

03/11/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 03/11/2024]

Meeting called to order on [03/11/2024] at 7:02 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 Juliana Campagna
- k. Senator Aidan D’Oria
- l. Senator Alex Frisch
- m. Senator David George
- n. Senator Katelynn Haury
- o. Senator Sara Hosbach
- p. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- q. Senator Mihir Jariwala
- r. Senator Brian Joseph
- s. Senator Shanel Lopez
- t. Senator Franco Miyashiro
- u. Senator Daeun Mun
- v. Senator Amanda Shortt
- w. Senator Matthew Zegla
 - i. Present: 19
 - ii. Late: Daeun Mun (Excused)
 - iii. Absent: Nicole Cohen (Excused), Sara Hosbach (Excused), Amanda Shortt (Unexcused)


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.  03/04/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: Desiree
 - ii. Second: Brian
 - iii. 12-0-4

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy Ramadan!
- b. Reminder: The final candidates for the Alternate Student Trustee will be presented at General THIS WEDNESDAY!!!
 - i. It is extremely important that senate is in attendance
- c. Thank you to all who attended senate bonding last Monday :)
- d. I wish you all a happy spring break!!!
 - i. Good luck on your midterms!

IV. New Business

- a. Cabinet Appointment - Secretary of Public Relations
 - i. Presented Candidate: Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - 1. Questions:
 - 2. Janelle - What are some ideas you have to promote the SGA?
 - a. Kaitlyn - To post on a regular basis, possibly weekly. Bring back the informative posts for general elections, events, tablings, etc. Highlight the available positions and feature the SGAs faces more. Student testimonials, student

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spotlight, getting to know the personalities of the SGA.

Student takeovers, behind the scenes, getting to know what the SGA does. Emphasizing the connection between people in the SGA and the students not in the SGA.

- b. Katelynn - What clubs were you involved in in high school?
 - i. Kaitlyn - NHS, student council, and environmental club
- c. Madi - Aside from marketing, do you have any initiatives you want to bring to the SGA?
 - i. Kaitlyn - Outreach to students to get more student voices involved. To bring in new people, maybe through the delegate program, to expand the SGA. More advocacy.
- d. Evelyn - Besides being a delegate, are you a part of any other organizations on campus?
 - i. Kaitlyn - A sorority and fashion club.

ii. Discussion:

- 1. Mihir - She has the credentials, knows what she's doing - seemingly a no brainer. Getting exposure to the students is important and she obviously has the skill.
- 2. Janelle - I like how she had different ideas to bring positive exposure to the SGA.
- 3. Eileen - I know her personally and she's very reliable and seems like she'd be very dedicated to the position.
- 4. Madi - I'm very impressed, especially with experience with the bulletin boards, because that's a key part of this position.

iii. Moved: Alex

iv. Second: Katelynn

v. 16-0-0

- b. Co-Sponsorship: Women's Herstory Trivia (Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity)
 - i. Thursday, March 28th 8:00pm - 11:00pm in the Alumni Lounges
 - ii. Asking for \$\$ for food, marketing, and volunteers
 - iii. Funds Asked: [\\$143.89](#)
 - iv. Questions:

- v. Madi - Is the Women's center providing any money towards food?
 - 1. Liz - They said they could not.
- vi. Victor - Do you plan on co-sponsoring with anyone else?
 - 1. Liz - Possibly Women in Business or other professional organizations on campus, but some don't respond quickly.
- vii. Evelyn - How will the competition work?
 - 1. Liz - There will be different tables of people (around 5), trivia will be on the board and people will write the answers down. For every correct answer you get a point and the winner with the most points will receive extra raffle tickets for the prizes.
- viii. Discussion:
 - 1. Mihir - I don't see anything wrong with giving them the entire amount. It seems like they need it and will use the funds wisely, as they don't get a school budget.
 - 2. Desiree - Can we give them \$150?
 - a. Victor - We can only give them what they ask for.
 - 3. Janelle - How much money is left in our cosponsorship budget?
 - a. Evelyn - \$1,300
 - 4. Katelynn - We are rapidly approaching spring break so we should just give them the entire amount, as we need to use our budget.
 - 5. Katelynn - Where can the co-sponsor form be found?
 - a. Madi - The SGA archway.
 - 6. Madi - Are we providing promotion and volunteers? I assume not a lot of volunteers are needed, however this would count as an event requirement because this is a co-sponsorship.
 - a. Victor - They need two for set-up and two for clean-up.
- ix. Funds Approved: \$143.89, marketing and volunteers
- x. Moved: Stephen
- xi. Second: David
- xii. 16-0-0
- c. Follow-up on Gross Center Student Representative
- d. Liaison Discussions?
 - i. Katelynn - Does anyone have anything that they want mentioned to the Career Center?

