

# 3/23/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 3/23/2022]

Meeting called to order on [3/23] at [1:04pm] in Alumni Lounges.

## I. Roll Call

- a. President Anjali Patel
- b. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
- c. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
- d. Treasurer Victoria Columna**
- e. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs\*\*
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy (Late - Excused)
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey (Absent Excused)
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak (Absent - Excused)
- k. Secretary of Programming Jenna Falkenheim
- l. Secretary of Public Relations Dylan Solis (Absent)
- m. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni (Absent - Excused)
- n. Chief Panelist\*\*
- o. Executive Panelist John Waite*
- p. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger
- q. Senate President Helen Witte
- r. Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana
- s. Senate Secretary\*\*
- t. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Absent - Excused)
- u. CA School Senator: Grace Velarde
- v. HGS School Senator: Rojja Kharel
- w. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez
- x. TAS School Senator: Patricia Kalaidjian
- y. Senator Sannia Balgahoom
- z. Senator Kristina Hollosi (Absent - Excused)
- aa. Senator Cindy Lam (Absent - Excused)
- bb. Senator Aime Lara (Late - Excused)
- cc. Senator Misha Mathai

dd. Senator Michael Castro

ee. Senator\*\*

ff. Senator Connor Sweeny (Absent - Excused)

gg. Senator Bella Apgar (Absent - Excused)

hh. Senator Shanel Lopez (Late - Excused)

ii. Senator Weina Xiao

jj. Senator Samikshya Pokhare

kk. Graduate Senator Andy Annucci

**ll. Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz) (Absent - Excused)**

**mm. Alternate Student Governor\*\***

**nn. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses**

oo. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak

i. Present:

ii. Late:

iii. Excused:

1. Senator Connor Sweeny\*\*

2. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni\*\*

3. Senator Bella Apgar\*\*

4. Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu\*\*

5. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra\*\*

6. Senator Cindy Lam\*\*

7. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey\*\*

8. Senator Kristina Hollosi\*\*

iv. Absent: Excused

1. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak

2. Secretary of Public Relations Dyan Solis

## **II. Mission Statement** (read by President Patel)

*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. Approving Minute Meetings**

a. Minutes from 3/2/22

i. Motion to approve by President Witte.

ii. Moved by Senator Kimberly.

- iii. Seconded by Senator Andy.
- iv. Vote: 12-0-1
  - 1. Minutes approved.

#### **IV. President's Announcements**

- a. Need SGA Reps! Will reach out to the two people who reached out to me. Will try to find a way to choose who the representative will be.
  - i. Academic Advisement Council; These are the Webex meeting dates:
    - 1. Monday, 4/4 at 9am
    - 2. Friday, 5/6 at 9am
  - ii. Bias Response Prevention and Education Team (BRPET); need rep name by April 1st. This is a part of EDIC. If interested in this please email me **SGA President**
- b. Day of Giving Thankview Video Request from RCNJ Foundation/Andrea Buser - The Day of Giving is where ramapo foundation fundraises money. We usually do cute videos to promote this. Adrea would love it if SGA members created quick videos for this. if you're interested let me know asap. Need the videos by tomorrow.
- c. Networking Night Update: Currently in the process of sending invitations to SGA alumni. Please tell your friends who are SGA alumni to come. Seems like we'll have a good turnout. The date is on the SGA Calendar. Thursday 4/7.
- d. Elections Update: Approved elections legislation dn timeline. Archway applications are live on Monday 3/28. Any questions? Aska member of the election committee. I am there as well so email me if you want. **SGA President**
- e. Cabinet will have a Sheet Meeting for this week; I will send out an email soon.
- f. Upcoming Meetings
  - i. President Jebb on Fri, 3/25 at 1 pm - any items for President Jebb? Any questions?
    - 1. Senate VP Santana: Once masks are mask-friendly what is the probability that the overnight guests are allowed back? (for commuters)
    - 2. Will reach out to Rob about the wifi first before bringing it up to President Jebb.
  - ii. Shared Governance on Fri, 3/25 at 2:30 pm - Any questions about the new college reorganization? Let me know.
  - iii. Student Leaders Council on Fri, 3/25 at 3 pm — Jenna F. will sub in for me! If you're a member who is required to attend but can not please find a replacement. If you have any items to bring up please reach out to Jenna.
  - iv. Provost Meeting on Mon, 3/28 at 1 pm - Me, Paolo, Jakub, Alexis will be attending.
  - v. General for next Weds: Mike Cunningham from Facilities presenting, President Jebb attending as a member of the public.
    - 1. This is a great meeting to ask Mike any questions we have about facilities-related things.
    - 2. Email to be sent to list down agenda items

