

# 10/14/2024 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/14/2024]

**Meeting called to order on [10/14/2024] at 07:06 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. CA School Senator (N/A)
- f. ASB School Senator Juliana Campagna
- g. HGS School Senator Aidan D'Oria
- h. SSHS School Senator Amanda Shortt
- i. TAS School Senator Brian Joseph
- j. Senator Sandy Salazar
- k. Senator Benjamin Bank
- l. Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson (late, excused)
- m. Senator Eileen Jaquez (late, excused)
- n. Senator Shanel Lopez
- o. Senator Franco Miyashiro
- p. Senator Matthew Zegla
- q. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- r. Senator Michael Chabot
- s. Senator Alessia Mendicino
- t. Senator Esther Crowey
- u. Senator Nathaniel Bergren
- v. Senator Evelyn Santangelo

- i. Present:
- ii. Late:
  - 1. Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused)
  - 2. Eileen Jacquez (excused)
- iii. Absent:
  - 1. Senator Alessia Mendincino
  - 2. Senator Sandy Salazar??
  - 3. Senator Amanda Shortt (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 Lunaape Nation.*

## **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. [Senate Meeting Minutes 10/07/2024](#)
  - i. Moved: Benji
  - ii. Second: Michael
  - iii. 11-0-3

## **III. Senate President's Announcements**

- a. Oktoberfest is closing in!
  - i. [24/25 SGA Oktoberfest Shift Sign Ups](#)
  - ii. Taking on one shift is required for all SGA members!
- b. Congrats on another successful email vote!
  - i. Passed the [Constitutional Amendment - Reconstruction Bill](#)
  - ii. What does it mean for you?

- c. If you have initiatives or bills but don't know where to start, be sure to contact David or I and we can help you start up!
- d. Questions, Comments, Concerns?
  - i. Brian: Has the new transitional document for Senators (listed in Constitution Reconstruction Bill) been made yet?
    - 1. Victor: Not yet.

#### IV. **New Business**

- a. Cosponsorship: Podedo at Ramapo (Overlook Hall)
  - i. Tuesday 11/19 at Friends Hall
  - ii. Asking for \$\$ for food, marketing, and volunteers
    - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$416.89](#)
    - 2. Volunteers Requested: Up to 15 During Event
    - 3. Marketing Requested: Social Media, Promote At Meeting
    - 4. Proposed: \$175 and 3-5 volunteers
  - iii. Questions for Kae:
    - 1. Victor: You said max 10 volunteers, what is your minimum?
      - a. Kae: 3-5
    - 2. Mihir: On the form you asked for 15 volunteers, has that changed?
      - a. Yes it has gone down to 10 volunteers.
    - 3. Matt: Is this event exclusive to Overlook residents?
      - a. Kae: No.
    - 4. Brian: What do you need the volunteers to do?
      - a. Mostly, set up and breakdown
    - 5. David: Do you have other cosponsors?
      - a. Kae: Yes we have a couple, I know off the top of my head Soccer Club and Music Club.
    - 6. Nate: What time does the event end?
      - a. Kae: I would say between 10 and 11 pm.
    - 7. Benji: Are you asking for funding for the prizes as well?
      - a. Kae: If we only sent expense for the food, so I believe we have enough budget for the prizes.
      - b. Mihir: You can use the money on either, it doesn't have to be the food just because you submitted the food expenses.
    - 8. Mihir: What are the top 3 items on this list?

- a. Kae: Chicken tenders, Cheesesteak sliders, and one of the desserts.
- iv. Comments after Presentation:
  1. Aidan: I say \$200, they can get the chicken tenders and the sliders, which is what they really care about.
  2. Joe: They did say the sliders are what they really want.
  3. Victor: (Point-of-Information) What is our budget now?
    - a. Mihir: I'll have to check but we did have to under with our PrideFest purchase by not purchasing
  4. Victor: I think we should keep it under \$200 because they have other co-sponsorship and they are a resident program, so they already have other finances coming.
  5. David: I think we should give them one of everything. That would be \$160.
  6. Benji: I think we should round up to \$175.
  7. Brian: That just enough for the fries
  8. Mihir: What do you think for the number of volunteers?
    - a. Joe: I think 5-6 volunteers is a good number
    - b. Matt: Yes, 3-5 volunteers.
    - c. David: I think 3-5 is realistic
    - d. Victor: Second
    - e. Brian: The largest number we usually do is 5. Recently, we have had a lot of people signing up for upcoming events, so we should be able to handle that.
  9. Mihir: Does anyone oppose giving them marketing?
    - a. Everyone: No
- v. Moved: Brian
- vi. Second: Joe
- vii. 14-0-0
- b. Appointment: Abigail Curioso (Secretary)
  - i. Questions?
    1. Desiree: What is an event you host that you're proud of?
      - a. Abby: I hosted an event called Sabor y Cultura for Latin American Heritage Month. We had food and people were

speaking in Spanish. It really made me feel at home and proud.

ii. Discussions

1. David: Abby is really dedicated to SGA. You can see it in the way she carries herself here and in her other leadership positions. She's a great person and I think would do great in this position.
2. Brian: (Point of Information) How does it work when an SGA member moves into a different position?
  - a. Victor: We'll open the position and application immediately and start interviews as soon as we get candidate.
3. Mihir: Her efforts and work are really seen. She's been doing a lot of work in the office to clean the office, decorate the birthday board, and put up the SGA Star of the Month Wall. She's been really putting in the work and her passion shows.

