11/03/2021 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday 11/03/2021]

**Meeting called to order on [11/3] at [1:10 pm] at Alumni Lounges.**

# **Roll Call**

* 1. President Anjali Patel
  2. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
  3. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
  4. Treasurer Victoria Columna
  5. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
  6. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino (Absent)
  7. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy (Late - Excused)
  8. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
  9. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
  10. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Danny Vazquez
  11. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
  12. Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
  13. Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni
  14. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
  15. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo
  16. Executive Panelist John Waite (Absent - Excused)
  17. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger (Absent - Excused) **FA Rep**
  18. Senate President Helen Witte
  19. Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana
  20. Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero
  21. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Late-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
  27. Senator Kristina Hollosi (Late - Excused)
  28. Senator Cindy Lam (Absent - Excused)
  29. Senator Aime Lara
  30. Senator Misha Mathai
  31. Senator Mariam Tinawi (Absent - Excused)
  32. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
  33. Senator Rylie Klain
  34. Senator Connor Sweeny
  35. Senator Senator Rojja Kharel
  36. Senator Bella Apgar (Absent - Excused)
  37. Senator Shanel Lopez (Absent - Excused)
  38. Student Governor Rohan Dhote (Absent - Excused)
  39. Alternate Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz)
  40. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses (Absent - Excused)
  41. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak (Absent - Excused)
      1. Present:
      2. Late:
         1. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
         2. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra
      3. Excused:
         1. Student Governor Rohan Dhote
         2. Senator Cindy Lam
         3. Senator Bella Apgar
         4. Senator Shanel Lopez
         5. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak
         6. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses
         7. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger
         8. Senator Mariam Tinawi
         9. Executive Panelist John Waite
      4. Absent:
         1. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino

1. **Mission Statement** read by Senator Sannia Balgahoom

*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 10/27/21
     1. Motion to approve be Senate President Witte.
     2. Moved by Senator Ashley Gomez
     3. Seconded by Senate VP Santana
     4. Vote 12-0-0
     5. Minutes approved.

# **President's Announcements**

* 1. Black Solidarity Week
     1. Is this week. Please attend to show SGA support. The list of events is in the SGA groupme chat, the daily digest, and archway. If you attend an event it can count as an office hour if you message Janea.
  2. Legislative Panelist [Leah Berlinger](mailto:lberling@ramapo.edu) is the SGA rep for today’s FA Meeting
     1. She will take notes and come back to report what she heard to the SGA.
  3. Remembrance Day at 2:30 pm today
     1. First part is at the Sharp Theater in the Berrie Center
  4. Reminder to not have side conversations during General Meetings.
  5. Spring registration opens next Monday, Nov 8th
     1. Everyone should be registering for courses.
     2. Make sure you’re aware of this.
     3. Emails were sent out by the registrar. Look up courses available on web self-service. Can find the link to that [**here**](https://web.ramapo.edu/).
        1. Question by Senator Patricia Kalaidjian: What time is that?
        2. President Patel: Your registration depends on how many credits you have. Not the same for all freshmen. The email sent by the registrar says your specific day and time.
        3. Point of Clarification by Senator Ashley Gomez: Sent by registrar.
  6. Founder’s Day is next Wednesday 11/10; General will be canceled.
     1. Everyone should attend since it will be taking place during General.
     2. Sign up to volunteer [**here**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/183qRYbWns_FmnhZwWim_rE4mmdjDekeoqxs05-S7YS8/edit?usp=sharing).
     3. Comment by Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: There is something on Veterans Days during the Men's Basketball Game season opener on Wednesday I think. Please go as a member of SGA.
        1. Wednesday 11/10 at 7:30 p.m. - Men’s Basketball vs. Sarah Lawrence at the Bradley Center.
        2. Dean Van Der Wall: Event for Veterans in the sky box is by invitation only. Can still come to the Men's Basketball Game.