3. Secretary of D&I Cristina NavarreteCarpizo : What do they plan on doing about elevators breaking? How are they planning to solve the issues of thermometers not working properly? (Heating/cooling)
  - a. Paolo: You can put in work orders for classrooms or for dorm rooms. We can ask facilities.
4. Senator Aime Lara: Is there an update to the lighting survey?
  - a. Do we have a public safety liaison? Ask Connor to ask Lisa.
    - i. Maybe we can ask facilities when they will be implementing the lighting.
5. Senate President Witte: How can we get in better touch with facilities in the future? Especially in regards to issues that need immediate attention like elevators and automatic door openers since we should be accessible to everyone. Is there a better method for us to communicate?

## V. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
  - i. Presidential Inauguration Committee Update
    1. Save the Date - Friday 10/14, 1 - 5 pm (tentative time frame), Bradley Center Arena.
    2. I am a member of the Program Subcommittee, and our responsibilities include the actual event itself (processional, speakers, music, reception, etc). We are coming up with ideas on how to make this fun. There are a lot of speeches that have to happen and we want people to have more fun and for it to be more lively. Incorporate activities, performances from different student groups, make it army somehow, giveaways? We have a lot of ideas. A public event - everyone is encouraged to come. Faculty have the option to hold classes or allow students to go in place of classes. Outside stakeholders, fonors, etc will be there. We will incorporate this with Oktoberfest somehow next year.
  - ii. Traditions Council Update
    1. First meeting, getting the council off of the ground
    2. Leah & I are two student reps, looking for more students (athlete, greek students, eof, student ambassadors, bsu, etc) Narrowing down student names to give to Dean Van Der Wall to solidify the members of this council.
    3. Focusing on a Mascot Program & the Fight Song
      - a. Leaning towards us having student staff members being paid to be the mascot and we have 2-3 costumes at a time. Have more consistency with the mascot so they can be at more events and we can see them more.
      - b. Want to incorporate fight songs back into community and athletic events.
      - c. any questions? Let me know. Paolo Miyashiro
  - iii. No Club Process Committee today
  - iv. I called Rob Doster yesterday about wifi - he said that ITS was aware of issues, and the Village is slated for upgrades this summer. Please fill out helpdesk tickets as issues arise.

- v. Provost Meeting Update
  - 1. Spoke about reorganization & effects on Academic Affairs
  - 2. Spoke about the Academic Calendar, common hours, difficulty of meeting requirements of classroom meeting minutes.
- vi. Provost Council - I will be representing SGA at tomorrow's meeting, and Anjali will be naming a permanent rep for the rest of the semester.
- vii. Announcement from Megan Johnston, Health Educator
  - 1. American College Health Association's National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA), which is opening next Monday (3/28) and closing 4/8.
  - 2. Survey on student health behaviors and experiences, including mental and emotional health, physical health, sexual health, substance use, and experiences of violence. All responses are confidential. [Webpage](#) for more info. Everyone who participates will be put in a raffle to receive a Nintendo Switch and the game Ring Fit Adventure.
  - 3. All students will receive an email on Monday with information about the survey and a link to participate.
- viii. If you're in an appointed position (Cabinet, Chief of Staff, Judicial Panel, etc) and are interested in staying in your position for 2022-2023, please reach out to [sgapresident@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgapresident@ramapo.edu) so that the next President can have a record of it.
  - 1. Paolo: We have NACH's name down as a potential performance for the Presidential Inauguration. If you're interested let me know. We will be reaching out.
- b. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i. No updates.
- c. Treasurer Victoria Columna
  - i. ABSENT
- d. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
  - i. Hope you all had a nice break! Before break I collected cabinet reports, and will be collecting again April 8
  - ii. Donation Day- Will be April 21 from 3-7pm at the baseball field. It is food and monetary donations, if anyone is interested volunteering there is a link on archway.
  - iii. Working with Dylan and Jenna for advertisement (Bulletin boards, graphics, etc)
  - iv. Send committee attendance
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs\*\*
  - i. ABSENT
- f. Secretary of Programming Jenna Falkenheim
  - i. Tabling yesterday was a big hit, thank you to Avery and Anjali for helping out! Sign up for [Relay For Life](#)- Dean of Students, Melissa Van Der Wall, graciously donated \$500 to our team, lets keep the fundraising going!! Reminder event is april 1st 6pm-6am bradley center- we still need [volunteers](#)!! Reminder if you are volunteering you HAVE to sign up and join the team
  - ii. I have officially started working on our Club Awards Banquet!! Save the date for May 1st 6-7!! More information and details will be coming within the next few weeks

