

09/23/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/23/2024]

Meeting called to order on [09/23/2024] at 7:02 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: Eileen Jaquez (excused), Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused)
 - iii. Absent: 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 Lunaanpe Nation.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. [Senate Meeting Minutes 09/16/2024](#)
 - i. Moved: Juliana
 - ii. Second: Franco
 - iii. 10-0-1

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Voting Period for the Fall 2024 Senate Elections starts Tuesday, 09/24!
 - i. 12:00 pm Sept. 24, 2024 to 12:00 pm Sept. 26, 2024
 - ii. Spread the word!
- b. Glow for Hope by Health and Counseling Services is THIS Thursday, September 26, from 7 - 10 pm
 - i. [24/25 Upcoming Event Sign Ups](#)
 - ii. Even if you don't want to volunteer, please attend if you have the time!
- c. SGA Training is this upcoming Sunday, September 29th, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 - i. If you cannot attend, you MUST makeup for training at a future date
 - ii. Be sure to click "yes" or "no" on the Google Calendar invite
- d. Dodgeball Roulette THIS Friday at 10 pm in the Aux Gym (Clash of the Clubs)
 - i. No sign-up in advance, just show up
 - ii. You do not have to be a part of a club to participate
- e. Questions:
 - i. Brian: In the terms of the rules and guidelines for a club endorsing a candidate, is that listed in the Election Bill?
 1. Yes, however if you want to endorse a candidate you need to get it out tomorrow before tomorrow at 12 pm.

IV. New Business

- a. Secretary of Programming Appointment: Afrona Tozluks
 - i. Questions?

1. Desiree: Have you been made aware of the large requirements of the position?
 - a. Afrona: Yes I know Oktoberfest is coming up on the 16th, 17th, and 18th. And I know the end of year banquet will be my responsibility.
2. Brian: Do you have any ideas on how you would promote student engagement?
 - a. Afrona: I want to implement events that are helpful for commuters and residents. I know many commuters like the early morning events. I would like to do a duck hunt where students search for rubber ducks all day long so commuters can participate whenever it fits their schedule.
3. Mihir: Are there any specific events at your previous institution that you would like to bring to Ramapo?
 - a. Afrona: Yes, like the duck hunt I mentioned! There are some events like midterm mindfulness I'd like to do to help alleviate stress for students.
- ii. Discussion:
 1. David: With her previous experience from another college and her ideas, I like how she emphasizes commuter engagement. I like how she came prepared with events that were fun and supportive.
 - a. Seconded by Matt and Brian
- iii. Moved: Brian
- iv. Second: Benji
- v. 11-0-0
- b. Cosponsorship: Ramapo College Ice Hockey
 - i. Home Opener on Friday, September 27th, 7:30PM at the Ice Vault
 1. Asking For Marketing on social media and at meetings
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Victor: What do you do during the opener?
 - a. Don: It's our first game as the home team. I think there will be a ceremony, but I haven't been told much by the coaches. I believe tickets are free for students. It would just be really nice to feel the support from Ramapo on our first game.

2. Desiree: Are you asking for money?
 - a. Don: No, we just want recognition as a real team.
3. David: Where is the Ice Vault?
 - a. Don: It's in Wayne about 15-20 minutes away.
- iii. Comments:
 1. Desiree: Is Ice Hockey really undervalued here?
 - a. That's what a lot of the players feel like, because technically they are a club sport
 2. Desiree: Do they want more support from us for the rest of the season?
 - a. Mihir: They only are asking for marketing for this game. If they want more for future games they will have to fill out the form again.
 3. Brian: Social Media is the least we can give. Especially, since most people in the future will be asking for money.
 4. Mihir: This team is really passionate about this and are like a family. They submitted the form late, but I let them come because they are so passionate about their sport.
- iv. Moved: Aidan
- v. Second: Matt
- vi. 11-0-0
- c. Housekeeping: Bills
 - i. Anybody have bills or initiatives they would like to share?
 1. Brian: I am in the planning stages to either reorganize or relocate the club supply closet to make it easier to use and more accessible to all.
 - a. Victor: Point-of-Information Where do clubs currently keep their items?
 - i. Brian: In the closet but it's so messy
 - b. Victor: Is it the *only* space for club items?
 - i. Brian: Yes
 - c. David: From working with Chem Club we also try not to use it because the space is far too small for *all* the clubs' stuff to fit.

