

09/16/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/16/2024]

Meeting called to order on [09/16/2024] at 7:00 pm in ASB - 524

I. Roll Call

- a. President Victor Oluwagbemi
 - b. Senate President Mihir Jariwala
 - c. Senate Vice President David George
 - d. Senate Secretary Desiree S. Bounds
 - e. Graduate Senator (N/A)
 - f. CA School Senator (N/A)
 - g. ASB School Senator Juliana Campagna
 - h. HGS School Senator Aidan D'Oria
 - i. SSHS School Senator Amanda Shortt
 - j. TAS School Senator Brian Joseph
 - k. Senator Sandy Salazar
 - l. Senator Benjamin Bank
 - m. Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson
 - n. Senator Eileen Jaquez
 - o. Senator Shanel Lopez
 - p. Senator Franco Miyashiro
 - q. Senator Matthew Zegla
- i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Absent: Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused), Eileen Jaquez (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 Lunaanpe Nation.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- i. N/A

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy First Senate, Happy Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day!
- b. Fall 2024 Senate Election applications have begun!
 - i. Applications close at 09/18 at 12pm
- c. Make sure you have signed up for these requirements!
 - i. [24/25 Committees Sign-Up Sheets](#)
 - ii. [24/25 Office Hour Schedule/Sign-Up](#)

IV. New Business

- a. Cosponsorship: **Glow for Hope** (Center of Health and Counseling Service)
 - i. Thursday, September 26, from 7 - 10 pm
 - ii. Location: The Arch and Laurel Courts
 - iii. Details: Vigil at the Arch, and then walkover to Laurel Courts for lawn games and fun activities.
 1. Asking for minimum 5 volunteers and social media and meeting promotion
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Brian- What does Vigil at the Arch mean?
 - a. Mihir: They will be praying for and honoring those who have lost their lives to suicide and any one who is goin through a difficult time.
 2. David- Do you think we can meet the 5 minimum volunteer requirement?
 - a. Mihir- She did say 5 is the minimum with one volunteer per hour. Do you think we should reduce it?
 - b. Amanda: I think we should reduce it to 3.

3. Mihir: We're good for 3-5 volunteers and social media promotion?
4. Everyone: *nods from everyone*
- v. Moved: Brian
- vi. Second: Aidan
- vii. 11-0-0
- b. Liaison Reports
 - i. Dates of Reports: Oct 7, Nov 4, Nov 25
 - ii. Place report in your designated folder in the [SGA Drive](#)
 - iii. Confirming contact with services
 - iv. Any questions or concerns regarding liaisons?
 - v. Desiree- Can we clean up the drive
 1. Victor- I've had to clean up a lot of the drive, but I'm still making my way through the older files.
 2. Mihir- Do not delete any files without contacting Leadership first. Not pointing fingers at anyone.

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. Matthew: I have my first liaison meeting with Facilities tomorrow morning at 10 A.M. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc you would like me to bring up during the meeting, please let me know asap!
 - i. Mihir- Can you follow up on the Move Out Drive with Nicole?
 1. Matthew- Already on the Agenda
 - ii. Aidan- Why did they put yellow poles into the ground by the bridge near Overlook, doesn't that inhibit accessibility?
 1. Victor- Was it for MLA?
 - iii. Amanda- Both elevators in Overlook are broken.
- b. Benji- Dining is asking for kudos? Anyone have anything nice to say?
 - i. Desiree- Thank you for taking my suggestion last year about more cooked vegetables. I personally love the mushrooms in the pasta section.
 - ii. David- Can we revisit the disposable ice cream scoopers at the ice cream station?
 - iii. Matthew- I like the cookies.

- c. Mihir: I have my first liaison meeting with Dean Van Der Wall on Friday at 2:30 P.M. If you have concerns or questions regarding student well-being, please let me know!
- d. Sandy: I have my first liaison meeting with Kat McGee on Friday at 2! My second liaison meeting with Uma is still in the works of being scheduled as a result of time availability, but is still being discussed and planned. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know!
- e. Amanda: I had my first meeting with Dean Lorenz last Wednesday. We are planning on starting up a SSHS Town Hall, which is actually an event we used to have in the past. We are also trying to put in motion a SSHS mentorship program, so please let me know if you have any ideas or would be interested in participating in either of these initiatives!
 - i. Victor- Can you ask Dean Lorenz if the Advisory Council will be active this semester?
 - 1. Amanda- Yes! I emailed him and I'm waiting for his availability.
- a. Mihir: Opinions on a general mentorship program?
 - i. Victor- I feel like it would layer or conflict with Peer Facilitation. Can we incorporate this mentorship into their program?
 - ii. Brian- Yes this is the goal of Peers. Although this does overlap with peers, Sophomores would also benefit from this. Would we do this mentor based on major?
 - 1. Mihir- Yes, that is the goal.
 - iii. Desiree- I agree with Victor this is more aligned with the Peer Facilitation Program. I think we should work towards uplifting and bettering them, rather than creating a whole new program that may struggle like previous Mentorship programs.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 7:26 pm
 - i. **Moved:** Brian
 - ii. **Second:** Julianna