

3/27/2023 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 3/27/2023]

Meeting called to order on [3/27] at [Time am/pm] on Friends Hall.

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 (late)
- 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
- l. Secretary of Public Relations Kaitlyn Kroeber (excused)
- 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/ 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 (excused)
- y. Senator Janelle Boamah
- z. Senator Aidan D'Oria

- aa. Senator Alexander Frisch
- bb. Senator David George
- cc. Senator Katelynn Haury
- dd. Senator Sara Hosbach
- ee. Senator Eileen Jaquez
- ff. Senator Mihir Jariwala (excused)
- gg. Senator Shanel Lopez
- hh. Senator Daeun Mun (excused)
- ii. Senator Amanda Shortt
- jj. Senator Matthew Zegla
- kk. Senator Brian Joseph
- ll. Senator Senator Franco Miyashiro (excused)
- mm. Senator 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 Lunaape Nation.

IV. Approving Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from [03/13/2024](#)
 - i. Moved: Bryan
 - ii. Seconded: Janelle
 - 1. 10-0-1

V. Appointment: Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion - Sandy Salazar

- a. Improve the online presence of Diversity and Inclusion and make resources and events known to more people and commuters.
 - i. What will you do with the little time you have in this tenure?
 1. Find out what Madison was planning and probably carry on those plans too.
 - ii. How did you get into SGA?
 1. Heard it from Sophia and participating in events was easy and the community was easy to be a part of.
- b. Motion to appoint Sandy as Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion
 - i. Moved by David
 - ii. Seconded By Sarah
 - iii. Approved: 12-0-0

VI. President's Announcements

- a. Rites of Passage Pre-Commencement 2024
 - i. The Rites of Passage Pre-Commencement Ceremony will be held on May 23, 2024 at 12:00pm in Friends Hall
 - ii. This pre-commencement ceremony recognizes Ramapo College students of Color who have completed an Undergraduate or Graduate degree and celebrates the students' achievements. Students will receive a free special stole.
 - iii. In order to receive a stole, students must fill out this [Registration Form](#) by April 14th
- b. Dr. Maya Angelou 'Still I Rise' Award.
 - i. A new award will be given to one Undergraduate and Graduate student who has completed their degree, one staff member, and one faculty member who represents a person who has gone above and beyond for the Ramapo Community.
 - ii. Nominations are due by April 21st - [Nomination Form](#)
- c. Roadrunner Table Talk
 - i. 5 alumni are coming to talk about their experiences working in Environmental Education, Policy, and Science on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6pm in the Pavilion
 - ii. All students are invited to attend and encouraged to register on [Handshake](#).
- d. Free Haircuts: Barbershop Talk Program
 - i. EDIC, EOF and the Counseling Center are working on a new program called "Barbershop Talk" tentatively on May 7th from 12-5pm in Friends Hall for free haircuts and braiding especially because we see a lack of barbers the area for our students of Color
 - ii. Here is an [interest form](#) - first come, first serve
- e. Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services' Garden Party

- i. On Thursday, March 28th at 3:30 PM in Friends Hall, the Women's center will be having a closing event with tea sandwiches, mini pastries, coffee, tea, and other sweet treats! Come if you can!
- f. Wellness Fair Tabling Request
 - i. Center for Health and Counseling Services invites us to table at the Wellness Fair, an event to promote resources and practices to improve the various dimensions that impact our well-being
 - ii. Those who do a tabling will be doing a wellness related activity or highlight an aspect of the org that focuses on wellness
 - iii. Will be 12 - 3 pm on Wednesday May 1st, 2024 > Similar request to Relay for Life..... Thoughts?
 - iv. If YES, Only 2-3 will go to do the tabling (you will be excused from general that day)
 - 1. Voted Yes by informal voting.
 - 2. Ideas:
 - a. Positivity Post
 - b. Painting for Insecurities
 - c. People can spin the wheel and we can give goodie bags, stickers
- g. 2024 Academic Achievement Ceremony - Volunteers?
 - i. Thursday May 23, 2024 - starting at 12 pm (event starts at 2 pm)
 - ii. The Office of the Provost is requesting volunteers - Lobby, Line Up, Stage, Usher(s), Program Hand Out

