9/29/2021 SGA General Meeting Agenda

[Wednesday, 9/29/2021]

**Meeting called to order on [9/29] at [1:04pm] at H129.**

# **Roll Call**

* 1. President Anjali Patel
  2. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
  3. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
  4. Treasurer Victoria Columna (Absent - Excused)
  5. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
  6. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino
  7. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
  8. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
  9. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Trisha Naawu (Not yet confirmed by Senate)\*\*
  10. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Danny Vazquez (absent)
  11. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
  12. Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
  13. Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni (Absent - Excused)
  14. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
  15. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo
  16. Executive Panelist John Waite Absent - Unexcused
  17. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger
  18. Senate President Helen Witte
  19. Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana (here)
  20. Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero
  21. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Absent - Excused)
  22. CA School Senator: Grace Velarde
  23. HGS School Senator: Rachel Schmidt
  24. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez
  25. TAS School Senator: Serina Sajjad
  26. Senator Sannia Balgahoom (sonia)
  27. Senator Brandon Han
  28. Senator Kristina Hollosi
  29. Senator Cindy Lam (Absent - Excused)
  30. Senator Aime Lara
  31. Senator Misha Mathai
  32. Senator Mariam Tinawi Absent - Unexcused
  33. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
  34. Senator Rojja Kharel
  35. Senator Rylie Klain (Absent - Excused)
  36. Senator Connor Sweeny
  37. Senator \*\*
  38. Senator \*\*
  39. Student Governor Rohan Dhote\*\* (Absent - Excused)
  40. Alternate Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz)\*\*
  41. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses \*\*\*
  42. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak (present)
      1. Present:
      2. Late:
      3. Excused:
         1. Senator Rylie Klain
         2. Treasurer Victoria Columna
         3. Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni
         4. Student Governor Rohan Dhote
         5. Senator Cindy Lam
         6. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra
      4. Absent:
         1. Senator Mariam Tinawi Absent
         2. Executive Panelist John Waite Absent

1. **Mission Statement (read by TAS School Senator: Serina Sajjad)**

*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.*

# **Approving Minute Meetings**

* 1. Minutes from 9/22/21
     1. Motion by Senate President Helen Witte
     2. Moved by SGA Member
     3. Seconded by TAS School Senator: Serina Sajjad
     4. Vote 10-0-1
        1. Minutes approved.

# **President's Announcements**

* 1. Introduce and congratulations to Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
  2. SGA reps for Ramapo Health and Safety Committee and Multicultural Center Committee will be selected in coming days
  3. Senate will be confirming Secretary of D & I appointee, Trisha Naawu, at the next Senate Meeting, on Monday, 10/4
  4. Faculty Assembly (FA) reps will be attending upcoming General Meetings
     1. If you want to be an FA representative sign up [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JEdcg5hANzj7PCuh1xNFUKBe5xbuZF3NlPH8mp867bE/edit?usp=sharing).
  5. ASGA Accounts
     1. We’re all members and Anjali will send a roster to her coordinators so everyone can sign up and have access to training, resources, etc.
     2. If you’ve been a member of SGA already you already have an account.
  6. Keep up the great work!
  7. State of the College: We got a lot of shoutouts for SGA. Some specific members were even shouted out.
     1. Comment by Dr. Rick Brown: President Jebb commended us for how we model ourselves during difficult discussions. She held us as a model on civil and respectful discourse.
  8. Meeting Updates:
     1. Pandemic Assessment Team Meeting- The concern of the lack of face coverings were discussed as brought up at the previous SGA meetings.
        1. More reminders will be sent out about this policy.
     2. Board of Trustees Meeting- Reports from me and Student Trustee Meneses were received very well.
        1. Congratulations to the BOT Committee reps for 2021-22!
           1. Mission Fulfillment: Student Governor Rohan Dhote and Alternate Student Governor Naz Tiyaloglu
           2. Audit: ASB School Senator Chris Vedra
           3. Human Capital, Financial Resources, and Planning: Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
     3. Shared Governance Meeting- Input from me and Senate President Witte was extremely valued; expecting a strong college strategic plan and shared governance structure.
  9. Upcoming Meetings and Events:
     1. Nepal Consulate Welcome Lunch Friday, 10/1 at 12 pm
     2. **MANDATORY** SGA Fall Training Sun, 10/3 at 5 pm located at Friends Hall; please send me meaningful songs to you for playlist activity. ([apatel20@ramapo.edu](mailto:apatel20@ramapo.edu))
     3. Post-College Address Discussion will be next Weds, 10/6 at 1:15pm
     4. Diversity Day next Weds, 10/6 at 12 pm, SGA will be tabling
     5. Save the date: Oktoberfest from 10/14-10/16 - Need all hands on deck!
     6. Pridefest, 10/20 from 12-4 pm, SGA is also tabling for Pridefest
     7. At General on 10/27, Megan Johnston from CHCS will be presenting
     8. Remembrance Day, 11/3 at 2:30 pm; RSVP due 10/22. You can RSVP [**here**](https://www.ramapo.edu/remember/2021-remembrance-day-rsvp-form/?hide=false).
  10. Important Reminders:
      1. Ramapo Foundation Scholarship Apps due Mon, 10/18
      2. Mandatory COVID Training due Weds, 10/20