- d. Brian: Point-of-Clarification I plan on sending out a survey to get club leaders' detailed opinions on the issue as evidence to show CSI.
2. Mihir: I am working on a bill with Secretary of Sustainability Kristen Sensei to create more education on recycling on campus. We will be sending it out to sustainability clubs, peer facilitators, orientation leaders, SGA committees and facilities. Our goal is to increase accessibility to recycling on campus. The bill is made; we are just reaching out to the proper people to ensure follow through with what we're asking for.
 - a. Brian: Who should students be reaching out to if they have questions about recycling?
 - i. Mihir: Ramapo Green website
 - b. Aidan: Is this about spreading information or are you trying to get more dumpsters?
 - i. Mihir: It's a mixture of both. The main thing is information but also to increase labeling of bins and dumpsters.
- ii. Any questions or concerns regarding the process of bill making?
 1. Aidan: Chief Justice Liz and I are trying to plan a Basketball Tournament to raise funds for Alex's Lemonade stand. Liz is kind of busy with other things and it's my first time planning an event, so we're not making as much headway as I'd like.
 - a. David: I know the people at the basketball club so I can help you get in contact.
 - i. Aidan: We've reached out to those other clubs, but that's about it. We're starting the budget now.
 - b. Mihir: I would reach out to Afrona now that we have a Secretary of Programming.

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. Mihir - My meeting with Dean Van Der Wall has been moved to this Friday, September 27th, at 2:30 pm. If you have any major concerns or questions for the Dean, please let me know!
- b. Mihir - Fancy Senate?
 - i. Senators: *Nod their heads*
 - ii. Desiree: Yes please, this is my favorite! But we have to do pajamas the week after for full effect!
 - iii. Mihir: Okay can we commit to the two-cycle. And we all have to commit to make this work.
 - iv. Senators: *Nod Heads*
 - v. Mihir: What if we have all the senators shake senate leadership hands when they walk in?
 - vi. Victor: Yes, so everyone be on time and wait outside at 7 pm! That way we can make it a dramatic entrance of shaking everyone's hands and being very formal.
- c. Brian - Tomorrow from 12-1pm in D215, Biology Club will be making cards to donate to a local children's hospital. We will be giving 0.25 hrs of community service per card, so if you need service hours, stop by and make some cards!
 - i. Mihir: This will be a great way to earn community service hours!
- d. David - I have my meeting with ITS tomorrow so if anyone has any questions or concerns, let me know
 - i. Victor: I feel like the wifi has been particularly spotty in particular locations like all the dorms.
 1. David: It's based on locations. Since the dorms are far away from the main campus the wifi gets spotty the further out you go.
 2. David: IT is understaffed right now, so HelpDesk tickets are experiencing increased wait times.
 - ii. Aidan: I can't even get service/wifi in my dorm. Students are saying they have to leave the dorm to do homework in Cypress. Allegedly, IT came and fixed the problem, but we're still experiencing problems.
 1. David: My meeting is coming up and I'll address all of this. I would like to see if they can make a separate HelpDesk Center for wifi problems to alleviate the long wait times.

- a. Ava- I have my meeting with Public Safety tomorrow, let me know if any concerns arise!
 - i. Victor: An initiative that fell through last year was 15 minute unloading parking spots in the CSI parking lot, can you bring this up to Jason? Nicole Morgan Agard was on board with it last year.
 - 1. Desiree: Point-of-clarification I thought Sharon was opposed?
 - a. Victor: She was, but I emailed Nicole afterwards, and she was fine with it.
 - ii. Matthew: Can you ask about the drivers in the commuter lot speeding and obnoxiously revving their engines in the parking lot?
 - 1. Ava: Yes, I'll add it to the list.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 7:55
 - i. **Moved:** Benji
 - ii. **Second:** Brian