VII. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Oliver Mejia
 - i. Club Process - 3 Allocation Meetings starting at 3:15pm today in A103!
 - 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
 - ii. General Elections
 - 1. Deadline has been extended until March 31, 2024 at 11:55 pm
 - a. Don't forget!
- b. Secretary Pranish Khanal
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer Riley Stein
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff Ekaprana Ramesh
 - i. Cabinet Reports are due tonight at 11:59pm!!
 - ii. [Upcoming Events 2023-2024](#)
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Samantha Schley
 - i. Academic affairs committee meeting will be held today (3/27) at 3:15 in A220

- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Alan Rosenberg
 - i. Commuter Affairs Committee Meeting Thur Mar 28 1-2PM A-102
 - ii. Commuter Appreciation Week is Next Week Apr 1 - Apr 5.
 - iii. Commuter Breakfast Mon Apr 1 8:30 AM Outside Berrie Center
 - iv. Commuter Bingo Tue Apr 2 1 PM J Lees
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Sarah Glisson
 - i. The Delegate Committee meeting for tomorrow is canceled.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Luis Seanz
 - i. Greek Week has been finalized
 - ii. We were able to fit in athletic events for Wednesday
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs James Pascal
 - i. I meet with Pat O' Connor today at 3 pm
- 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. "Positive Posts" event in our office (date TBD but it will be this month)
 - 1. This counts as EVENT REQUIREMENT
 - iii. End of Year Banquet: May 5th 6 pm to 8 pm
 - 1. YOU MUST RSVP!!!
 - 2. Superlative form
 - a. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPPT2ziWFKv449oH0PekAk2V9QwGYNOEo9HV2eSBIpOgU6g/viewform?usp=sf_link
 - iv. Bonding Night
 - 1. Friday April 12th 10:00 pm in Aux Gym
- k. Secretary of Public Relations Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - i. If you have suggestions for any content you would like to see on Instagram, please let me know
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs
 - i.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Senesi
 - i. My next committee meeting will take place on April 3rd from 3:30-4:40 in G221.
- n. Secretary of Service Stefanie Viera
 - i. For those who signed up for the volunteer trip, please come see me as I have a form for you to fill out
 - ii. Remember to do your volunteer hours!
 - iii. After April 10, I will begin emailing those who have 0-1 hours of service submitted
- o. Chief Justice Liz Mendicino

- i. Please apply for the general elections as soon as possible! Deadline Sunday night
- ii. Please complete your requirements, all needs to be done **by May 1st**
- p. Senate President Madison Weeks
 - i. Approved 2 new club proposals!
 - 1. Knitting and Crochet Club
 - 2. Sikh Student Association
 - ii. Approved the date extensions for the upcoming election
 - 1. [Senate Bill 2024-3 \(Revised\): Spring 2024 Election Legislation](#)
 - 2. The application form will close Sunday 3/31 at 5:00pm
 - 3. Candidates Meetings Monday 4/1 at 1:00pm in the SGA Office
 - 4. Campaigning will go through 10:00 am April 2nd, 2024 - 10:00 am April 14
 - 5. Voting will take place 12:00 pm April 14 to 12:00 pm April 17
 - 6. Results will go out 12:00 pm April 18th
 - iii. Went over liaison reports!
 - 1. The next report is 4/15!

VIII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. CAP Implementation Team (Liz) - Had my first meeting with the committee, discussed the creation of the Conveners Task Force, the Academic Structures Task Force, and a Faculty Research Committee in relation to the Comprehensive Academic Plan. My next meeting with them will be April 3rd.
 - ii. Academic Policy Council (Sarah Glisson) - I will be meeting with the Academic Policy Council tomorrow, please let me know if there are any specific student concerns that you would like me to address. You can also submit comments using this [link](#).
 - 1. [Information on the Academic Policy Council](#).
 - 2. [Academic Policies List](#).
 - 3. [Recently Reviewed Academic Policies](#).
 - 4. Recently Reviewed Policies:
 - a. [300-JJ](#) Student Appeals of an Academic Nature
 - b. [300-LL](#) Fresh Start
 - c. [300-N1](#) Used Name
 - d. 300-S Minimum Graduation Requirements
 - e. 300-WW Modifications to Degree Requirements for Students with Documented Disabilities.

