

# 02/23/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 02/23/2022]

Meeting called to order on [02/23] at [1:06pm] in SC219.

## A. Roll Call

- i. President Anjali Patel (Late - Excused)
- ii. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya (Late - Excused)
- iii. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
- iv. Treasurer Victoria Columna (Absent - Excused)
- v. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro (Absent - Excused)
- vi. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino (Absent - Excused)
- vii. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy (Absent - Excused)
- viii. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano (Absent - Excused)
- ix. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
  - i. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey
  - ii. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
  - iii. Secretary of Programming Jenna Falkenheim
  - iv. Secretary of Public Relations Dylan Solis
- x. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni (Absent - Excused)
- xi. Chief Panelist\*\*
- xii. Executive Panelist John Waite
- xiii. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger
- xiv. Senate President Helen Witte
- xv. Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana
- xvi. Senate Secretary\*\*
- xvii. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Absent - Excused)
- xviii. CA School Senator: Grace Velarde
- xix. HGS School Senator: Rojja Kharel
- xx. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez
- xxi. TAS School Senator: Patricia Kalaidjian
- xxii. Senator Sannia Balgahoom
- xxiii. Senator Kristina Hollosi
- xxiv. Senator Cindy Lam (Absent - Excused)
- xxv. Senator Aime Lara (Late - Excused)
- xxvi. Senator Misha Mathai
- xxvii. Senator\*\*
- xxviii. Senator\*\*
- xxix. Senator Connor Sweeny (Absent - Excused)

- xxx. *Senator Bella Apgar*
- xxxi. *Senator Shanel Lopez*
- xxxii. *Senator Weina Xiao (Absent - Excused)*
- xxxiii. *Senator Samikshya Pokhare*
- xxxiv. *Graduate Senator Andy Annucci*
- xxxv. ***Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz) (Absent - Excused)***
- xxxvi. ***Alternate Student Governor\*\****
- xxxvii. ***Student Trustee Alexis Meneses***
- xxxviii. ***Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak***
  - 1. Present:
  - 2. Late:
  - 3. Excused:
    - a. *Senator Connor Sweeny\*\**
    - b. *Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni\*\**
    - c. *Senator Bella Apgar\*\**
    - d. *Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino\*\**
    - e. *Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu\*\**
    - f. *ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra\*\**
    - g. *Treasurer Victoria Columna\*\**
    - h. *Senator Cindy Lam\*\**
    - i. *Senator Weina Xiao*
    - j. *Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy*
    - k. *Chief of Staff Avery Cangro*
    - l. *Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano*
  - 4. Absent:

## **B. 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.*

## **C. Approving Minute Meetings**

- a. Minutes from 2/16/2022 (General)
  - i. moved by Rojja
  - ii. Seconded by Kimberly
  - iii. Vote (9-0-1)
  - iv. Minutes approved.

- b. Minutes from 02/14/2022 (Senate)
  - i. motion to approve
  - ii. moved by Rojja
  - iii. seconded by Ashley
  - iv. Vote (5-0-5)
  - v. Minutes approved.

#### **D. President's Announcements**

- a. Meeting with President Jebb this Friday afternoon — any last-minute agenda items?
  - i. Senator Samikshya: Why are we not allowed to have two jobs on campus?
  - ii. President Patel: That is a policy and it did change recently. There are some exceptions. Do we have a liaison for Cahill?
    - 1. It's Samikshya.
    - 2. Senator Samikshya: I talked to them and they said that you can't do anything because it's policy.
    - 3. VP Paolo: Can you share that link with us?
    - 4. Secretary of D&I Cristina: You can have more than one job. When It comes to multiple jobs you should look at what internships are available at Ramapo and whether a boss can help you figure that out.
    - 5. [Here](#) is a document with more information about the job policies at Ramapo.
    - 6. [Here](#) is a link to the website with additional information on student job policies at Ramapo.
- b. Future Series Session Recap
- c. EDI Council SGA Rep will be Senator-at-Large Samikshya Pokharel
- d. Attending Shared Governance Meeting on Mon, 2/28 at 3 pm
- e. Professional Headshots for SGA Update → emailed Carolyn and she's interested. It's up to us to decide the timing and dates. Will discuss later.
- f. SGA Alumni Networking Night Progress → making headway. have a list of alumni and work on logistics and invitations. Possibility is having it in Alumni and using all three spaces and rotating (especially with food). Depends on how many people RSVP.
- g. Reminders
- h. General will end at 2 pm so we can go to Diversity Convocation together in Berrie Center
  - i. Co-sponsorship requirement — event tomorrow at 6:30 pm; if planning to go, please write down name on [sign-up sheet](#)!
  - ii. Community service requirement/distinction from co-sponsorship requirement
    - 1. 4 hours per semester for SGA (We-Care, fundraising, etc. Community service) Different from Co-Sponsorship.