# **Cabinet Reports**

* 1. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
     1. Club Process
        1. Club Process Committee meeting at 3pm.
        2. If you know anyone looking to start a club please refer them to [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
     2. Working on Constitution and Bylaws to be done by the end of semester.
     3. Office Hour Completion
        1. Starting this week if you miss two weeks worth of your required office hours, you will be referred to the Judicial Panel.
        2. Please attempt to complete hours during your time required. We know that things may come up throughout the week so as long as you do your constitutionally required hours per week you’re good!
  2. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
     1. Thanksgiving
        1. Decorations going up around the office.
        2. Working on the turkey hand board we’re going to put outside of the SGA office.
        3. Still looking for suggestions to get students to come into the office.
     2. Name Tags
        1. Are done now.
     3. New Members
        1. Please put all of your information into the SGA roster located [**here**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QCU5wB5mSVAi3GJZTUxcLId7jiTsNizGuHaJ70HPB7Y/edit?usp=sharing) so that we can update the birthday board and things like that.
     4. Office Supplies
        1. Looking to put in a request for supplies next week.
        2. Let me know if you want anything added to this list.
     5. No other updates.
  3. Treasurer Victoria Columna
     1. If you want to contact her, please email here [vcolumna@ramapo.edu](mailto:vcolumna@ramapo.edu)
     2. There will be a google form for budget requests. More information to come at the next meeting.
     3. If you’re requesting money please let your leadership know. For example: If you’re a senator let Senate Leadership know. For committees, go to your committee leaders.
     4. Point of Clarification by VP Miyashiro: If you oversee your own budget it’s more of a check-in instead of approval.
  4. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro
     1. Edible Cookie Dough Night
        1. Has been approved.
        2. Waiting for co sponsorship to be approved
     2. Donation Day
        1. Have a follow up meeting today. Looking to solidify a date for Donation Day in November.
  5. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino
     1. ABSENT
  6. Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
     1. Founder’s Day
        1. Next Wednesday 11/10
        2. Afternoon event is SGA event from 1pm-3pm
        3. Volunteers meet at 12:45pm.
        4. Volunteer sign up sheet located [**here**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/183qRYbWns_FmnhZwWim_rE4mmdjDekeoqxs05-S7YS8/edit?usp=sharing).. Need a few more sign ups.
        5. Location is no longer in the Grove. Is now outside the Learning Commons.
        6. Small change in remarks. Anjali is now introducing Lee Keller - director of the library. They will give remarks. President Jebb will follow. Then cake cutting.
     2. Trivia
        1. Will be in Monday’s In the Loop.
        2. Feel free to enter. If you get a certain amount right you have to be at the event to claim the prize if your name is drawn.
        3. Light refreshments.
     3. Comment by Dr. Rick Brown: We have swag to give out that day. Notebooks, etc. One for each of us members of the SGA as well. Come to support. First thing given out with Learning Commons information on it.
  7. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
     1. First Committee Meeting today at 4pm in the SGA office.
     2. Talking to Rachel Sawyer to create a more inclusive calendar with CPB.
  8. Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni
     1. Bulletin Board
        1. Working at 4pm with Misha on the bulletin board. Post-it notes with positivity.
        2. Working on promoting office hours.
           1. When you’re in office hours send Sam a picture.
        3. Traffic in SGA office
           1. Promote a scavenger hunt
           2. If you put your name down we can put you in a raffle.
           3. Can do candy jars - guessing how much is in it.
        4. Office Hours
           1. Question for Leadership: I know I should promote office hours - how do you want me to do that?
           2. President Patel: It can be a story highlight with name, highlight, position, and time.
           3. I need people to send me pictures then.
        5. Will be promoting Founders Day.
        6. Comment by Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black: We can raffle off crewnecks.
           1. Come to the SGA Office - write your name down or suggestions.
           2. Comment by VP Miyashiro: we can do tabling as well.
           3. Comment by Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black: I believe there are four sweatshirts.
           4. Comment by Senate VP Santana: If we do a tabling we won't get people to come to the office.
           5. Comment by Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black: We can do a tabling directing people to the office.
           6. Point of Inquiry by President Patel: Is merch a part of it?

Secretary Janea: It wasn’t but it can be.

* + - * 1. Comment by President Patel: Pens, phone sleeves, hand sanitizers, etc.
        2. Point of Information by Dr. Brown: I would suggest talking with Eddie Seavers and Amanda Riehl. [eseavers@ramapo.edu](mailto:eseavers@ramapo.edu) [riehl@ramapo.edu](mailto:riehl@ramapo.edu)
        3. Comment by Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano: Two delegates signed up for the roster after we purchased Oktoberfest sweatshirts. Maybe the sweatshirts can be given to them.

Anthony (Size M) [adangel4@ramapo.edu](mailto:adangel4@ramapo.edu)

Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black: Have Anthony get in touch with me. [eblack2@ramapo.edu](mailto:eblack2@ramapo.edu)

