

# 10/02/2024 SGA General Meeting Agenda

[Wednesday, 10/02/2024]

**Meeting called to order on [10/02] at [Time am/pm] in person.**

## **I. Roll Call**

- a. President - Victor Oluwagbemi (excused)
- b. Vice President - Oliver Mejia
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer - Nicole Cohen (excused)
- e. Chief of Staff
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury (excused)
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Alan Rosenberg (unexcused)
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sarah Glisson (excused)
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Abigail Curioso
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Ingrid Guevara (unexcused)
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - James Pascal
- k. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
- l. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- n. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
- o. Secretary of Service - Stefanie Viera (excused)
- p. Chief Justice - Liz Mendicino
- q. Conduct Justice
- r. Procedural Justice
- s. Student Governor - Natalie Barr
- t. Alternate Student Governor - Sophia Riccobono-Baran
- u. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
- v. Senate Vice President - David George
- w. Senate Secretary - Desiree Bounds (excused)
- x. TAS School Senator - Brian Joseph (late excused)
- y. SSHS School Senator - Amanda Shortt (late excused)
- z. ASB School Senator - Juliana Campagna

- aa. CA School Senator
- bb. HGS School Senator - Aidan D'Oria
- cc. Senator - Sandy Salazar
- dd. Senator - Shanel Lopez
- ee. Senator - Eileen Jaquez (unexcused)
- ff. Senator - Matthew Zegla
- gg. Senator - Franco Miyashiro
- hh. Senator - Benjamin Bank
- ii. Senator - Ava Cicero-Johnson
- jj. Senator - Michael Chabot
- kk. Senator - Joseph Brubaker
- ll. Senator - Evelyn Santangelo
- mm. Senator - Esther Crowley (unexcused)
- nn. Senator - Alessia Mendicino
- oo. Senator - Nathaniel Bergren
  - i. Present: 26
  - ii. Excused: 9
    - 1. Late: 3
    - 2. Absent: 6
  - iii. Unexcused: 4
    - 1. Late: 0
    - 2. Absent: 4

## **II. 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.*

## **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. Inauguration of New Senators**

**V. Guest Speaker - President Jebb**

**VI. Approving Meeting Minutes**

a. Minutes from [09/25/2024](#)

- i. Moved:
- ii. Seconded:
  - 1. 9-0-6

**VII. President/Vice President's Announcements**

a. External Committees - Needs an SGA Representative

i. Mission Fulfillment Committee (MFC)

- 1. The student rep. to MFC has typically been the SGAs Secretary of Academic Affairs but there is no obligation to follow that model. The committee is focused on academics, student life, and fundraising.

a. Interested:

- i. Katelynn

ii. Resources Committee

- 1. The student rep. to the Resources Committee could be any SGA member. The committee is focused on human resources, financial resources, and capital/infrastructure resources.

a. Interested:

- i. Nate, Michael

iii. Audit Committee

- 1. The student rep to the Audit Committee would be well-served by having a background or interest in accounting or organizational management. The committee is focused on the College's annual audit, risk management, and compliance with GASB and other accounting and financial regulations and standards.

a. Interested:

- i. None

iv. Anyone interested???

b. OKTOBERFEST!

- i. This event is a weekend of fun hosted by the SGA for the entire student body and their families to enjoy. We will be hosting events on Thursday the 17th, Friday the 18th, and Saturday the 19th. Working a shift for this event is MANDATORY for all SGA members and you have to attend the FULL shift. For now, please only sign up for one shift so that everyone can fulfill their requirement.

ii. You can find a sheet to sign up for slots [here](#)

- iii. Only sign up for **highlighted** spots on the sheet... some locations are TBA and will be filled in as we find out

- c. Alternate Student Trustee Applications due October 11th
  - i. The Alternate Student Trustee is an associate member of the SGA that works with the Student Trustee (currently Kyree Robinson-Banks) That learns about the position of being the Student Trustee for the academic year. Then for the following academic year, you would become the Student Trustee who is a voting member of the Board of Trustees at Ramapo. Please be aware that this is a **2-year** commitment, but is very fruitful and comes with a lot of connections, insight, and impact on what the college does behind the scenes.
  - ii. Reach out to Kyree ([krobin11@ramapo.edu](mailto:krobin11@ramapo.edu)) if you have any questions
- d. Big Victory for the SGA! - Laurel Parking Spots
  - i. The SGA has spent a considerable amount of time trying to secure parking spots in the CSI parking lot for students that need to drop off groceries and things of that nature in their dorm since it is closer to the building. After some more conversation, the parking spots got the green light and are currently a work in progress that has officially been designated to facilities.
  - ii. The amount of time for the spot, and if there will be multiple spots is also TBA, but this is a win!
- e. Club Process -
  - i. Meeting today! at 3:15 pm in A103.
  - ii. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
  - iii. Allocations are available! - fill out [this form](#) if you are interested
  - iv. Anyone interested in joining?
    - 1. Interested:
      - a. David, Allie