**E. Cabinet Reports**

- a. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
  - i. CPC meeting today at 3:45pm. If you're interested please come. We have a hard stop at 4pm so please be on time.
- b. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i. Working on clearing out/organizing the office. Supplies are slowly coming in. Going to be reaching out to Dylan to maybe design some SGA posters in the office.
  - ii. New update to Office Hours - please make sure to complete the QR code when completing office hours. From now on you will be emailed a copy of your response. If there is ever a question of whether your form was submitted please refer to that. Should there be any confusion on whether you completed your hours for a week you should just email me (Janea) a forwarded copy of your form response to clear up the confusion and stay in good status as per the [infraction policy](#).
- c. Treasurer Victoria Columna
  - i. Absent
- d. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
  - i. Hi everyone!
  - ii. Donation Day part 2 is resumed. Will be meeting with Kate and Dylan either this week or next week to discuss on-going details. If anyone is interested in helping me bring this together this semester please let me know ASAP!
  - iii. Please make sure to be sending committee meeting attendance
  - iv. Also this is just a side question but has someone been sending the senate minutes? I have not received them for the last 2 weeks and would like to publish them to the SGA website. Whoever has them can they please email them to me? Thank you
    - 1. Kimberly will email them to you.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino
  - i. ABSENT
  - ii. No updates
- f. Secretary of Programming Jenna Falkenheim
  - i. We are officially signed up for Relay for Life - go SGA warriors! Please use this [link to join our team](#) and fundraise money. As we get closer to the event which is April 1st, I will coordinate with you all about volunteering although I hope everyone joins and comes to the event.
  - ii. In conjunction with Greek life, I would like to do a "pie slam" sometime within the next couple weeks, waiting for Greek life to get back to JiJi.
  - iii. Donation Day with Avery:
  - iv. Po's Got Talent- how do we feel about making it April 21st? Reminder Relay for Life is April 1st and spring concert is April 28th
  - v. REMINDER PR and programming committee meeting is TODAY at 3:15 in the office after convocation
  - vi. Enjoy the weather!!
    - 1. Senate VP Santana: For the tabling fundraiser for the Pie event do you think it would be a good idea to do it for both the Student Relief Fund and Relay for Life?

2. Senator Misha: I will have a meeting to talk about the tabling. I think we should make them two different events.
3. Senate VP Santana: I think we always need more promotion for SGA so if we are doing the pie one I think we should do it for Relay for Life first and then maybe replicate it for the Student Relief Fund.
- vii. Talent show - discusses this during the CPB eboard meeting. A tentative date is sometime during the month of April. Not sure about updates but will have a set date next week.
- g. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
  - i. Dining Services & Diversity Update:
    1. Address Dining Services about Include more diversity regarding ethnic foods, religious dietary restrictions.
    2. The co-sponsorship with BSU was very successful and the student body enjoyed it. However, the staff kept asking BSU about how much they were enjoying the food, but the dining services staff did not survey students afterwards of the event as they said, which means they keep on changing the goal post.
  - ii. Male Students on Campus:
    1. Addressing fewer male students attend discussion groups of the women's center. I have emailed The Women's center, Misha Mathai, Jordan Dreye, Seway Kah, Cesar Leon, etc. To hopefully meet next Thursday and already contacted Anjali to receive a room which I'm waiting on confirmation.
    2. Also got in contact with Jiji Lindsey to possibly make community hours for fraternities to attend discussion groups in the women's center.
  - iii. Muslims students' concerns about the praying room were resolved.
  - iv. The startup on a mission to ensure everyone has access to menstrual products. Rachel Sawyer told me to ask Rick Brown since he was in the space committee, but instead I was redirected to Nicole Jones (Facilities) and Dan Roche (Capital Planning).
  - v. Senate VP Kimberly Santana: Danny Gurniak - you brought up this discussion about male representation on campus. Can you please help Cristina with this since you brought it up and you have a male perspective?
    1. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny: Yes.
    2. Secretary of D&I Cristina: Please send me your availability and we can schedule a time to meet.
    3. Senate President Witte: Let one of us know if you need help planning rooms to hold events in.
- h. Secretary of Public Relations Dylan Solis
  - i. Working on publicizing pretty much everything Jenna talked about so far
  - ii. Quick reminder that our committee meeting is today at 3:15 in the SGA Office, come if you'd like to assist with programming and publicizing all SGA events
  - iii. Two big matters of business: I have a PR survey to get a better idea of where people get their news on campus, hoping to publish that ASAP. Waiting for confirmation from Anjali and Paolo. Hoping to put that out by the end of this week.

