

3/6/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 3/6/2023]

Meeting called to order on [1:03pm at [Time am/pm] on Name of Platform.

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 [late excused]
- 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
- 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 [excused]

- z. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- aa. Senator Alexander Frisch [excused]
- bb. Senator David George
- cc. Senator Katelynn Haury
- dd. Senator Sara Hosbach [excused]
- ee. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- ff. Senator Mihir Jariwala [excused]
- gg. Senator Shanel Lopez
- hh. Senator Daeun Mun [excused]
- ii. Senator Amanda Shortt [excused]
- jj. Matthew Zegla
- kk. Brian Joseph
- ll. Franco Miyashiro
- mm. Juliana Campagna
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement [Read by James]

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 James]

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
 - i. Moved: Matthew
 - ii. Seconded: David

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V. President's Announcements

- a. Happy Women's Herstory Month!
- b. Dean Goldstein initiative - Be heard. Listen
 - i.
- c. Dining Satisfaction Survey
 - i. It's about that time, please be honest and fill out [this satisfaction survey](#) for dining services!
 - ii. *** If you add suggestions, please be specific: instead of saying "give us better food options" say "can we have more steamed vegetable options?" - Desiree
- d. E-Wing Renovations
 - i. The school will be restoring the ceiling in the E-wing first floor corridor starting Monday. This will result in closing the first floor corridor the week of March 4 with anticipation of reopening after spring break the week of March 25. The corridors through Core 5 and Core 6 will remain open.
 - ii. This should not have an impact on any units or on any operations, though it may provide some minor inconvenience for folks who like to walk indoors on the first floor of E-wing between Core 5 and Core 6.
- e. The Spring Play '*Fuckin A*' opens this thursday 3/7 at 8:00pm in the Adler Theater
 - i. Don't ask what the A is... go to the show to find out!
 - ii. Tickets are being sold online on the Berrie Center website... but you can get student discount in person at the box office (in the Berrie Center)
 - iii. \$5 with student discount
- f. Annual Black Girls Rock Awards Ceremony
 - i. Friday, April 5th at 6 pm in Friends Hall. The event celebrates women of color on campus and honors their achievements. If you know a deserving student or faculty member, please nominate them by clicking on the link below. The deadline for the nomination form is March 25th.
 - ii. [Black Girls Rock Award Ceremony Nomination Form](#)
- g. NJ State Government Panel
 - i. March 13th 6-8pm in the York Room
 - ii. If you're interested in State government, this is a good opportunity to learn from people who experience it first-hand
 - iii. If you would like more details email poconnor@ramapo.edu (Patrick O'Connor)
- h. What Our Students Are Saying About AI - Student Panel
 - i. Wednesday, April 3 from 3-4 pm in LC201
 - ii. The Instructional Design Center is putting together a student panel to help faculty members understand how AI is impacting their coursework, studies, and careers
 - iii. They need one student from CA and one from ASB schools respectively to sit on this panel, anyone interested?

VI. 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
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. Next general I'll be able to provide a clearer outline of what is left in each committee's budget if you have any questions concerning finances and your budget come to me!
 - ii. Co-Sponsorship Budget: \$1,324
- d. Chief of Staff Ekaprana Ramesh
 - i. Cabinet Meeting tonight at 7 pm in the SGA office!
 - ii. [Upcoming Events 2023/2024](#)
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Samantha Schley
 - i. Academic affairs committee meeting will be held on 3/13 at 3:15 in A220
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Throwback Snack Day Thur Mar 7 1PM J Lees
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs
 - i.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
 - i.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. Currently planning Greek Week with Amanda, if you have any ideas please let me know
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. No report
- j. Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo
 - i. We will be having a table at Relay for Life - tote bag painting
 1. This counts as COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
 - ii. After spring break (date TBD) we will be holding a "Positive Posts" event in our office
 1. This counts as EVENT REQUIREMENT
 - iii. End of Year Banquet (date/time TBD but it will be some time in April)
 1. May 5th 6 pm to 8 pm

2. I will be sending out a google form for superlatives that I will need you all to fill out for each other!
- k. Secretary of Public Relations
 - i.
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs
 - i.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensi
 - i. Meeting today in G221 from 3:30-4:30
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. Volunteer Fair: <https://forms.gle/cUvSvdbWQAKDR5D88>
 1. This form is for everyone and not only for SGA
 2. Desiree: It could be a little overwhelming and a lot of times it just ends up as junk in my drawer.
 3. Riley: What would the fair look like?
 - a. It would be a lot like an involvement fair but instead of clubs it would be organizations that have volunteering opportunities.
 - b. Rick: Five or six years ago we had a bunch of community partners and international partners did a fair like that. However, CSI likes to keep it together and do the fair with different opportunities at the same time and date.
 4. Ekaprana: Is it possible to extend the hours of involvement fair because it only lasts for two hours.
 - a. Rick: It is definitely possible and talking with Eddie would be a good idea on this topic.
 5. Christine: I think it is a good idea as well as a bad idea. There are organizations that have required hours so they will go to these events.
 - ii. New Volunteer Opportunity:
 1. (Virtual) Volunteer English Tutor – must be proficient in Spanish
 2. Contact Dr. Paula Straile-Costa if you are interested!
 - iii. Upcoming Service Trips:
 1. [Computer Literacy at the Mahwah Senior Center](#): Tuesday, 03/12 from 12:15 - 2:35 PM
 2. [Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown](#): Thursday, 03/14 from 5:15 - 8:30 PM
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino
 - i. Please make sure you are completing your requirements, if you have any questions or issues please feel free to reach out.
 - ii. Election applications are now open! If you would like to be next year's President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Graduate Senator, one of the School Senators or a Senator-at-Large please complete the form! REMEMBER Pres and VP must run as a ticket!

- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Approved a Co-Sponsorship for the SAAM Symposium with OVP/Title IX
 - ii. Discussion about the Student Representative from the Gross Center
 - iii. Reviewal of [Robert's Rules](#)

VII. New Business

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

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Jack: Project Lead is talking about Meme and Motivation tomorrow at 1 pm tomorrow.
- b. Dean Van Der Wall: Thank you senators for your help. Next Wednesday there will be a selection process for selection of Student Trustee. It is open for everyone and you can ask questions. There are three final candidates for the position. Madi will be leading the session.

IX. Open Forum

- a. Danielle: Upcoming Women's Herstory Month Events:
 - i. TONIGHT! Wednesday, March 6th: Fems in Stem Collective
 - 1. 5-7pm in G-130 - documentary, discussion, and pizza!
 - ii. Thursday, March 7th: International Women's Day
 - 1. 1-3pm in Trustees Pavilion - woman-identifying global Roadrunners will be speaking, NAACH performance, Kahoot for prizes.
- b. Brian: The Center for Health and Counseling Services highly encourages you to fill out the National College Health Assessment survey that was emailed to you on Monday. It is designed to assess student health behaviors to provide better services and support for Ramapo. It takes 20-30 minutes and is completely voluntary and confidential.
- c. Desiree- I have my meeting with Dean Goldstein on Monday, so if you have any questions or concerns about CA curriculum, events, or the arts at Ramapo let me know!!
- a. Oliver - RMCG Event tomorrow! 1 pm in ASB-136. Accenture Event Prep & Consulting Case Interview Prep
- d. SGA Star of the Week: Madison

X. Adjournment at 1:52 PM

- a. Moved by Desiree
- b. Seconded by Matt



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