## VIII. Cabinet Reports

- a. Secretary
  - i.
- b. Treasurer - Nicole Cohen
  - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Chief of Staff
  - i.
- d. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
  - i. Next Academic Affairs Committee meeting is on Monday, October 14th from 3 - 4 pm. If you are interested in improving the academic experience at Ramapo, or initiatives such as mentoring within your academic school, please feel free to stop by!
- e. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Alan Rosenberg
  - i. Picture Perfect Thursday Oct 3 1-2 PM J Lees
  - ii. Stuff-A-Plush Mon Oct 7 1-2 PM J Lees
  - iii. Commuter Affairs Committee Meeting Thursday Oct 10 A-103

- iv. Registration is open for Clubs and Organizations for Trunk or Treat
- f. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sarah Glisson
  - i. Delegate Tabling tomorrow from 1-2:30 pm by the Student Center Stairs (outside of the Bookstore). If you're in office hours or have some free time stop by!
- g. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Abigail Curioso
  - i. I'm happy to announce that I've been working on a hispanic heritage month event called "Sabor y Cultura". We're going to have different hispanic drinks and foods so I'm very excited. It's going to be on Thursday, October 10th from 2pm-3:30pm if anyone wants to volunteer to help, Victor should be adding it to event sign-ups soon.
- b. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Ingrid Guevara
  - i. Nothing to report.
- h. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - James Pascal
  - i. I met with my liaison Pat O'Connor and we discussed many ideas. We have two planned guest speakers coming to general this semester, one relatively soon and one towards the end of the semester. Pat will come prior to the first guest speaker to lay down ground rules and etiquette!
  - ii. We will plan another state house trip for the SGA in the near future.
  - i. If there are any concerns present on campus contact me and we can search for a respective bill currently in the state house that we can form a bill of support on.
- i. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluoku
  - i. Oktoberfest is coming up on the 17th, 18th, and 19th.
  - ii. If anyone has any events they would like the SGA to hold, you can always come and talk with me.
- j. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
  - i. Headshots from Ingrid, Benjamin, and new senators
- k. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
  - i. Nothing to report
- l. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
  - i. My committee meeting is today in the SGA office from 5-5:30!
- m. Secretary of Service - Stefanie Viera
  - i. Be sure to submit your service hours! You can check your progress here:  
[+ SGA 2024-2025 Community Service Hours](#)
  - ii. Upcoming Service opportunities (register on Archway or email [ccec@ramapo.edu](mailto:ccec@ramapo.edu)):
    1. October 2nd, 2024 Flu-Shot Drive Registration Help at the Mahwah Senior Center | 11:45 am - 2:15 pm
    2. October 6th, 2024 MEVO Farm Day with Alumni | 9:15 am - 12:45 pm or 1:15 pm to 4:45 pm

3. October 10th, 2024 Food Distribution with the Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown | 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
  4. October 12th, 2024 Build Day with Passaic County Habitat for Humanity | 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
  5. October 16th, 2024 Computer Literacy Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center | 11:45 am - 2:15 pm
  6. October 18th, 2024 Food Pantry Volunteering with Families for Families | 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
  7. October 26th, 2024 Build Day with Rebuilding Together North Jersey | 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
  8. October 31st, 2024 Halloween Party Helpers at the Mahwah Senior Center | 12:45 - 3:15 pm
- n. Chief Justice - Liz Mendicino
- i. Please complete all requirements!
  - ii. Please add in all agenda points for general before the meeting starts!
- o. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
- i. Approved cosponsorships with Women's Center and LGBTQ+ Services (Pridefest), OVP (Take Back the Night), and SOCA (Hallowhine!)
    1. Details are in the Senate Minutes from [09/30](#)
    2. Events that need volunteers will be updated in the [Upcoming Events](#) sheet
  - ii. Liaison Reports are due next week, 10/07! (exception to the new senators)
    1. Be sure to drop your reports in your named folder in the SGA Drive
- p. Student Governor - Natalie Barr and Alternate Student Governor Sophia Riccobono
- i. DoubleGood Popcorn fundraiser: November 6th-10th
    1. Completely online fundraiser to help fundraise for the SGA and the Ramapo College Foundation. The money raised will be split 50/50
    2. Directions: Download the DoubleGood Popcorn app on your phone, create an account, enter the code **NQD DTP** to join the fundraiser!
    3. Once the fundraiser begins on November 6th, all of you will get a personalized link to share with your family and friends to buy from your personal pop-up store
- q. Questions:
- i. None