- iv. I also made a quick Google Sheet to gather everyone's tagging info, just a few simple questions like what your preferred name is, whether you'd like any Instagram accounts tagged in SGA posts, whether you'd like your name attached to SGA posts, and a space to put your Insta account (for anyone who'd like to be tagged). I already filled in the column for everyone's positions, just find yours and fill in the row on the sheet. Mine is at the top to give an example. ***(For those who hold a title held by multiple people i.e. Senator at Large, just pick any one row).***
  - 1. Please complete this [google sheet](#).
  - 2. Secretary of D&I Cristina: it is a good idea for people to add their pronouns.
    - a. Smart idea. I'll add it. If anyone else has any feedback please let me know. [Dylan Solis](#)
- i. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey
  - i. Meeting with Amanda Riehl on March 7th at 11:00 am
  - ii. Coming up with incentives for Fraternity members to attend Women's Center group discussions. My liaison said she would not count attendance as community service.
  - iii. Working on events for Greek Pillars (Leadership, Service, Scholarship, Sisterhood/Brotherhood). This is happening from 4/18 - 4/22, and this is in replacement of Greek Week
  - iv. Reaching out to organizations to see their interest in co-sponsoring or hosting an event with SGA. The pie-slam contest would be a nice fundraiser for the WeCare program (Thank you, Misha)
  - v. Please let me know if anyone is interested in refurbishing computers, they will be financially compensated for their work.
    - 1. Dr. Brown: Point of clarification for LGBTQ+ discussion groups. The point of these are identity based discussion groups. People can only go to those groups if they subscribe to that identity.
    - 2. Secretary of D&I: The women's center told me that there is not a lot of involvement which is why they want male-identified people to attend.
      - a. Those are for programs. The identity based discussion groups specifically are for people who identify with that group. These are different from other programs.
      - b. *(example of programs are anger management, healthy relationships, etc)*
- j. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni [Danielle Bongiovanni](#)
  - i. ABSENT
  - ii. For those of you who still need your co-sponsorship requirement: Active Minds and SGA are hosting an event about combating climate anxiety tomorrow at 6:30pm in A220!
  - iii. If you haven't already taken the Fair Trade Awareness Survey (<https://cglink.me/2fF/s59762>) please do! It's already been shared through the Daily Digest, so now we're trying to gain attention by passing it from student to student. If the SGA Insta could share the link somehow that would be nice. I don't currently have a graphic for it.
  - iv. I'm meeting with Kirsten Loewrigkeit on 3/1 at 1:30 to discuss how plastic can be reduced at Ramapo
- k. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
  - i. Next committee meeting is March 7th at 1:15 pm in the SGA Office to discuss March events for Commuter Affairs
- l. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano



- i. Virtual Delegate Affairs Committee Meeting this Friday at 2pm. Link to meeting:  
<https://ramapo.webex.com/ramapo/j.php?MTID=mbc1e8c20e43d37818c859b9d5ff8fb84>
  - 1. Senate President Witte: Interested in doing a senator-delegate mentorship. Haven't heard from Ciara but I'm going to ask.
  - 2. Senator Misha: I talked to Ciara and right now she is waiting on finding a date and time that's available for all delegates to meet.
- ii. No further updates.
- m. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
  - i. Going to schedule a time with Kimberly and Helen to discuss the bills I proposed. Will hopefully be able to come to the Senate meeting this Monday.
  - ii. Speaking to Pat O'Connor after this meeting. Hoping to get an answer about RCNJ at the Statehouse event and about the most effective way to communicate with people about bills. Will update ASAP.
- n. Chief Panelist\*\* (Speaking on behalf of Executive Panelist John Waite and Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger)
  - i. John - No updates.
  - ii. Leah - No updates.
- o. Graduate School Senator Andy Annucci
  - A. Graduate Social Media:
    - a. I will be starting a graduate social media page for graduate students! (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook).
    - b. Meeting one of the social media managers tomorrow at 1pm to discuss this further.
    - c. This will be specifically aimed to allow graduate students to have a bigger presence on campus. I need assistance in terms of PR and networking through the different school departments.
    - d. My meeting with the campus social media manager will be this Thursday, so feel free to ask me any questions you like before then. This page can be accessible for both undergraduates in the 4+1 program and current graduate students
    - e. Will be contacting Dylan for help with PR and will be contacting Senators of schools for some insight.
  - B. I will be attempting to host an online mixer for the graduate students sometime in March or April. It will feature alumni that have graduated from the masters program. Afterwards, there will be a mixer component. Once again, this will be accessible to both 4+1 and current graduate students!