# **Cabinet Reports**

* 1. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
     1. Club Process Committee meeting today at 3 pm in A223. Only 1 club. This should only take 15 minutes. Please show :)
        1. Please attend if you are not a member of Senate.
     2. If you know anyone that is interested in starting a club, please direct them to [SGAClubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:SGAClubs@ramapo.edu)
     3. There is now a column in the [**roster**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QCU5wB5mSVAi3GJZTUxcLId7jiTsNizGuHaJ70HPB7Y/edit?usp=sharing) to RSVP to training. Please do this by Thursday, September 29 so we can order food.
  2. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
     1. Mailboxes:
        1. Mailboxes are made. Please let me know if you don’t have one or I misspelled your name and I will gladly remake them for you.
     2. Missed Meetings:
        1. Please fill out this [**google form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdD50qXar2FkBsW1uwwctmgS342Rx57BftWSZD5AEkckxa5EA/viewform?usp=sf_link) for all future meetings that you plan on missing. (This only includes General, Cabinet, and EBoard Meetings). I will try to send out this form every Tuesday. If I do not send them out on Tuesdays, please try to fill it out from the previous week’s meeting minutes or agenda.
        2. Point of Inquiry:
        3. Point of Clarification: [Paolo Miyashiro](mailto:pmiyashi@ramapo.edu): This only applies to General, Cabinet, and E-Board.
  3. Treasurer Victoria Columna
     1. Absent
  4. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
     1. No updates.
     2. Working on the first cabinet member liaison report.
     3. Checking in with Committee leaders and making sure they’re starting to meet.
  5. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino
     1. Met with provost Gualden
     2. Next meeting is 10/18 @ 1pm
     3. Spring Semester Updates
        1. New register process using an app called Course Mod.
        2. More hybrid and online options.
        3. No more virtual classes will be available for Spring Semester.
        4. Online Graduation applications will be available soon.
        5. Any wifi or webex concerns can be brought up to Diane (assistant to provost Gaulden) or put in a ticket at the help desk.
     4. Provost council meeting: reviewed policies. SGA is welcome to bring any suggestions on policies.
     5. Academic Affairs Committee meeting this Thursday, September 30 from 8-9pm in the Birch Mansion.
     6. Points of clarification by Danny Gurniak:
        1. No more virtual classes means what?
           1. Pre-pandemic mode.
        2. Right now 50% are online and 50% in person. Do you know the percentage?
           1. not right now
     7. Anjali Patel: Potential policy update to ask about: Enforcing
     8. Point of Inquiry: Will there be an announcement made about classes being virtual? How is it being sent out?
        1. October 15 - November 8 through email
     9. Point of Clarification by VP Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya: Policy about having webcams on is not a policy but a recommendation. If anything prevents you from keeping your webcam on then let the professor know.
     10. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: When will the class schedule be put out?
         1. Beginning of November. Can look at specific dates in her cabinet report.
     11. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black: Is the no more virtual classes subject to change based on the status of COVID?
         1. Yes
     12. Point of Inquiry by Senator Brandon Han: Going back pre pandemic means classes that should have been in person have no virtual option?
         1. Yes but there will also be more options for hybrid and online courses.
     13. Point of Inquiry by Senate President Helen Witte: When you’re talking about virtual classes you mean only through canvas and not webex?
         + 1. Yes. Online is completely asynchronous and all on canvas. Hybrid is half synchronous and asynchronous. Virtual delivery is always an option that is open.
  6. Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
     1. OktoberFest is now the 14-16 of October
     2. Was supposed to meet with Amanda and Linda from events and conferences but Linda was busy so she did not meet with her. She believes Amanda met with her on Friday. Waiting to hear back from Amanda about how the meeting went. We know that Haunted Mansion is likely to be on Friday night. Waiting to hear back from Alpha Psi Omega for more information on that.
     3. Glowfest on Friday Night (10/15): The name is TBD. Trying to make it as little waste as possible .
        1. Any suggestions on making it sustainable please let me know.
     4. In contact with Stephanie in regards to Founders day.
     5. Still working on shirts.
     6. Point of Inquiry by Anjali: No scheduled events on Sunday?
        1. Correct.
     7. Overview:
        1. Thursday 10/14 at 8pm - screening football game
           1. Will probably be pizza.
        2. Friday 10/15 - Fall Frenzy
           1. Kind of like the block party. There will be late night, blow up things, and more.
        3. Saturday 10/16 - Carnival
           1. SGA Carnival from 12pm-4pm
           2. Morning is family day - not related to SGA

