

09/11/2024 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 09/11/2024]

Meeting called to order on 09/11 at 2:10 pm in the Alumni Lounges, Ramapo College.

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Victor Oluwagbemi
- b. Vice President - Oliver Mejia
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer - Nicole Cohen
- e. Chief of Staff
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Alan Rosenberg
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sarah Glisson (Absent)
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Abigail Curioso
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Ingrid Guevara (excused)
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - James Pascal
- k. Secretary of Programming
- l. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber (late excused)
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- n. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
- o. Secretary of Service - Stefanie Viera
- p. Chief Justice - Liz Mendicino
- q. Conduct Justice
- r. Procedural Justice
- s. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
- t. Senate Vice President - David George
- u. Senate Secretary - Desiree Bounds (excused)
- v. TAS School Senator - Brian Joseph (late excused)
- w. SSHS School Senator - Amanda Shortt (late excused)
- x. ASB School Senator - Juliana Campagna
- y. CA School Senator
- z. HGS School Senator - Aidan D'Oria

- aa. Senator - Sandy Salazar
- bb. Senator - Shanel Lopez
- cc. Senator - Eileen Jaquez (Absent)
- dd. Senator - Matthew Zegla
- ee. Senator - Franco Miyashiro
- ff. Senator - Benjamin Bank
- gg. Senator - Ava Cicero-Johnson
- hh. Senator
- ii. Senator
- jj. Senator
- kk. Senator
- ll. Senator
- mm. Senator
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent:

II. Mission Statement - Read by Secretary of Governmental Affairs 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

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
 - i. Moved:
 - ii. Seconded:
 - 1. 0-0-0

V. President's Announcements


- a. Moment of Silence for 09/11
- b. Requirements!
 - i. Office Hours - Make sure you attend and keep the office clean
 - ii. Community Service - When you volunteer, make sure you fill out the form so that Stefanie can keep track of your hours
 - iii. Make sure you sign up **and** attend committee meetings... it is a requirement
- c. Clash of the Clubs
 - i. Next Up: Dodgeball Roulette - Sept. 27 from 10-12am in the Aux gym
 1. This is a group competition, so anyone can come and play, even if you aren't in a club! Show up and have fun because it's not your everyday dodgeball game!
 2. Any questions about COTC, email voluwagb@ramapo.edu
- d. College-Wide Committee Openings: Needs SGA Representatives
 - i. **Campus Comprehensive Facilities Plan Task Force** - Attend quarterly meetings to hear the updates and progress of the Campus Facilities Comprehensive Plan and share with SGA. As needed, offer the perspective of the student body. First Meeting is Wednesday, September 25 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 1. Interested: Alan Rosenberg, Matt Zegla
 - ii. **Academic Policy Council** - They are an all-College advisory body responsible for the development and review of academic policies and procedures at Ramapo College. They are responsible for sharing information with, and gathering feedback from their groups (SGA in this case) regarding any academic policies under review, revision and/or creation. The SGA representative is a non-voting member who has voice on all council discussions and subcommittees. Here are their [bylaws](#) if you're curious
 1. Interested: Liz
 - iii. Anyone interested in either committee???
- e. Hackathon -
 - i. Described as a fun day of creating videos that will help shift the national conversation on college campuses on topics like Healthy Relationship Skills, Respect in Relationships and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention & Response.
 - ii. Food, snacks, and beverages will be provided. Participants "Earn a \$50 gift card and have the opportunity to win prizes (like JBL speakers, campus merch)"
 - iii. The Hackathon runs from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday 9/21/24 in the Alumni Lounges. Students can sign up here: <https://5054504.hs-sites.com/hubbub-content-creation-hackathon-0>
No prior experience in content creation, peer education, or sexual misconduct prevention is required to join.

- Questions Asked:

- o None

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Oliver Mejia
 - i. Club Process -
 1. No meeting today!
 2. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 3. Allocations are available! - fill out [this form](#) if you are interested
- b. Secretary
 - i.
- c. Treasurer - Nicole Cohen
 - i. I will be sending out emails to specific members with their budgets for the year so please look out for that
- d. Chief of Staff
 - i.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
 - i. The first Academic Affairs Committee meeting is Monday, September 16th from 3-4 in the SGA Office!
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Alan Rosenberg
 - i. My first committee meeting will be tomorrow September 12th in A103
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sarah Glisson
 - i. First Delegate Meeting tonight in ASB 225 from 6-7 PM!!
 1. Looking for different senate + cabinet members to come to one of the meetings this semester and explain what you do/how you balance it with school, work, other commitments.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Abigail Curioso
 - i. My first committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th 5:30pm-6:30pm!
 - ii. I have a meeting tomorrow with the Multicultural Center to talk about collaborating on an event in the future
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Ingrid Guevara
 - i. Nothing to Report
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - James Pascal
 - i. I will meet with Pat O'Connor, my advisor, in the near future! I have exciting things planned for the SGA and the student body this year.