## **F. New Business**

- a. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: Is there a way to get the Pandemic Assessment Team to come to a future General meeting?
  - i. Senate President Witte: I have a meeting with Dean Van Der Wall tomorrow at 1pm so I can ask her. The PAT also goes through Anjali and Paolo so they can likely ask about that.
  - ii. Paolo: Is there a purpose to why you'd like them to come?

1. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: To discuss COVID policies at this point.
2. VP Paolo: We can ask them to come. If anyone has any specific questions or points for conversation that will help us out.

## **G. Public Comment**

- a. Student Leadership Applications (Jack Nesmith)
  - i. Now open for all student leaders to apply for.
  - ii. Due on Monday March 7th at 11:59pm.
  - iii. Link to the application is located [here](#).
  - iv. can save and come back to the application. There is a 2.5 GPA or higher and you must pick a professional staff member to be used as your reference.
  - v. Reach out to [leaders@ramapo.edu](mailto:leaders@ramapo.edu) or stop by my office if you have any questions.
- b. Cabinet Email:
  - i. Cabinet members please check your email for information about how we're running cabinet meetings in the future. Please put updates in the google doc linked in that email. If you do not add to this doc then you will be marked as absent. We will discuss more about what the cabinet meetings will look like moving forward. More information is in that email.
  - ii. Any questions? Let us know.

## **H. Open Forum**

- a. Helen: First liaison report is due on Monday at 8pm for Senators. If you need help or have questions please let me know [Helen Witte](#)
  - i. Point of Information by Jack Nesmith: please make sure your liaison reports are done. You have a multitude of people to ask if you need help but please keep that line of communication between you and your liaison open.
  - ii. VP Santana: If you need help from someone after 10pm you can also contact me. [Kimberly Santana](#)
- b. Meeting with Dean Van Der Wall tomorrow. Anything you want me to bring up?
  - i. Senator Samikshya: Independent research programs. Not many students know about that. I would love to start a program where progressor can present their research which can be a way for students to know more about it.
  - ii. VP Paolo: I'm not sure if that's Dean Van Der Wall's question but that is something we can do. It would be interesting to collaborate with the school Senators and Deans to figure out if this is a public event or we're encouraging faculty to hold these. It's an interesting idea to make students more aware of the independent research going on.
  - iii. Senator Hollosi: Maybe there's a way for Professors to share what their research is so that people could find it? (like a website)
    1. Senator Samikshya: Maybe we can have a recorded presentation that's uploaded somewhere for future reference.
    2. Senate VP Santana: It depends on if we can do this because if it's private research the school or dean can not force professors to publicize it. but if you want to you can work with Patricia.
  - iv. If anything comes up between now and tomorrow at 1pm please bring it up to me.
- c. Professor Edward Shannon [Edward Shannon](#)



- i. FAEC wants to create an open depository for that across the campus. If you go to the library right now you can see a collection of recently published faculty books. We're trying to get that where you can go to a web resource and look to see what research people are doing across campus. That's in the works and maybe I can go to the FAEC to see what I can do about getting feedback for you all.
- d. Graduate School Senator Andy Annucci: As of late there's a big influx of food ending up in the school's pond. Maybe we can start an initiative to reduce waste and trash. Campus should be taken care of.
  - i. Senator Kristina Hollosi: I noticed that as well and APO is doing a clean up for that today. Other organizations have noticed that as well and are hoping to do something about it.
- e. Senator Samikshya: There is a virtual career fair and we were wondering if we can promote that on social media. (3/2). Around 40 companies will be coming. Everyone is encouraged to be there. There is another event on 3/29 in Alumni from 6pm-8pm if everyone is interested.
- f. Senate President Helen Witte: Next week is the job fair...
  - i. President Patel: It does cut into the General time. Please fill out the missed meeting form and you can be excused for that meeting but you should be able to attend both.
  - ii. VP Paolo: The format is where you sign up for virtual slots. If possible please sign up for time slots that don't conflict with General or Cabinet meetings. Please sign up sooner rather than later.
- g. Senate VP Kimberly Santana: Liaison suggestions - maybe get questions from liaisons to bring up during General meetings.

## **I. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.