* 1. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Danny Vazquez
     + 1. Working with Amanda to have social events for Greek organizations to get to know each other especially since they have not been able to get in touch the last 2 years due to COVID-19. Hopefully a dinner sometime before Thanksgiving.
  2. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
     1. Sign up for the Students for Zero waste conference. Event is on Archway located [**here**](https://cglink.me/2fF/r1367252).
     2. Hosted from 11/5-11/7 and screened in A-wing.
     3. Comment by Senator Kristina Hollosi: If we get a p-card there will be snacks. In A-101. You can come and leave as you want.
     4. More information available on archway.
  3. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
     1. Donut Day
        1. Friday 11/5/21 Donut Day in J.Lees from 1pm-2pm.
        2. Information is located on the Archway page [**here**](https://cglink.me/2fF/r1368220).
     2. Commuter Breakfast
        1. 11/11 in the Student Center from 9am-11am.
        2. Using the SGA budget so please table at the event so we can get SGA representation.
        3. Sign up for tabling [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/127G9dNPq4h-YA2wWJklvTAN7PxtHJpmb0PNM1ySW_E8/edit?usp=sharing).
     3. Focus Group
        1. 11/8 - If you have any issues as a commuter student please attend. I will bring whatever is brought up to the next General Meeting.
     4. Trunk or Treat
        1. Jack Nesmith: Was last week. Thanks for attending. The Commuter Affairs and Greek Life staff coordinated and had a good time. Thanks for coming out. It was a blast.
     5. Comment by Secretary Janea: Will make a sign-up sheet today for Commuter Breakfast today. Sign-up sheet is located [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/127G9dNPq4h-YA2wWJklvTAN7PxtHJpmb0PNM1ySW_E8/edit?usp=sharing).
  4. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
     1. Senators: Fill out the shadowing program. Hoping to start it next week. Will reach out through email or groupme. Can show delegates what you do during your office hours.
     2. Senate President Helen: Will resend the form in the chat.
  5. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
     1. Talking to Pat O'Connor about RCNJ at the state house. More details to come.
     2. ALYSSA Act
        1. Plan to attend this next Senate to talk about it.
     3. Writing to candidates/representatives who won the elections yesterday. Working on writing to congratulate them regardless of who wins. Important to engage with elected officials. Want to get them working with us and us working with them so it can be beneficial to our SGA.
     4. Want to speak about potentially inviting some elected officials to SGA meetings. Can improve relations with politicians. Something to look into in the future.
     5. Point of Information by Senate President Witte: I may have some contact information. I can get you in contact with those representatives if you want.
     6. Comment by VP Santana: You’re coming this Monday right?
        1. Yes
     7. Comment by Senate President Witte: Can you send me the bill this week.
  6. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses (Speaking on behalf of Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak)
     1. ABSENT
  7. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo (Speaking on behalf of Executive Panelist John Waite and Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger)
     1. I (and the judicial panel) will be having conversations with individuals if they miss two weeks of office hours starting today. (11/3)
     2. Paolo, Avery, and I will start going over constitutions and bylaws. Starting this week or next week.
  8. Student Governor Rohan Dhote (Speaking on behalf of Alternate Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz)
     1. ABSENT

# **New Business**

* 1. Co sponsorships approved
     1. Light the night
        1. Tickets - 2 tickets for the Rockettes that will be given out. We are purchasing them through Roadrunner Central.
     2. Diwali Dance
        1. Providing decorations
     3. Asian Noodle Bubble Tea Night
        1. Promotion - If you want the date for each event let me know. (Kimberly)
        2. Information on that is [**here**](https://cglink.me/2fF/r1360631).
  2. Senate meeting times
     1. Registration opens on Monday. 11/8 Trying to decide when we should make our meetings for the Spring Semester.
     2. Education (class) is an excused absence. After this semester online meetings are not going to happen for Senate Meetings.
     3. You now have one minute each to speak or we can move to an informal vote.
     4. Point of Clarification by Senate President Witte: The times are either 8:00pm, 8:30pm, or 9:00pm. Everything will be in person.
     5. Informal Vote
        1. 8:00pm → 12 yes
        2. 8:30pm → 1 yes
        3. 9:00pm → 0 yes
     6. 8:00pm for Senate Meetings in Spring 2022. (Informally)
     7. If you have a class at 8pm go to class.
     8. Question by Senator Ashley Gomez: There are no virtual options at all?
        1. Comment by Senate VP Santana: No. Because there is no virtual option in Spring we are also no longer doing that. We have also come to an understanding that doing meetings online is not working.
        2. It’s easier to be in person so everyone can be present and engaged. There is no longer a webex or google meets option.
     9. Question by Senator Connor Sweeny: Is this starting next semester?
        1. Senate VP Santana: Yes. Keeping cvirtual for Fall 2021. No more virtual in Spring 2022. We are doing this informal vote because registration is opening on Monday. Please keep those times open when registering.
        2. Suggestion by President Patel: If you can not be at Senate Meetings you can send any announcements or updates to senate leadership and they can read it for you.
        3. Comment by VP Paolo: That also applies to general. If you’re unable to attend in general we can put that in the minutes. General is the same time on Wednesday from 1pm-3pm. Cabinet and E-Board is likely to be the same as well.
        4. Comment by VP Santana: Cna put it in the Agenda instead of emailing leadership.
        5. Point of Inquiry by Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni: Would I be excused late for Newspaper meetings?
           1. Yes. Late is fine.
           2. President Patel: As long as the Senate Secretary knows, you’re fine.
     10. Happy Birthday to Rojja!

