

09/30/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/30/2024]

Meeting called to order on [09/30/2024] at 7:03 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
- r. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- s. Senator Michael Chabot
- t. Senator Alessia Mendicino
- u. Senator Esther Crowey
- v. Senator Nathaniel Bergren
- w. Senator Evelyn Santangelo

- i. Present:
- ii. Late:
 - 1. Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused)
 - 2.
 - 3. Victor Oluwagbemi (excused)
 - 4. Senator Sandy Salazar
- iii. Absent:
 - 1. Alessia Mendicino (excused)
 - 2. Senator Eileen Jacquez

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 Lunaape Nation.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. [Senate Meeting Minutes 09/23/2024](#)
 - i. Moved: Benji
 - ii. Second: Brian
 - iii. 9-0-6

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Welcome to our new senators!!!
 - i. Quick introductions
- b. Inaugural Day of Involvement on 10/02
 - i. This includes General on that day (Jebb will speak, food will be served)
 - ii. Invite people to show!

- c. Queer and Trans History and Disability Awareness Month Opening Proclamation and Ceremony
 - i. Tuesday, 10/01, 1:15 - 2:00 PM
 - ii. Located at the Arch (Rain location is at Alumni Lounges)
 - iii. If you have time, represent the SGA!
- d. Make sure you have signed up for these requirements!
 - i. [24/25 Committees Sign-Up Sheets](#)
 - ii. [24/25 Office Hour Schedule/Sign-Up](#)
- e. Liaison Reports are due NEXT WEEK on 10/07
 - i. Last chance to let us know if you are having any issues!
- f. Questions, Comments, Concerns?:
 - i. Brian: (Point of Clarification) For the Day of Involvement, 1pm is General, 2pm is Cornhole with Club Officers, at 3pm is the Women's Soccer Game and the first 50 people will get t-shirts.
 - 1. Desiree: Victor said he will give Clash of the Clubs points to any clubs at the Day of Involvement

IV. New Business

- a. Co-Sponsorship: Pridefest (Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services)
 - i. Wednesday 10/09 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm in the Grove
 - ii. Asking for \$\$ for food, marketing, and volunteers
 - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$285.87](#)
 - 2. Proposed: \$220
 - iii. Questions for Sandy:
 - 1. Brian: How many people do you expect to attend?
 - a. Sandy: This is my first time at Pridefest but I've heard they normally get a great turn out. From people inside and outside Women Center staff and patrons. I can't give an exact number, but I think it will be very well attended.
 - 2. Nate: You said 200 cupcakes, but the spreadsheet says 312. Can you clarify?
 - a. Sandy: It's probably 312 then. When we first spoke we said 200, but they didn't clarify the new number with me.

3. Mihir: In terms of volunteers, you said ideally 4-5 volunteers?
 - a. Sandy: Yes we understand people have other responsibilities, so we think 2-3 people per 2 hour shifts will make it easier for people.
4. Amanda: Is anyone else cosponsoring?
 - a. Sandy: Yes, Hillel, United Asian Association, Disney Club, South Asian Club, Women in Business and CCEC.
- iv. Comments after Presentation:
 1. Brian: (Point of Information) How much is quorum?
 - a. Mihir: 10 senators
 2. Esther: I think it's too much money. I would go down to half or three quarters because they have other co-sponsorships.
 3. Matthew: (Point of Information) How much money is in the budget?
 - a. David: 3,000 for the year and hopefully 1,500 for the semester
 4. Brian: I agree we should give less, but half feels like too little, Yes they have other co-sponsorships, but we don't know how much they're giving
 5. David: I think we can give 10 packs of cupcakes for \$219, which feels like a good number.
 6. Julianna: I went last year, and it was one of my favorite events. A lot of people do come, so we should give more.
 7. Joseph: (Point of Information) Are we representing SGA at the event or volunteering for the event?
 - a. Mihir: Both, we are helping them on behalf of SGA
 8. Aidan: This is during general, will this conflict with the amount of volunteers we can promise?
 - a. Desiree: We normally do excuse people from General for co-sponsorships.
 - b. David: Or we can ask delegates to volunteer.
 - c. Mihir: We will follow up with Victor. I don't see why we couldn't excuse 1 or 2 officers.

- d. Victor: Yes, you'll be excused from general meetings if you volunteer for this event.
- 9. Mihir: I entertain a motion to provide \$220, 3-5 volunteers, and marketing for the Women's Center Pridefest event.
 - v. Moved: Aidan
 - vi. Second: Amanda
 - vii. 15-0-1
- b. Co-Sponsorship: Take Back the Night (Office of Violence Prevention)
 - i. Thursday 10/24 at 6pm in Alumni Lounges
 - ii. Asking for \$\$ for food, marketing, and volunteers
 - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$216](#)
 - 2. Proposed: \$216
 - iii. Questions for Marie:
 - 1. Mihir: You're asking for volunteers to set up and break down?
 - a. Marie: I do want some volunteers, in the past you've sent us too many volunteers, so I think 5 max. What I think is most effective is when SGA marches with us.
 - 2. Mihir: In the form you didn't ask for volunteers.
 - a. Marie: Oh perfect, then yeah don't worry about sending any volunteers to set up. But like I said, send people to the vigil, especially male-identifying people. We're trying to fight the stigma that men are the problem or don't understand/can't relate to what we're fighting for.
 - 3. Brian: Historically, how many people have attended the event?
 - a. Marie: Never less than 50, but ever since Alexis's story the number has grown. However, I think the number will go down this year.
 - 4. Mihir: What time will the vigil start?
 - a. Marie: That's depending on how long the march is. We can't predict that due to the speed of people. However, no later than 8:30, because the whole thing ends at 9. It will most likely be before that, so let's say 8:15-8:30. We will also be rerouting our march, due to the Village construction and we will march by any area where cases have been reported recently.