### IX. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
  - i. Matthew/Alan: Myself and Alan attended the Campus Comprehensive Facilities Plan Task Force meeting last week. Here are a few items that were discussed:

1. Village Quad 2: Still on track to be completed by the spring semester.
2. Nursing Program Extension (first floor of E-wing): Mostly complete. All construction work has been completed, only a few things related to IT remain.
3. Honors Program Lounge (A-wing): Recently completely renovated/modernized
4. Linden Hall: Schematics for the building's renovation were recently completed. Long story short, the College hopes to send the plans out by the end of the year for review. Once that finishes, the renovation will commence and will finish sometime in 2027.
  - a. One major point brought up was that there will be a greater need for staff parking in the area surrounding Linden Hall. Nothing is set in stone yet but the College is either looking at expanding the parking deck (adding more floors) or expanding the current parking lot outside of the Student Center. One idea is to relocate the Laurel basketball courts/volleyball court and turn that space into more parking.
5. Mike Yankovich has stated he would like to meet with the SGA sometime in the near future to discuss the Linden Hall parking issue in particular

ii. Questions:

1. Katelynn: What is the plan for Quad 2 of the Village?
  - a. Matt: I can ask Mike Yankovitch
  - b. Melissa: I have been trying to get more information on Quad 2 but I will ask more at my next Residence Life meeting.
  - c. Abby: I am an RA in the Village, I think that they are just going to open the housing portal as normal and people can submit a room change request.
2. Katelynn: Where did everything in the Honors lounge go?
  - a. Matt: We did not discuss that, we did not know that items that were in the lounge.
  - b. Rick: Talk to Mike Yankovitch, they must know where it has gone.
3. Gabriel: Paper towels in the bathrooms.

## X. Public Comment

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## XI. Open Forum

- a. James- I host the DiMENSions discussion group at the women's center Thursdays 7-8. It focuses on healthy masculinity and unravels toxic-masculinity in society.
- b. James- At the Birch Tree Inn on October 16 from 5-9pm they would be serving food cultural to the Ramapough Munsee Lenape nation. Honor those whom we occupy the land of!
- c. Brian - The CHCS is encouraging ALL students to complete the Ask. Listen. Refer. program. As SGA members, it is a requirement for us to complete it anyway. If you email your completion certificate to [studentwellness@ramapo.edu](mailto:studentwellness@ramapo.edu), you will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Amazon gift card. If the total students reaches 200, that will increase to a \$100 gift card. This is a semester-long initiative with the drawing taking place in December. Spread the word to everyone you know!
- d. Kristen- If you are interested, 1-Step is hosting their One Closet thrifting event where you can take a pick at free clothes, first come first serve in the grove on October 16th from 4-6:30!

- e. Sandy- Anyone who is interested in sharing their story of intimate violence at Take Back the Night can fill out the form by scanning the QR code and OVP will be in touch. There are also printed copies available in their office (C216), J.Lees, and CSI. Please email [ovp@ramapo.edu](mailto:ovp@ramapo.edu) with any questions!
  - i. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rzThge9L\\_9qUwh23Ia7cQcv2Dt4uogMu/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rzThge9L_9qUwh23Ia7cQcv2Dt4uogMu/view?usp=sharing)
- f. Evelyn- Cosmetics-themed kahoot Night in A 103 Wednesday October 9th 8-9pm for RCNJ Cosmetics Club
- g. Mihir - Public Comment on the Student Expressive Activity Policy is now open. Here is a link to the policy: <https://www.ramapo.edu/iep/institutional-policy-committee/>
  - i. Email
- h. Benjamin - Volunteers needed for Open House, this coming Sunday, 10/6/24
  - i. Event runs 8 am - 2 pm, shifts are flexible
  - ii. Sign up by emailing [Rasa@ramapo.edu](mailto:Rasa@ramapo.edu)
- i. David - If you have wifi problems, please fill out the help desk ticket..  
<https://www.ramapo.edu/its/help-desk/>
- j. ★ SGA Star of the Month!
  - i. [SGA Star Form](#) 🎃(October)

## XII. Adjournment