09/15/2021 SGA General Meeting Agenda

[Day of the Week, 09/15/2021]

**Meeting called to order on [9/15] at [1:03 pm] at Friends Hall.**

# **Roll Call**

* 1. President Anjali Patel
  2. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya (Late - Excused)
  3. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
  4. Treasurer Victoria Columna (Absent - Unexcused)
  5. Chief of Staff\*\*
  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\*\*
  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 (Absent - Excused)
  16. Senate President Helen Witte
  17. Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana
  18. Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero
  19. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Late - Excused)
  20. CA School Senator: Grace Velarde
  21. HGS School Senator: vacant
  22. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez
  23. TAS School Senator: Serina Sajjad
  24. Senator Sannia Balgahoom (Late - Excused)
  25. Senator Brandon Han (Late - Excused)
  26. Senator Kristina Hollosi
  27. Senator Cindy Lam
  28. Senator Aime Lara (Absent - Excused)
  29. Senator Misha Mathai
  30. Senator Mariam Tinawi (Absent - Excused)
  31. Senator\*\*
  32. Senator\*\*
  33. Senator\*\*
  34. Senator \*\*
  35. Senator \*\*
  36. Senator \*\*
  37. Student Governor Rohan Dhote (Absent - Excused)\*\*
  38. Alternate Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz)
  39. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses
  40. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak (Absent - Excused)\*\*
      1. Present: Aforementioned.
      2. Late:
         1. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya (Excused)
         2. Senator Sannia Balgahoom (Excused)
         3. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Excused)
         4. Senator Brandon Han (Excused)
      3. Excused:
         1. Senator Aime Lara
         2. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo
         3. Executive Panelist John Waite
         4. Senator Mariam Tinawi
         5. Student Governor Rohan Dhote\*\*
         6. Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak\*\*
      4. Absent (Unexcused):
         1. Treasurer Victoria Columna

1. **Mission Statement** (read by SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez **)**