1. Paolo: Is the banquet 6pm-8pm?
2. Yes but SGA is 6pm-7pm. Regular club awards are 7pm-8pm.
- iii. Next Wednesday 3/30, right after general, Programming and PR committee will be meeting in the office
- g. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
  - i. Jeffrey Dannhardt never responded to my follow up emails and will have to email again to see for availability for April
  - ii. I have to wait for Rachel to get back at me about getting Netflix rights for the Movie I'm not an easy man. Might not host the event for the next month if I do not get the rights on time. Marie Atties told me that it would be better for a man to take initiative of such a program; therefore, will ask Danny Gurniack to ask his predecessor to do so. Hopefully BMAD can meet with me and John Yao soon as he would like to integrate BMAD more permanently into orientation. Waiting for BMAD to get back to see when we can set up a meeting with them and John Yao. Hence, I informed Edward Seavers and Meghan Gregory of including BMAD for welcome week.
  - iii. Told Rachel to Address CSI and Amanda regarding the cultural collective idea. Want to reach out to multicultural fraternities and sororities to see if they're interested in this.
  - iv. Address concerns to Patricia Kalaidjian regarding transphobic experiences on counseling services and lack of training when it comes to none able body individuals. Patricia will address this with counseling services. Counseling is already overworked.
  - v. Planning to address the space committee to make Linden Hall into the mental health center. Some OSS students meet with their mentors outside of SGA because there is no space to meet. This will allow them to meet in a more quiet and safe environment.
  - vi. Questions/Concerns?
    1. Senate President Witte: Counseling - Is there any way that omre funding can be granted to counseling services so they can hire people who can deal with people with disabilities or have experience working with the transgender population? Maybe we can talk to President jebb.
    2. Senator Patricia: I can ask about that. I'm not sure what the issue is that counseling is not hiring people. Are they not paid enough? Do people not want to work there?
    3. Senator Sami: I had a meeting with DIC counsel yesterday and there is a vacancy in counseling services. They were discussing how to be inclusive in hiring so they can hire people who understand these different perspectives. I can bring that up again. They're trying to be more inclusive in hiring.
    4. Senate VP Kimberly: Patricia - I know we mentioned using students for the counseling center. Wouldn't that be not ethical?
      - a. We're talking about having professional staff members not students.
  - vii. Secretary of D&I Cristina: There are professional counselors and psychiatrists. They do have students at counseling services (trainees) who meet with all students initially for an interview process to see what services you need. That is only for the first meeting. The problem is that a staff member who specifically deals with one group such as BIPOC, they get overbooked and



some students have to meet with other counselors who do not specialize with that area/group. It's also about training the other counselors about other issues of inclusivity rather than only hiring one person.

1. Anne Eke: The trainees that are employed in the counseling department are masters or doctoral levels (not undergraduate) and they usually attend other institutions.
  2. Senator Ashley Gomez: The organization that counseling services has is not professional or helping the students. I don't know how this can be altered but the counseling service is not up to par with helping students to the best of its potential. There are very few people in the department. They need more people to be more accessible to students so they don't have to wait so long and so everything is more organized.
  3. Senate VP Santana: I thought that you only get a certain amount of therapy sessions and then you have to go outside. Did it change?
    - a. Secretary of D&I Cristina: I understand that you don't have unlimited sessions.
    - b. Senate VP Santana: In the intake meeting you're told you only get a certain amount of sessions. After that you're recommended to someone outside of the college.
  4. Senator Gomez: I think it's 8 sessions maximum but it differs per person. Then they refer you to someone outside the school.
- viii. For more information on counseling services please visit their website located [here](#).
- ix. Senate President Witte: Maybe we can have Dr. Green come to one of the sessions to address these concerns or Patricia can address them.
- x. It appears that the issue comes from the number of people working in counseling services. The issue is how do we recruit more people. Even Dr. Green was not sure about this.
- h. Secretary of Public Relations Dylan Solis
- i. ABSENT
  - ii. I'm sick right now - thanks to Jenna for reading my announcements - but I'll still be available through email, text, or GroupMe if anyone needs to reach me **Dylan Solis**
  - iii. Biggest priority right now is promoting the upcoming elections, reviewing the timeline and prepping graphics and posts
  - iv. Also planning to decorate the bulletin boards as soon as I'm back in action, reach out to me if you'd like to help with that
- i. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey
- i. ABSENT
  - ii. Meeting 1:00 pm on 3/28 with Laptop Upcycle director
  - iii. Email sent out to fraternities within the IFC, PFC, and UCGC in regards to a Sexual Assault Awareness co-sponsorship with the Women's Center to see if they'd like to participate
- j. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
- i. ABSENT
- k. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
- i. Refer to Jack's Public Comment announcements.