Point of Inquiry by Senate VP Kimberly Santana: Who is in charge of Family Day?

CSI and Student Success - Eddie Seavers and Meghan Gregory

* + - * 1. Break for an hour and then hopefully 7-9pm will be the Haunted Mansion in birch
        2. 9-11pm will be Glowfest in the Grove
      1. If anyone has thoughts on food please let me know. We are trying to keep it as inclusive as possible with keeping in mind allergies and dietary restrictions.

Suggestion: Empanadas

* 1. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Trisha Naawu (Not yet confirmed by Senate)
     1. Not yet confirmed\*\*
  2. Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni
     1. Absent.
  3. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Danny Vazquez
     1. Absent.
  4. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
     1. Some E-Boards and people associated with Ramapo Green are creating advertisement slides for the big tv.
     2. If you want any information on those clubs or how to join them look there.
     3. TCA meeting this Thursday, September 30, at 1:30pm
        1. One topic of discussion is getting a student representative from the general student body.
     4. Ramapo Green needs graphic designers for social media and websites. Look out for info in daily digest.
     5. Students for No Waste Conference - Please see Danielle for more information. ([dbongiov@ramapo.edu](mailto:dbongiov@ramapo.edu))
        1. If we get 15 students to register by a certain date we can get a free media kit.
        2. If interested, reach out to Danielle and she’ll share a code where you can register for free.
           1. Comment by Elizabeth: Have you tried going to roadrunner design? Good thought to try if you haven’t.
           2. Comment by VP Paolo: Roadrunner design tools can help.
           3. Comment by Senate VP Kimberly: Canva can help.
  5. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
     1. Commuter barbeque and stuff a plush were a success.
     2. Commuter affairs wanting to do another Stuff A Plush in Spring.
     3. Commuter mentor program is underway. Jack is working on getting that together.
     4. Commuter lockers in the C-D wing area are being worked on so we can rent them out to commuter students.
        1. Comment by Dr. Rick Brown: Shoutout to Jack and Dawn. The Commuter Barbeque had 75-80 people in attendance.
     5. Dumpling Day: Was this past Monday in J.Lees. We had 80 dumplings and all were gone by the end of the program. We had a visit from President Jebb.
  6. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
     1. Held the first committee meeting on the 20th → was an introduction meeting.
     2. Had a lot of communication issues due to wifi.
     3. Will be changing the meetings to Wednesdays from 12pm-1pm.
        1. Working on reserving a classroom to make them in person.
     4. Next meeting: talking about projects delegates have in mind. This will take place on October 6th.
     5. Working with Samantha to make a post beforehand.
     6. Point of Inquiry by Senator Brandon Han How many delegates do we have?
        1. So far we have three.
  7. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
     1. Spoke to O’Conner about RCNJ at the statehouse. He is open to doing the event and it will most likely be in march during budget negotiations for the Legislature.
     2. Once we get the okay that we’re doing it he wants to do it his way.
     3. Working on language for advocacy for elements so the ALYSSA act.
     4. New legislation: Is pretty scarce at the moment given campaign season for NJ legislature and governor. As more ideas come our way I will be in touch about things we might want to lend out support to.
  8. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak (Speaking on behalf of Student Trustee Alexis Meneses)
     1. The Board of Trustees meeting went well. Alexis and Jakub are doing the CASH committee but looking for more members to sign up [**here**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w442K1lQ2O58QblRv8-9Q3RbCmexoGRvUy5fytlsraw/edit?usp=sharing).
        1. We meet once a month in the Fall. In the Spring we meet twice a month.
     2. If you want anything addressed to the board let us know.
     3. Point of Information by President Patel: The Student Trustees have a lot of say so recommend talking to them if you want to see something change in the college.
  9. Chief PanelistAngelina Farallo (Speaking on behalf of Executive Panelist John Waite and Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger)
     1. No new updates as of right now.
     2. If anyone wants to bring anything to the Judicial Panel please reach out to me. ([afarallo@ramapo.edu](mailto:afarallo@ramapo.edu))
  10. Student Governor Rohan Dhote (Speaking on behalf of Alternate Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz) (Absent)