- ii. If there are any concerns present on campus contact me and we can search for a respective bill in the state house we can form a bill of support on.
- j. Secretary of Programming
 - i.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - i. I will be filming a video promoting the Senate Elections, so if you are available to do so after general or ASAP, please let me know
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs- Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
 - i. Nothing to Report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
 - i. My first committee meeting will be on September 18th in the SGA office from 5-6!
- n. Secretary of Service - Stefanie Viera
 - i.  SGA 2024-2025 Community Service Hours
 - ii. Volunteer Opportunities
 - 1. Montclair Jazz Festival, Sept 14 – <https://forms.gle/hPrYEoK8t812rRrA8>
 - 2. Friday, September 13th | 11:45 am - 3:15 pm
 - a. End of Summer Party at the Mahwah Senior Center
 - 3. Sunday, September 15th | 1:15 - 4:45 pm
 - a. MEVO Farm Volunteer Day
 - 4. Wednesday, September 18th | 11:45 am - 2:15 pm
 - a. Technology Literacy Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center
 - 5. Saturday, September 28th | 7:40am - 12
 - a. Rebuilding Together North Jersey
 - iii. If you are interested in any options listed 2 - 5, email ashapir3@ramapo.edu
- o. Chief Justice - Liz Mendicino
 - i. Please complete your requirements as soon as possible!
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
 - i. Congratulations to Desiree for being appointed as our new Senate Secretary!!
 - ii. We passed and revised our first bill of the semester: The Fall 2024 General Election Legislation!
 - iii. Our first Senate Meeting of the semester will be held in ASB 524 on Monday, September 16th from 7-9 pm!
- Questions Asked:
 - Victor: For Melissa - Did you try to get in contact with people from Residence Life and they have not replied?
 - Melissa: Yes
 - Victor: I will be sending you an email soon.

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - i. The Theater Program is still accepting proposals for the 2025-2026 Season! You may submit plays AND musicals using this link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvS6gtOIwS8WM-H3Uao8FMeZBdo0snBrSvduVsO0gNFXW8TA/viewform>
- b.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Jack - Student Leadership programs
 - i. SAIL -Sophomores Advancing In Leadership; Professional development experience as well as career and internship experience, student leadership skills development. Monthly sessions 2:30-4 on Wednesdays. Applications due **Monday, September 23rd at Noon**. Applications can be found on the SAIL Archway under 'Forms'. Link can also be found here: [Archway Link](#).
 - ii. JUMP - Juniors United Motivational Program; Five sessions throughout the academic year. Applications can be found on the JUMP Archway under 'Forms'. Monthly sessions 2:30-4 on Wednesdays. Applications due **Monday, September 23rd at Noon**. Link can also be found here: [Archway link](#).
 - iii. Project LEAP - Leadership Session Thursday September 26th - Mastering your Leadership. Food will be provided. Leadership personality quiz and discussion.
 - iv. Commuter Mentor/Mentee Program - Looking for commuter mentors to help freshmen commuter students. Applications due as soon as possible. Applications found on the Commuter Affairs Archway page under 'Forms'.

IX. Open Forum

- a. James - HESSA Student Advisory Council; contact James if you or someone you know is having issues or would like more information on HESSA.
- b. Katelynn - SSSH Advisory Board and SSSH Mentor Mentee Program, does anyone have any information on this?
 - i. Liz - Contact SSSH School Senator about the Advisory Board and reach out to Dean Lorenz, with the Mentor/Mentee program that was something that former Senate President Madi Weeks attempted to get started but had issues getting engagement, reach out to her and Amanda if you are interested in getting that started again.
- c. Rick - Welcome back! Amanda Riehl is leaving, next Friday is her last day. Next Friday at 9:20AM there will be drop in hours for students to say goodbye to Amanda.



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X. Adjournment