iv. Comments after Presentation:

1. Victor: Our students have been really engaged recently, so I think we should give them the full amount to ensure they have enough food
 2. Joseph: I think the amount of money they're asking for is reasonable. Even though Marie thinks numbers will go down, I think this is very doable for 80-100 people.
 3. Mihir: Do we have a suggestion for the amount of people to send to the march?
 - a. Matthew- Maybe 3-5
 - b. Brian- Maybe 2-3
 - c. Desiree: Well we want to ensure our male-identifying members are going.
 - d. David: We're not even really volunteering, so should we even give numbers?
 - e. Desiree: Most of us are going to go anyway, so can we just get event requirement credit for going. And not send Marie a concrete number?
 - f. Amanda: Yes, can we get the event requirement credit for this?
 - g. Victor: If you stay for the whole event you can get credit for going. I will be there with a QR code to record it.
- v. Moved: Brian
- vi. Second: Michael
- vii. 17-0-0
- c. Co-Sponsorships: Hallowine (Students of Caribbean Ancestry)
- i. Friday 10/25 from 10pm-2am in the Trustees Pavilion
 - ii. Asking for \$\$ for supplies, and marketing
 1. Funds Requested: [\\$109.99](#)
 2. Proposed: \$89.99
 - iii. Questions for Jestina:
 1. Mihir: How many people usually come to this event?
 - a. Jestina: Our numbers went down last year, but we have been advertising earlier this year and outreaching to outside schools.

2. Amanda: Are any other clubs donating prizes?
 - a. Jestina: Yes, we do. I can't remember off the top of my head though.
3. Brian: Say we are only able to pay for the camera, would that be okay with you other prizes lined up?
 - a. Jestina: I think SOCA might be able to find the money in budget, but it would be really helpful if you could provide it.
- iv. Comments After Presentation:
 1. Amanda: I think we should cut out the giftcard, because who is buying something for the bookstore.
 - a. Desiree: (Point of Clarification) It is a Dunkin gift card from the bookstore.
 - b. Amanda: Oh nevermind
 - c. Victor: I thought the same thing.
 2. David: The gift card doesn't work at the Dunkin on campus right?
 - a. Desiree: Yeah, it's because it's technically not a real Dunkin.
- v. Mihir: Entertain a motion to approve cosponsorship to give \$89.99 and marketing on social media
- vi. Moved: Joseph
- vii. Second: Nate
- viii. 16-0-1

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. Brian - I have my liaison meeting with the Dean of TAS tomorrow. If there are any questions, thoughts, comments, or concerns, please let me know!
- b. Mihir - ★ [SGA Star Form](#), recipient will be revealed at General, 10/02!! This is a new forum, we will be announcing it at this upcoming General!
- c. Matthew: Anyone got any complaints I can bring up to Facilities?

- i. Esther: I've lived in a lot of dorms and I constantly see broken elevators, mold, wet carpet. Will there be a walk through to check if buildings are up to code?
 1. Mihir: Do you have any specific examples, because Facilities prefers if
 - a. Esther: I would say mainly in the CPAs, because when I lived there, there was literally a dead animal in my room.
 - ii. Amanda: Can Facilities give more of a warning when they're coming to the dorm?
 1. Gia: Or Can they give a time frame when they are coming, so students can prepare? I've heard of students being in the shower or sleeping when they come in, and they don't always knock.
- d. Benjamin: Volunteers needed for Open House, this coming Sunday, 10/6/24. Sign up by emailing Rasa@ramapo.edu We need as many volunteers as possible.
- i. Mihir: What are the hours for this event?
 1. Desiree: Tour Guides have to be there at 8 am and prospective students start showing up at 10 am, so I'll guess between 8am and 9am
 - ii. Mihir: What are the positions?
 1. Benji: There are various positions, students can help check students in, be by the resource fair, Morgan will find a job for you.
- e. David - My ITS Liaison meeting is tomorrow. Do you have any questions or concerns?
- i. Brian: There are a lot of first year students asking me to download Microsoft Office, where can they find this information.
 1. David: They can reach out to ITS to get access.
 2. Brian: Can you suggest to ITS sending out a blast email to alert students of this resource?
 3. David: Sure! I'll take note of that.
- f. Juliana - I should be meeting with the Dean of ASB sometime this week. Any questions or concerns?
- g. Mihir - Dress code?!?!? Please wear business casual next week. My apologies for not making this announcement at training.
- h. Franco - Im meeting with the OVP this week, anyone got anything
- a. Desiree: Should SGA members be mandatory reporters?
- i. Ava- Personally, if a friend confided in me outside of my role in SGA, I wouldn't report it.
 - ii. Amanda: I am a mandatory reporter for my job, but I don't think it makes sense in the context of SGA.
 - iii. Nate: Most places where you're required to be a Mandatory reporter it's in the capacity of a job. Then it asks the question: is there a capacity when we're not

SGA? Because I think we're always SGA. Therefore, I don't think it would be fair to require us to always have mandatory reports.

- iv. Brian: I am also a mandatory reporter, and you do have to preface conversations that could go down that path that students should only share what they're comfortable with. I think it's more important to stress the resources already here for survivors.
- v. Juliana: There should be training for mandatory reports, so we could properly support these students.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 8:28
 - i. **Moved:** Michael
 - ii. **Second:** Evelyn