# **New Business**

* 1. Preparation for SGA Training (Anjali)
     1. Please send me song(s) for playlist activity ([apatel20@ramapo.edu](mailto:apatel20@ramapo.edu))
     2. Anything specific you would like addressed?
        1. Comment by Senate VP Kimberly Santana: Robert’s Rules.
        2. Comment: What does a bill mean, how to work on a bill, how to form a bill. Bills are how we change things. Use your power.
  2. Let Helen or Anjali know if you have anything you want to go over during New Business.
  3. SGA Office Hours Promotion (Anjali)
     1. We want to draw more students to the SGA Office
     2. Halloween Decor, Candy in Office
     3. More ideas on how to draw students in?
        1. Comment by Senator Connor Sweeny: But a sign saying what we can help them with so they know what they’re coming in for.
        2. Comment by HGS School Senator: Rachel Schmidt: A whiteboard with a poll asking people things so they can come by.
        3. Comment by Dr. Rick Brown: One of the things the SGA used to do was give Commuters a ride and they had to talk about one idea for the SGA. A few years ago we put a table out in front of the SGA Office and in order to get a bagel or a donut you had to talk to the SGA member for five minutes and give feedback. Bring the office out into the hallway.
        4. Comment by Senator Kristina Hollosi: I remember doing the tabling in 2019 and being outside of the office.
        5. Point of Inquiry by VP Paolo: What happened to the golf cart?
           1. It wasn’t the SGA golf cart. But think about taking the meetings on the road to fill up the audience. Example: go to residence halls. Want to take it to people instead of waiting for people to come to you.
        6. Comment by Senate President Witte: We should take it outdoors too.
        7. Comment by Jack Nesmith: When you think of SGA what does it mean to you? A great way to connect with people.
        8. Point of Inquiry by HGS School Senator: Rachel Schmidt: Is there an SGA tank top?
           1. Ask Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni if she wants to do that.
        9. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: How is residence life working? For people looking to do housing in the spring is it going to be like now where there are no new units available? People need to be placed in already occupied units?
           1. Point of information by President Patel: Housing is for the school year so most likely the answer is no. Helen, can you ask Dean Van Der Wal?
        10. Point of Clarification by SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez: Right now we won’t have any new housing open? Currently only Overlook is closed. So if someone is looking to dorm in the Spring and hasn’t had housing in the Fall they might be placed based on circumstances of available rooms.
            1. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: Is there any way to see where there are available rooms?

SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez: It’s at the Supervisors discretion.

* + - 1. Point of Inquiry by President Patel: If we were to get more RA’s would Overlook potentially become an open residence hall in the Spring?
         1. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez: We don’t have a supervisor so even if we had enough RA’s probably not. Aside from Overlook everything else is open.
      2. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: Can people request their own housing unit in Spring?
         1. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez: I’m not sure.
      3. Comment by Dawn: Is there a liaison for residence life? We need to get someone on that ASAP
         1. No.
         2. Comment by President Patel: We also need ITS Liaison
    1. Presidential Coin Contest (Anjali)
       1. Please see this link: ​​<https://www.ramapo.edu/president/presidential-coin/>
       2. President Jebb gives coins for good work. She wants to do something at Ramapo College to give to people for their good work and accomplishments. The college is having a coin design contest and we were asked specifically if members of SGA (individually or as a whole) want to put in a submission for a design.
          1. Point of Inquiry by Senator Connor Sweeny: Does the winner get a coin?

We don’t know yet.

* + - * 1. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy: What should be on the coin?

Anything. You can design it.

* + - * 1. Point of Inquiry by Kimberly Santana: You should put a groundhog.
      1. The last day is October 20th by midnight.
         1. Point of Inquiry by Senator Kristina Hollosi: Is it just SGA or anyone?