5. Current Policy Under Review: [300-B](#).

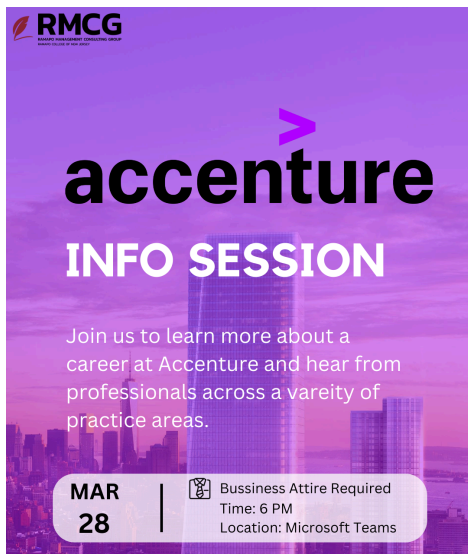
- a. “All members of the community are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. At its core, academic integrity requires accuracy and honesty regarding the representation of the work of others in one’s own academic work. Since violations of academic integrity erode community confidence and undermine the pursuit of truth and knowledge at the College, academic dishonesty is not acceptable.”
- iii. Any comments about the use of AI? Should generated materials/edits be classified as academic dishonesty? Any other concerns?

IX. Public Comment

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X. Open Forum

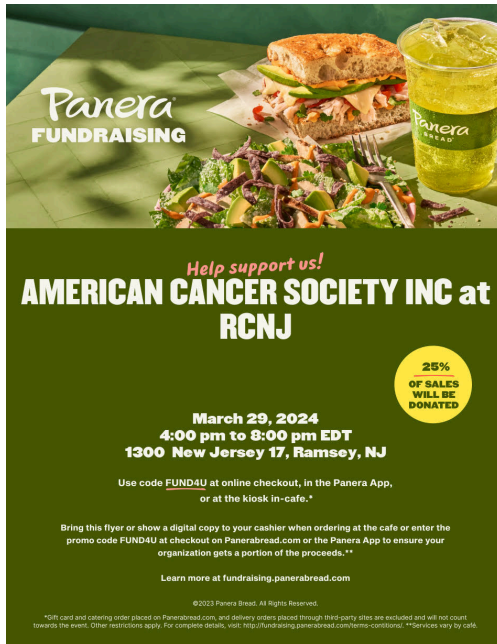
- a. Oliver - RMCG Virtual Accenture Event tomorrow at 6 pm. If you are looking for internship or job opportunities in strategy, tech, or marketing/innovation attend! Alumni will be there, and professional attire is required! To receive the link/RSVP fill out the form [here](#).



b.

- c. James- The Chairman of the NJ Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will be on campus Wednesday, March 27th at 6pm-8pm in Alumni Lounge SC-156 to speak and talk with students.
- d. Danielle - Tuesday, April 30th at 5:30pm will be the Lavender Pre-Commencement Ceremony in the alumni lounges. This will honor the contributions and achievements of Class of 2024 members of the RCNJ LGBTQ+ community - “It is a cultural celebration acknowledging the achievements and contributions graduating students of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions have made at Ramapo ". Application for the ceremony is available on Archway: https://archway.ramapo.edu/cgtest/survey?survey_uid=a3f98a5d-e2d6-11ee-815d-0e9dd4d3253d

- e. Danielle - Biology Club is hosting its painting roulette event next Thursday, April 4th from 5-7pm in J.Lees. Free food from Nicky's!
- f. Janelle- Spring Concert Artist has been announced!! With that being said, prepare to be sick of me!! As an SGA member you are required to volunteer for at least ONE shift for the concert!!! Christine will be in charge of making sure you guys sign up for a shift. I will be sending out the sign out sheet next week during general! Any questions please reach out to me and please don't make me hunt you down.
- g. Sara - Will the website be updated with this semester's [legislation](#)?
- h. Sara - RELAY!!! NEXT FRIDAY! GET EXCITED! (and please come!) Flyer below as well as a flyer for a fundraiser THIS Friday at Panera!
- i. Tomorrow night is Women's History Trivia!!! Come to the Alumni Lounges from 8-11 for a fun event for Women's Herstory Month co-hosted by Phi Alpha Delta and The Women's Center and co-sponsored by SGA. It is \$5 to attend but there will be food and door prizes!!! All funds will be going to Petey Greene to help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students get an education :)



j. ...★

XI. Adjournment at 2:18 pm

- a. Moved by Alex
- b. Seconded by Janelle



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