.

iv. Victor - For facilities (Mihir), be prepared for backlash, especially with things happening in the Village.

v. Janelle - For facilities (Mihir), why is there a huge hole in the ceiling on the second floor of Laurel (outside the laundry room)?

1. Mihir - When did this happen?

2. Desiree - Saturday

vi. Desiree - How do we place a work order?

1. Mihir - Look up "Ramapo Work Order" and something should show up.

2. Janelle - repairs.ramapo.edu

vii. Madi - If we do put in a work order, can we get an estimate of when they're coming?

1. Mihir - Will bring it up at liaison meeting.

viii. Desiree - For dining services (Aidan), MSA had a meeting with dining services about Halal meats, so can we double check to make sure things are still in motion.

1. Aidan - Will bring it up during liaison meeting

ix. Desiree - Can we work on getting a cooked vegetable option every night? Not just a salad.

1. Aidan - Will bring it up during liaison meeting
- x. Victor - For CA (Desiree), try looking into ways to work with CSI or other promotional groups to promote the things that CA are hosting.
 1. Desiree - Will bring up during liaison meeting. Maybe CSI can sponsor a reception before a show, or a dress rehearsal for faculty and students. Unfortunately, CA does not have a large budget and supplies are limited.
- xi. Madi - Regarding issues with supplies and technology, can we ask Dean Goldstein what the long term goals are regarding cameras, computers, etc?
 1. Desiree - Will bring it up during liaison meeting.
- xii. Madi - How is the gallery advertised?
 1. Desiree - We have cards sent through the BC mailing list. BC has an instagram, but it's not very good. Some things are hung up around campus, but not the large posters by Roadrunner Design.
- xiii. Desiree - For the academic senators, is someone available to be appointed for the Academic Advisement Committee
 1. Victor - Will bring it up during general. Maybe Samantha (Secretary of Academic Affairs)?
- xiv. Katelynn - Any feedback for the career center?
 1. Evelyn - Is there someone in the TAS career center position?
 - a. Katelynn - Will be brought up during liaison meeting.
 2. Victor - VMock as a platform (the AI being used) is very punitive and the corrections that it makes are not accurate/don't always make sense. There seems to be a lot of issues regarding VMock.
 - a. Katelynn - Will be brought up during liaison meeting.
 3. Madi - Can pathways in general be tailored to each school?
 4. David - For people in early acceptance programs, can pathways be changed a bit as they don't have to go into much depth with what they're doing after Ramapo? Example: VMock resume.
 5. David - Can the Pathways 3 practice be made optional, as there is no actual feedback on it? Instead, more focus can be put on the full interview.
 6. Desiree - Talking with Dean Goldstein to find an alternative for CA majors, as the pathways resume is not helpful for students who

- need portfolios. We need things to be less AI driven and need actual feedback from advisors.
7. Madi - The resume that pathways has us make is not feasible for graduate schools.
 8. Danielle - Maybe some focus on personal statements and resumes for grad school/further education as opposed to jobs.
- xv. Eileen - Does anyone have ideas for getting students to come to athletic events?
1. Victor - The crowd interaction gets “boring” and is not very interactive with the entire crowd. Halftime games or other fun activities could draw people in.
 2. Desiree - How many people normally come to games?
 - a. Eileen - Depends on if it's a men's/women's game. Approx. 100 for women, 150 for men (men's also tend to be later at night). A lot of parents, some students.
 3. Victor - We have interaction, but we might want to change the interaction a bit to encourage turnout. Like choosing two people in the crowd on the spot and doing a free-throw contest.
 4. Desiree - After covid, people value their free time more and the experiences have to be worth more than the time spent doing something else.
 5. David - A lot of people go home on the weekends, so they might not be going to the games.
 - a. Eileen - Most games are during the week.
 6. Katelynn - The CSI promotion seemed pretty effective. The food and raffle opportunities draw people in.
 7. Madi - Maybe making Maroon Madness more interactive could make connections between the students and the teams stronger, so people are more inclined to go to the games.
- xvi. Madi - We need to think of ourselves as an advocate for our liaisons. Bring things up during open forum and advocate for your office's events and encourage engagement.
1. Desiree - Can we submit our events to be part of the president's announcement so they are discussed earlier in the meeting?

- a. Victor - Send them to the president's email so it can be added to the announcements.
 - b. Madi - Things can also be added to the Senate President's announcements if needed
- xvii. Eileen - Do all of the long emails (Daily Digest, In the Loop, etc.) work to get messages across?
1. Danielle - They can be a bit overwhelming to read so sometimes emails/announcements about specific, large events can get across better. Ex. Emails sent through Archway to members about specific events.
 2. Katelynn - Maybe vary the types of advertising so that more people can see it, regardless of how they take in their information.
 3. Evelyn - It may be hard to send out individual emails for all events, as many are taking place all the time.
 4. Madi - Email fatigue. Dean Van Der Wall brought up a QR code that can be scanned and shows the events for that day.
 5. Victor - For dining services, can events be announced during busy dining hours in Birch or Atrium?
 6. Desiree - Ramapo used to do a video series that talked about what things were happening that week. The problem was turnover time, with filming, editing, and putting them out every week.
 - a. Katelynn - This could be a good thing to put out to students in CA.

V. Public Comment

- a.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Madi - Dean Van Der Wall has never been to Senate and asked if it would be weird. She "maybe definitely" will be coming next week to see what goes on.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 8:53**
 - i. **Moved: Desiree**
 - ii. **Second: Aidan**