It’s open to anyone.

Point of Inquiry by Kimberly Santana: If it’s on behalf of SGA do we vote on it?

Yes

If that’s the case we want the design by October 18th by 8:00pm.

* + - 1. Point of Suggestion by President Patel: If you’re interested, make some drafts and bring them forward to meetings.
         1. Comment by Anderson: Giving a coin is a huge honor. Really go for the opportunity to create a coin because that’s huge.
    1. Liaisons:
       1. Every senator already picked their Liaison. Before we allow SGA to pick their Liaisons I want to confirm that Senators are good in the ones that they pick? (All good). For the rest of SGA you can now pick leftover liaisons. Do not erase anyone that already has one.
       2. Inform Helen and Kimberly if you’re a Committee chair and want to choose a specific liaison.
    2. Liaison Training: going over reports will be an aspect of training on Sunday October 3 from 5:00pm-8:00pm.
    3. Senators went around the room and said what Liaison they have.
    4. Comment by Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero: I can be a liaison for Residence Life.

1. **Public Comment**
   1. N/A

# **Open Forum**

* 1. Cabinet, please fill out the [**Sheet Meeting Doc**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gvmkizZgg7vp1Kf5DtGDyayn4gS3-7QD70pUN5QOb3Y/edit?usp=sharing)! (Anjali)
     1. Write any questions for each other on that document.
     2. Deadline is by the end of today.
  2. BLM Colloquium tonight, email will be sent out right now! (Anjali)
     1. Nicole Agard from the Office of EDIC requested that we promote this.
     2. Check emails and try to attend.
  3. Community Service Opportunities? - Helen
     1. SGA used to do a lot of community service.
     2. Would be great to do it outside of college. Good way to bond as a team.
     3. Optional. Open to everyone.
     4. Would be run by Senate President Helen Witte working with Jack Nesmith.
     5. Some options:
        1. Teaneck Tutoring - middle school or high school kids in a specific subject.
        2. Horse farm
        3. MEVO Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization - Farming. Helps out and is a nonprofit.
           1. Comment by Jack Nesmith: We encourage all student leaders to get active in community service. There's a lot of opportunities locally. We can look at organizations that other clubs on campus have partnered with. It’s awesome to work within our college but let’s try to do things outside in the community as well. We have an on-campus food pantry. It’s also great to do fundraisers for WeCare and Food Pantry on campus.

Reach out to Dylan on the CCEC team.

* 1. Google Drive and Calendar - Senate VP Kimberly Santana
     1. Everyone is now in the google calendar and google drive.
     2. If you need a specific document from the google drive let me know and I can help you look for it.
  2. Updates on the Couch - Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
     1. The office couch will likely be covered by a Twin XL sheet.
     2. Instead of buying something we are asking people to donate.
  3. Diversity Day - Senator Aime Lara
     1. If you tell us your backgrounds we can get some flags with your name on it.
     2. Point of Clarification by President Ptel: We’re diversifying the table for GSA so if you bring in something from your background that would be cool.
     3. Comment by Kimberly Santana: I can add something to the roster by Friday, October 1. Everyone please fill your nationality on the [**roster**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QCU5wB5mSVAi3GJZTUxcLId7jiTsNizGuHaJ70HPB7Y/edit?usp=sharing) by then.
     4. Suggestion by Dr. Brown: Diversity day is broad in terms of identity. You can add something like disability awareness, LGBTQ+, faith, etc. It’s however someone might choose to identify.
  4. Point of Inquiry by President Anjali Patel: Did anything ever come from setting up a Veterans Student Organization:
     1. No. We can work on that.
  5. Senator Aime Lara: Any questions for financial aid please let me know. ([alara1@ramapo.edu](mailto:alara1@ramapo.edu))
  6. TAS School Senator: Serina Sajjad:
     1. My name has not been on the roster. Can we please fix this?
  7. VP Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya:
     1. Thursday: CPB: Scoops and sprinkles in Friends Hall tomorrow Thursday, September 30th at 9pm
     2. Friday October 1: Karaoke Night
     3. Saturday October 2: Video games in J. Lees
        1. If you want to be more involved, join the committee and reach out to Angelina. ([afarallo@ramapo.edu](mailto:afarallo@ramapo.edu))

# **Adjournment**

* 1. Motion to adjourn at 2:38pm
  2. Moved by VP Kimberly Santana
  3. Seconded by SGA member.
     1. Motion adjourned.

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