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1. Janelle - I had an issue with the career fair. I went and did not find anything for a communications or CA major. It seemed like a waste of time. There were no employers that matched my field of study. Maybe they can get more employers for different majors, like CA majors, law, psychology, etc.?
2. Mary - I brought up the lack of pre-law opportunities to the director of the career center and she told me that I should go to the alumni panel instead, which doesn't touch on paralegal, pre-legal jobs.
3. David - A lot of the jobs also don't cater for people who don't live close to campus. There are very few options for people who live in other areas of the state.
4. Victor - Some students have said that the few options that were open to them only had a few open slots left. Not a lot of availability.
5. Victor - Is there a possibility to have another career fair in the fall semester that is as big as this one?
6. Madi - Can we ask why only the accounting majors have their own internship fair?
7. Madi - I brought up the lack of representation to Dean Lorenz and he said that if students feel they aren't being represented, they should go to the career center and bring up their concerns. The Deans can also spread the word and encourage it. Can we get a clarified process on how students can ask for a broader range of opportunities?
8. Victor - There should be multiple resume templates to apply to more career/grad school options for students.
9. Desiree - Dean Goldstein is working on a professional development class for CA majors. Pathways seems to go through a third-party so changing how it works may not be feasible. We can ask to see if this professional development curriculum can be integrated into the different schools and professional areas.
 - a. Janelle - There was an EOF course that was a professional development course, so I'm not sure why that's only geared towards EOF students. I can see if I can get the information

on it to try and integrate with the career center or as part of a class.

- ii. Matthew - Does anyone have any questions for the admissions office?
 - 1. Janelle - If you want to volunteer for admissions, please let me know.
 - a. Madi - In the fall admissions asked for volunteers. Are they also asking for volunteers in the spring?
 - i. Janelle - We are looking for volunteers for open houses and admitted students days.
 - 2. Katelynn - Maybe we can encourage student involvement during the open houses and other admissions events to reach first-year and transfer students right as they join Ramapo?
 - 3. Madi - How do they advertise needing volunteers for admissions?
 - a. Janelle - I put it in the daily digest and faculty daily digest. We are planning to do tablings, but I can't actually do them.
 - b. Desiree - Have you reached out to Stephanie, who can then send it to her liaison?
 - c. Janelle - Yes, but I will relay it again.
- iii. David - Any problems with IT?
 - 1. Janelle - Why are they doing maintenance every weekend?
 - a. David - That's a good question. Big campus, a lot of dead spots.
 - 2. Victor - What are other schools doing? Are they also experiencing these dead spots and need constant maintenance? Or have they started doing other things, like using WiFi boosters?
 - 3. Katelynn - It says I have connection, but no internet. IT has yet to solve the issue.
 - a. David - I also have that problem and will bring it up at my next meeting.
- e. Katelynn - Cynthia asked me to give her the email for the person in the SGA who coordinated the SGA volunteers for the career fair.
 - i. Victor - I clarified the process with her. Students who volunteered and need to have their hours signed off will have to go to her with the paper and get it signed before handing it in to Stephanie.

- f. Madi - Any questions from Senators who are writing a liaison report for the first time?
 - i. Brian - If anyone has questions/concerns for Health and Counseling Services, let me know.
 - 1. Madi - Are there any updates about the grant for UWill?
 - 2. Janelle - Can health services do pop-up hours in the middle of campus during common hours to be more accessible to students? Maybe once a month.
 - 3. Katelynn - What if you are sick and cannot get to health services? Can they meet you closer on campus if you're not in good shape?
 - a. Brian - You would have to call public safety and they can bring you there.
 - b. Katelynn - Can they advertise that more?
 - c. Brian - I will bring it up.
 - 4. Victor - Based on the master plan, will they actually be moving to Linden or not?
 - ii. Franco - If anyone has questions/concerns for the bookstore, let me know.
 - 1. Madi - If they haven't gotten back to you, pick another liaison.
 - 2. Desiree - Why is there a liaison to the bookstore?
 - a. Madi - A lot of students utilize the book store but they don't seem to want to communicate with us.
 - 3. Janelle - Can we drop them as a liaison option?
 - a. Madi - I will discuss it with Jack. Maybe he can reach out to them to prompt contact.
 - iii. Franco - Any questions for financial aid?
 - iv. Juliana - If anyone has questions/concerns for The Center of Student Success, let me know.
 - 1. Katelynn - Again, with prompting new student involvement. Something to encourage them to get involved, as this is one of the last opportunities to really do that.
 - 2. Madi - Maybe some student representatives can share their stories about involvement to help with encouragement.
- g. Madi - If anyone has questions/concerns for Dean Van Der Wall, let me know.