# **Public Comment**

* 1. Shout out to Dean Van Der Wall: Nice to see you!
  2. Dean Van Der Wall: Pandemic Team is planning on coming to a future meeting. Floating December 8th. Anjali and I are talking about what questions might come up. We have 13 members. One is non-voting. We want to use the time wisely. We will follow your lead. Are there areas like residence life, facilities, environmental health and safety, etc that are of interest to you? Thanks to everyone that is able to come to Remembrance Day today!
  3. Question for everyone by President Patel: Does anyone have specific questions or recommendations?
     1. Comment by Dr. Rick Brown: This meeting will be in about 5 weeks. If there are things that are more timely you can bring it up to Paolo or Anjali.
     2. Question by Senate VP Santana: How is visituation going to be affected (overnight guests) for people who are not Ramapo Students.
     3. Dean Van Der Wall: At present we have not looked into making changes. If you’re interested we can discuss that. Any suggestions are welcome.
     4. Comment by Senate President Witte: Something I’ve heard from Senators is the policy for what happens if somebody gets COVID. Do we get contacted. In what way do we get contacted?
        1. Dean Van Der Wall: That’s a great point. Our COVID coordinator will walk the group through the inner workings of how we communicate and how we communicate to others if there is close contact with someone who is positive.
     5. Comment by Senate VP Santana: Currently if there is close contact indoors and everyone is wearing a mask, they don’t count that as close contact. Because we have so many issuers with people not wearing their masks correctly, maybe we should discuss letting students know. We can’t always ensure that people are going to do the right thing. We should still get an email even if we are in contact.
        1. Dean Van Der Wall: That is correct. Our local health department has said that if people are wearing masks correctly we don’t have to count them as close contact. If the contact tracing shows that someone wore their masks incorrectly they would be contacted and deemed a close contact.
        2. If the person with COVID is interviewed by Contact Tracer they’re asked if they recall the people around them wearing their masks correctly. That’s part of the protocol.
        3. We look forward to being here on the 8th of December.
  4. Jack Nesmith: Another Project LEAD program tomorrow.
     1. Project LEAD and the sound of leadership.
     2. A101 at 1pm tomorrow 11/4
     3. (In-The-Loop) “Discover new ways to show off your creativity and leadership skills by attending this informative session. This event will combine the art of music and leadership development using different themes from pop culture and music genres. Any student interested in attending this event can feel free to sign up at this [Archway](https://archway.ramapo.edu/click?linkid=d0bc4fab-da51-4150-b046-eaeb4557ae8b) link. Pizza will be served for everyone in attendance. If you have any questions about this leadership presentation, please contact Jack Nesmith at [jnesmith@ramapo.edu](mailto:jnesmith@ramapo.edu) “
  5. Anne Eke:
     1. Reminder about leadership skills courses. Two credit courses. Two types of courses you can take. I recommend you take them. All asynchronous.
     2. Under civic and community leadership
     3. Look at minor in Civic and Community Leadership
     4. Let me know if you have any questions
  6. Dr. Rick Brown: Thanks for participating in Students Leaders event with President Jebb
     1. Comment by VP Paolo: The food was good.
     2. Comment by Senator Kharel: It would be nice to get photos and for all SGA members to give introductions.

# **Open Forum**

* 1. VP Paolo:
     1. CPB events for the week:
        1. Every Tuesday is open mic nights or live entertainment with food.
        2. Thursday 11/4 - This week is a Paint and Sip on Thursday at 9pm in friends hall
        3. Friday 11/5 - Fall Crafts led by Leah.
        4. Saturday 11/6 - at 9pm in Friends Hall. Led by Avery.
     2. Edible Cookie Dough night
        1. Next Saturday 11/13
  2. Senator Aime Lara
     1. Meeting today at 3:30pm about public safety with Chief Lisa Sprague.
     2. All of the concerns will be brought up during the meeting. If anyone wants to come in it will be in the ID room at 3:30pm.
  3. Senate President Witte
     1. Selling tickets at Roadrunner Central - tickets go on sale on Friday 11/5.
  4. Question by Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy:
     1. What was the result for co-sponsorship for the Asian Noodle Bubble Tea night?
     2. Comment by Senate VP Santana: We approved it for promotion.
  5. Comment by Dr. Brown: Next monday at 11/8 at 1pm. Celebration for Diwali. Some SGA members will be performing. There will be a bagged lunch provided. Informal and fun. Please come. Register on Archway [**here**](https://cglink.me/2fF/r1318271).
  6. Comment by Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni :
     1. Would anyone like to do tomorrow’s SGA takeover?
     2. Kimberly will.
  7. Reminder by VP Paolo:
     1. For those invited to the Student Leaders Council look out for that email from Ivy Payne.

# **Adjournment**

* 1. Motion to adjourn by Senate President Witte at 2:17pm
  2. Seconded by Senator.
  3. Meeting adjourned.

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