iii. Moved: Brian

iv. Second: Matt

v. 14-0-0

c. Remaining Liaison Reports

- i. Please write your name, liaison, and summary points from your report below in the [MINUTES](#)
- ii. Allie Mendicino (Women's Center and LGBTQ+ Services): On October 8th, I met with Andrea Oliver for the first time. I first introduced myself, and then we discussed how SGA can be more involved in the Women's Center. We talked about our current involvement in Pride Fest and other events we could get involved in such as Take Back the Night on the 24th and the Student Drag Show on the 29th, which they would love if members of SGA would attend. For any questions please contact Allie.
- iii. Joseph Brubaker (CSI): I met with Eddie Seavers for the first time on October 9th. I got to know him a bit and we both had general introductions about each other and what our roles are. We talked about what's being worked on in the CSI, here are some things:
  1. Working on getting more staff to delegate work and have more resources for the students

2. Boosting Greek life by getting more people involved as well trying to get the letter banners back on the courts.
3. Get the emails from the CSI back on track and sending them at the correct times.

We also spoke about some upcoming events and student opportunities. Eddie would like student feedback on what they want to see at Ramapo. These ideas should be detailed enough and also be allowed on campus. There is also a Greek Life Tailgate on October 30th, 5:30pm before the men's senior soccer night game by tennis courts.

4. Desiree: Point-of-Clarification: I'll be at the interview for the new CSI staff tomorrow, so if anyone has any questions or things they want me to bring up, please let me know!
- iv. Shanel Lopez (Learning Commons) Things they did over summer: special door stop installed on the print room doors (super heavy) hard for students who weren't able-bodied to open them. Included a table down near the research help desk that has puzzles and coloring. Really impressed with students taking care of the place. And are throwing out food and drinks. Students are conscious and don't leave food in the study rooms.
1. Brian: Who is in charge of the flyers in the printer rooms?
    - a. Shanel: I don't know.
    - b. Desiree: I'm pretty sure it's Marketing
    - c. Brian: Do they control all the poster locations on campus?
    - d. Desiree: I'm pretty sure.

## V. Public Comment

## VI. Open Forum

- a. Brian - My liaison report was presented during the last senate meeting, but since I wasn't present, I just wanted to reiterate the main points and offer the opportunity to ask me questions or provide feedback. For TAS, the Dean and I discussed the TAS Dean's Advisory Board, a TAS Mentorship Program, a Research Catalog

website, and creating an @rcnj\_tas Instagram page. For CHCS, the Director, Associate Director, and I discussed Glow for Hope, the new Health Services hours of operation, the Ask. Listen. Refer gift card raffle, and reviewed the continued projects from last year: Free Condom Fridays and Roadrunner Ready Kits.

- b. Matthew: I had my second liaison meeting with Facilities on October 9th. I would like to quickly highlight a few items discussed:
- i. For Victor: There is no particular reason why Facilities is repaving the Village parking lot now. Everything happened to line up logistically at this time.
  - ii. For Amanda: The Overlook bridge is still ADA accessible. The poles can still allow wheelchairs to pass through. They are meant to prevent motorized vehicles (mainly golf carts) from going on the bridge.
  - iii. For Everyone: Facilities would like out input on two items:  
Once the fence is gone and the area outside the Student Center is beautified, what else would the SGA like to be placed in that area?
    1. Desiree: What is a transformer? Don't laugh at me Nate.
      - a. Brian: Have you ever heard of Optimus Prime?
      - b. Matt: Its essentially a power bank for the building.
    2. Brian: Do they want to put the transformer underground and do something else on top?
      - a. Matt: No, it will be above ground. They're thinking something more like bushes or corn hole.

Context: There are feminine product dispensers in a few women's restrooms around campus. Would it be beneficial to put a sign in the restrooms stating where people can find more products if the dispenser in one room is out of products? (the signs would direct people to other restrooms and/or the Women's Center)

3. Desiree: Yes, I think it's a good idea to post signage to refer students to the Women's Center for more feminine hygiene products. I think it's important to note that everyone who menstruates doesn't identify themselves with the women's restroom, so it may be important to include those signs and products in Male and Gender Inclusive Bathrooms as well.

- c. Brian - Next Tuesday from 12-1 in D215, Biology Club will be making pink ribbons to raise money for the American Cancer Society (actual org, not the club on campus). Later in the week, we will be tabling to sell these ribbons (1 for \$1). I will update you in the future for the tabling. We will be giving 1 hr of community service for those who attend the GBM and help make the ribbons, so if you need service hours, stop by and make some!
- d. Benjamin - Ramapo Open House on Sunday, October 27. Please enter your name below and/or tell me if you would like to volunteer with the admissions office at any point between 8 am and 2 pm. Roles include setup, welcome, walkers (between stops), and cleanup. **YOU CAN GET SERVICE HOURS!!!!**
- e. Ava - I will be meeting with the director of Public Safety soon. Does anyone have concerns, issues, or questions they would like to voice?
  - i. Victor: Can you ask when they will be installing the sign for the spot?
- f. Mihir - State of the College is this Wednesday at 12 PM at Friends Hall. President Jebb will be giving a long speech This is a great way to share any concerns regarding the whole college and to learn about the direction the college is going
  - i. Victor: Can you put this in the SGA GroupMe?
    - 1. Mihir: Yes!

### VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 8:00
  - i. **Moved:** Nate
  - ii. **Second:** Joe