- h. Victor - Eileen, would you be interested in working on an Athletic recognition ceremony? It was a ceremony in the York Room to give certificates from the SGA to certain athletes for a job well done.
 - i. Eileen - Yes.
 - ii. Evelyn - The online hours for the gym are not reflecting the actual hours. It seems like they're closing 15 minutes earlier than expected.
 - 1. Madi - The hours have changed but they haven't changed online yet.

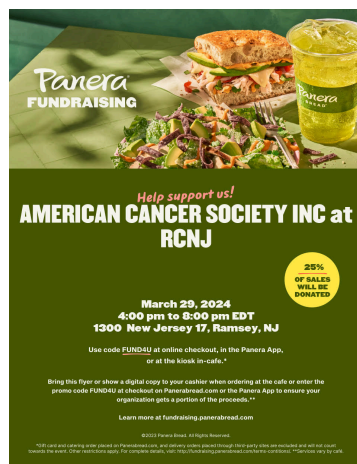
V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. Danielle - Service opportunity with Biology Club this week! We will be making friendship bracelets for patients at a local pediatrician's office this Thursday, March 14th from 1-2 in B-225.
- b. Danielle - Upcoming Women's Herstory Month events:
 - i. Tuesday, March 12th: Hidden Gems Pop-Up Shops
 - 1. Open to the public - invite family and friends!
 - 2. 19 local vendors, supporting women and queer business owners - stickers, coffee, art prints, wellness products, crystals, bath and beauty items, jewelry, college apparel, and other homemade goods.
 - 3. 12-4pm in Trustees Pavilion
 - 4. [Sign-up for set-up and clean-up as an event requirement!](#)
 - ii. Wednesday, March 13th: Women in the Workplace Panel
 - 1. 6-7:30pm in Alumni Lounges (SC-158)
 - 2. [Pre-Register on Handshake!](#)
 - iii. Monday, March 25th: The Vagina Monologues
 - 1. 8-10pm in The Adler Theater
 - 2. Only 60 seats available!
 - iv. Thursday, March 28th: Women's Herstory Month Trivia Night w/ Phi Alpha Delta (free food!)
 - 1. 8-11 pm in Alumni Lounges (SC-157-8)
- c. Matthew - If anyone has questions for my liaison, Morgan Grande from the Admissions Office. Please reach out to me!

- d. Sara - sorry I couldn't be there tonight (relay for life kickoff!). Wanted to share that Dylan got back to me on a possible drive. He suggested that it may be easier to collect monetary donations than physical items. What does everyone think? Are there any organizations that you think we should work with? I would like to get back to him soon.
 - i. Janelle - Monetary donations? It would be hard with college students. Physical items that are lying around may be a bit easier/more accessible than just money.
 - ii. Evelyn - Can we do both? Monetary and physical items?
- e. Sara - Save this date for a Panera fundraiser for ACS and share the word! And here's the flyer for Relay for Life.



- f. Janelle: There is an I Think I Feel Student Forum on Thursday at 1:15pm in the Trustees Pavilion. It is a place for all students to voice their opinions about any matter they are passionate about. There is also the third and final Talk Series: Meaningfully Discussing Palestine/Israel after October 7.
- g. Janelle: The EOF office needs students for day of the capitol Monday March 18. A trip to Trenton to fight for funding for the EOF program. Go to the EOF office if you are interested.
- h. Desiree: We invite you to participate in Be Heard. Listen. A **public Art Installation of Student Voices**. For more information, and instructions for participation, please click [here!](#)



- i. Desiree: Have you bough your tickets to Fucking A???????
- j. Madi: OVP is still looking for models for Denim Day!
 - i. Fill out this [link](#) or pass it on to others if interested!
 - ii. Victor - Are you also asking for volunteers?
 - iii. Madi - A co-sponsorship will be sent from OVP to the senate soon.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 8:22
 - i. **Moved:** Alex
 - ii. **Second:** Franco