- l. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
  - i. The Delegate Affairs Committee Meeting will be virtually held this upcoming Friday at 2pm.
  - ii. Working on making an Instagram post about the Delegate Program with Dylan. Will most likely be coming out next week.
- m. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
  - i. ABSENT
- n. Chief Panelist\*\* (Speaking on behalf of Executive Panelist John Waite and Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger)
  - i. No announcements from the Judicial Panel.
- o. Graduate School Senator Andy Annucci
  - i. I just made a design request for a post about dual masters programs coming to Ramapo College
  - ii. I am in the final phase of planning my graduate mixer, now that I have a staff overseer. I just need to meet with the CSI office to get information about advertisement and event registration, etc.
- p. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak (Speaking on behalf of Student Trustee Alexis Meneses)
  - i. Higher Education Week went well. We did two tablings to spread the word about the position. Our panel was well attended (30 people) with great points made on higher education.
  - ii. We will be pushing hard to spread the word on social media and on campus about the AST search for the next two weeks. I am in touch with the Ramapo marketing department. I am open to any suggestions.
    1. President Patel: When is the date we're voting?
    2. We need the Senate to vote on 4/20. Alexis is going to send an email if she has not already.

## VI. New Business

- a. Kat McGee and Marie Attis-Springs presenting. Marie Attis-Springs Katherine McGee
  - i. OVP and Women's Center Happenings (Marie): Marie Attis-Springs
    1. Thank you SGA for supporting Women's Herstory Month.
    2. Thank you Misha for being a great liaison.
    3. SAAM - Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April
    4. 4/4 at 1pm in the Grove - SAAM Opening Proclamation. In April we will be taking donations to give to Healing Space. Whoever donates can wear jeans on 4/27 which is the Denim Day Fashion Show. To learn more information about Healing Space go to the website located [here](#).
    5. 4/7 Toxic Masculinity Movie Clips Event in Athletic Center. Headed by Dean Cooper and athletes to talk about toxic masculinity in current and past movies.
    6. 4/8 - RAINN day. Rain and Incest National Network - we show our support for sexual violence victims and learn more about sexual assault and intimate partner relationship issues. Tabling at the fishbowl at 1:30pm. Great opportunity to show your support.



7. April is about supporting survivors. This is a triggering month for some people.
8. (Kat) - There are increased rates of sexual violence and other reports that occur in April and the spring semester. Protect yourself if you or someone you love is a survivor. And think about being proactive in the roles you play as leaders and bystanders. Having that knowledge is an opportunity to think about your role. This is not only about awareness but also an opportunity to be proactive and be an active bystander. Marie and I are passionate but are not in the social circumstances you are in where there are opportunities to directly step in and be an active bystander. But you all have bystander opportunities.
9. (Marie) - the majority of students who come to me with relationship issues or are victims of sexual violence usually came with a friend, a student leader, or a peer. Your job as student leaders is an everyday job. If you need more information on how to be an active bystander please reach out to me.
10. 4/13 - partnering with Healing Space where they will come on campus and do the clothesline project. This is beautiful display of strength as it related to sexual violence and helping out survivors. Healing space will bring handpainted tshirts with affirmations related to sexual violence. There will be clotheslines all over campus. Students will participate. We have shirts and markers so you can create your own t-shirts. When healing space leaves they take their shirts and we put ours up. The rain date is 4/20 1pm-3pm in the grove.
11. 4/20 - stress night at Padovano Commons. Focuses on survivors but you don't have to be a survivor to come. Padovano Commons. We have slime, aromatherapy, etc. Great time to decompress before finals.
12. 4/27 at Friends Hall - Denim Day Fashion Show - We need more models. This is a day to talk about what Denim Day was. Denim Day comes from a case that argued that a woman's jeans were so tight that the perpetrator could not have removed the jeans without her participation. The survivor lost. There was an international activism event as a result. Now across the world on April 27th all different people recognize Denim Day. Phrase behind it is "don't touch my jeans unless you know what I mean." The case shows how much work has to be done. This is an international movement. A great day to talk about consent, bystander intervention, and more. An educational time. Healing space will be there as well.
13. This will all be on our website located [here](#).

ii. SAAM Focus Groups (Kat)

1. Director of Title IX and part of EDIC. Alum of Ramapo.
2. I appreciate all of the work you've done this semester. Misha is amazing as well.
3. Sexual Assault Awareness Month SAAM (April) is a campus-wide effort to look at safety and supporting survivors on our campus.
4. Focus Groups - looking at the issues of campus sexual assault. this is the first time we've done something in this particular way. We are looking at groups who are

disproportionally impacted by campus sexual violence. the last time we did a campus wide survey looking at sexual violence we found that athletes, sorority members, LGBTQ+, and women of color had disproportionately high rates of experience violence.

5. We want to look at various groups to see what is going on on our campus. WE want to understand what some of the unique factors and barriers are to understand what is going on with these students. We will also have a group that is open to all students.
6. 6 focus groups happening over the last 2 weeks of April. 6-8 people ideally. In spaces like OVP, women's center, etc. Casual environment so students feel comfortable coming and sharing. Anything that is shared won't be attached to you as an individual. WE won't be using names. We're offering \$25 Ramapo Dollars to students who come to these focus groups.
7. That will inform us on what kinds of events, programs, policies, structures we should be looking at and implementing going forward. Hoping to amplify voices. Over the next few weeks we'll ask you to advertise these dates and times of focus groups on social media. I'm excited to have these conversations. This will be run by some MSW students on campus.
8. These focus groups are the work of our Title IX committee made of students, faculty, staff, community members, etc who look at different aspects of Title IX. We're looking for new members. If you're interested, students are welcome and encouraged to join the Title IX committee. Please email me if you're interested. Kathleen Mcgee
  - a. Paolo: Do you need a specific SGA rep?
    - i. We have one but it's open to any and all students.

## VII. Public Comment

- a. Jack Nesmith:
  - i. Commuter Affairs Updates
    1. 4/4-4/8 - Commuter appreciation week. We would love to see some SGA presence at these events. We are working with SGA for the on
    2. 4/4 - Stuff-A-Plush with SGA at J.Lee's at 1pm. We're hoping people come out.
    3. 4/5 - 8:30am Commuter Breakfast
    4. 4/6 - Commuter appreciation Day in J.Lee's at 1pm. A lot of food (mozzarella sticks, chicken tenders), music, and other goodies.
    5. 4/7 - Tie Dye in the Arch Lawn area
    6. 4/8 - National Empanada Day. J.Lee's.
  - ii. Starting next week we're doing social media things on our instagram page. Voting for your top cartoons - this is kind of like March Madness. Select a top cartoon and brackets start next monday.
  - iii. Spread the word about all of these events.
- b. Anne Eke:

- i. Good Samaritan Policy: Everyone received a pack of lifesavers and a flier. We supported national Good Samaritan Day yesterday. This policy is important on our campus and we try our best to make it as easily accessible to all students as possible because we want them to do the right things and call for help. Feel free to pass this along to your friends. More information on this policy is located [here](#).
- ii. We have leadership classes and we recommend signing up for those 2-credit courses. We also offer these in the summer and winter.

## **VIII. Open Forum**

- a. (Leah): First debate club meeting today at 4pm in ASB-007
- b. (Janea): OVP Women's HerStoryTabling - next Tuesday 3/29 at 12pm at the top of the SC stairs. Candy bags.
- c. (Samikshya) DLE survey was sent out to everyone yesterday. Please fill out the survey located [here](#). Also, I have a meeting with the director of Cahill, Laquan Norman, after the meeting. Let me know if you have anything for her.
  - i. Secretary of D&I Cristina: I tried to fill out the survey and it did not work at some points. There are error messages. Maybe you can address that?
- d. (Paolo): CPB events for this week:
  - i. Thurs 3/24: Big Prize Auction, 9 - 11 pm, Friends Hall
  - ii. Fri 3/25: Harry Potter Stuff-a-Plush, 9 - 11 pm, Friends Hall (limited supplies so go early)
  - iii. Sat 3/26: Nacho Night, 9 - 11 pm, Friends Hall
- e. (Kimberly) New Member Announcement - Michael Castro
  - i. Law and Society Major - Junior
- f. Helen Witte: My office hours are from 3pm-5pm on Mondays. If you need to see someone's office hours you can refer to this [sheet](#).

## **IX. Adjournment**

- a. 2:27pm