*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.*

1. **Approving Minute Meetings**
   1. Minutes from 9/8/21
   2. Vote:
      1. Motioned by Senate President Helen Witte
      2. So moved by Senate VP Kimberly Santana
      3. Seconded by Senator Kristina Hollosi
      4. Vote: 7 in favor. 6 Abstained.
   3. Minutes approved on 9/15/21.
2. **President's Announcements**
   1. Paolo and I will be attending a Shared Governance Meeting with President Jebb and FA and RSA leadership, date TBD
   2. First Provost Meeting tomorrow at 12:30 pm
   3. Ongoing interviews for Chief-of-Staff and Secretary of D & I vacancies
   4. Last Call for BOT rep. interest, otherwise I will confirm and send names!
      1. If anyone is interested in being representatives for the Audit Committee or Human Financial Capital and Resources and more please contact President Patel as soon as possible. We need student voices.
         1. Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
         2. Senate VP Kimberly Santana is interested.
         3. Comment by SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez -
            1. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra is interested.
   5. Need student rep. for Ramapo Health and Safety Committee
      1. Senator Kristina Hollosi
      2. Senator Patricia Kalaidjian
      3. Senator Rojja Kharel
      4. Senator Brandon Han
   6. Which members are available to table for CCEC co-sponsorship on Friday, the 17th?
      1. We need at least a few SGA members present to help with tabling. 9/17/21 form 10:30am-12:00pm at the fish bowl.
         1. Senate VP Kimberly Santana Kimberly is interested.
         2. Vice President Paolo is interested.
      2. Please fill in this [**sheet**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z9e4PdmLixUa2GCl3CTcJasMkr9A8rO2PEUHhMACecE/edit?usp=sharing).
      3. Kahoot at 1pm at J. Lees afterward.
   7. Currently working on a letter co-authored w/Dean Van Der Wall about wearing masks properly.
      1. Will be coming out in a few days. Is in the final editing stages.
      2. Question by SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez: Is this campus-wide?
         1. Will be sent out to the entire student body.
   8. Note: My inbox is constantly getting flooded with emails, but I promise I will definitely get back to you!
3. **Cabinet Reports**
   1. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
      1. I need people to attend the Club Process Committee today right after General in A223. We will be voting on a club.
         1. Preferably not the Senate members.
         2. Two more people hopefully.
         3. Meeting is 20 minutes long.
            1. TAS School Senator Serina Sajjad is interested.
      2. If anyone wants to start a new club, please have them reach out to [SGAClubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:SGAClubs@ramapo.edu).
   2. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
      1. Remember to let me know if you will be late or absent at least the day in advance for general and cabinet meetings.
         1. For example, if you reach out to me the night before a meeting that’s fine but not the morning of. After this week it will not be an excused absence if it’s emailed the day of.
      2. Please only email me and NOT groupme dm. I have a lot of groupme chats so email is the easiest way to contact me. ([jtozermu@ramapo.edu](mailto:jtozermu@ramapo.edu))
      3. If you will be late for senate please let Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero know. ([vsepero@ramapo.edu](mailto:vsepero@ramapo.edu))
      4. Please make sure that everyone filled out that [**office hours excel sheet**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w442K1lQ2O58QblRv8-9Q3RbCmexoGRvUy5fytlsraw/edit?usp=sharing) that’s located in google drive and fill in the appropriate amount of hours for your position. You can find the appropriate number of hours by looking at the key in the upper right hand corner.
   3. Treasurer Victoria Columna (Absent)
   4. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino
      1. Reminder for school senators to share your availability with her so we can plan our meeting times. Let her know if you did not get her groupme message.
      2. Provost Meeting tomorrow 9/16/21 at 12:30pm.
   5. Secretary of Programming Elizabeth Black
      1. Oktoberfest is October 14-17. Please keep schedules open.
      2. There is a programming and PR committee meeting tomorrow at 5pm via Webex. Let her know if you want to come.
      3. If you can't make a meeting but are still interested she will get you info so please email her. ([eblack2@ramapo.edu](mailto:eblack2@ramapo.edu))
   6. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion (vacant)
   7. Secretary of Public Relations Samantha Zinni
      1. Send her your committee meeting time and meeting location so she can make a social media post. Please fill out your committee info in the excel sheet located [**here**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w442K1lQ2O58QblRv8-9Q3RbCmexoGRvUy5fytlsraw/edit?usp=sharing).
      2. If you have any ideas about recruiting new members that she can help with let her know.
      3. Send her pictures of you doing SGA things such as completing office hours.
      4. Let her know if you want her to post about something for one of your clubs. [szinni@ramapo.edu](mailto:szinni@ramapo.edu)
   8. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Danny Vazquez
      1. Working on getting eboards complete for Fraternities and Sororities.
      2. Trying to work with Amanda to have a Greek Week this semester. If you have ideas for that email him or let him know. [dvazque2@ramapo.edu](mailto:dvazque2@ramapo.edu)
      3. Meet the Greeks: Held last Friday 9/10/21 at Laurel Courts. Turnout was a little low. Trying to find ways to advertise it more for the spring semester coming up.
   9. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
      1. Working on increasing visits to [ramapogreen.org](https://ramapogreen.org/) website. Trying to advertise in daily digest.
      2. Check out the website.
      3. If you’re interested in writing an article, reach out to Danielle.
   10. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
       1. Have received her parking pass and have not received any additional complaints from anyone.
       2. If anyone hasn’t gotten theirs please refer them to Public Safety.
       3. Commuter Breakfast: Had about 75 people in attendance.
       4. Stuff-A-Plush next week for commuters on friday. Please show up.
       5. Commuter Barbeque - Thursday 9/23/21 at 1pm in grove. For commuters. Please show up.
   11. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
       1. Reached out to people interested in becoming delegates.
       2. Committee time is Mondays 1pm-2pm virtually.
       3. Working with the Secretary of PR to make posts on instagram, in the loop, and daily digest.
   12. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
       1. Thank you to the people who showed up to the September 11th ceremony.
       2. Cabinet Report: Exploring federal and state legislation and new studies about diversity and inclusion in higher education institutions. Will be presenting in a general meeting next week on how to move forward with ideas.
       3. We’re represented by the Republican party in the State legislature and represented by the Democratic party at the Federal level.
   13. Student Trustee Alexis Meneses (Speaking on behalf of Alternate Student Trustee Jakub Zak)
       1. Started committee meetings. The report was a hit. The report was for the admissions fulfillment committee. She gave her perspective on student life. You can hear it at the board meeting on 9/27/21 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. More information is available [**here**](https://www.ramapo.edu/board/event/meeting-of-the-board-of-trustees/2021-09-27/).
   14. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo (Speaking on behalf of Executive Panelist John Waite and Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger)
       1. Leah Berlinger - No updates.
   15. Student Governor Rohan Dhote (Speaking on behalf of Alternate Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu (Naz)
       1. Not present.
4. **New** **Business**
   1. Fall Senate Elections Interviews
      1. Introductions and speeches:
         1. Rojja Kharel
            1. Major is undecided. Wants to go for senate because she wants to represent other international students. Thinks of herself as an approachable person.
            2. Questions:

Senate President Helen Witte: How will you connect with the student body?

A part of the International Student organization. Can connect that experience with the student experience. Being a member of the student body is

President Anjali Patel: How did you hear about the SGA and why did you want to join?

It makes me want to push myself to be better.

* + - * 1. Discussions:

SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez - Roja is Ashley’s resident. She is always willing to ask questions and is very confident in herself. That’s an important quality.

Senator Misha Mathai - She seems genuine and seems like she knows what she needs to do.

CA School Senator: Grace Velarde - she takes the SGA seriously and seems to have a professional approach.

Senator Kristina Hollosi - She seems interested and passionate in her stance and desire to represent the international students. She demonstrates why she wants to be in SGA.

Senate VP Kimberly Santana - She would be a good asset because she has a unique perspective as an international student.

* + - * 1. Vote:

Motion by Senate President Helen Witte

So Moved by Senate VP Kimberly Santana

Seconded by Senator Brandon Han

All in favor: 9

Rojja Kharel is now added as a new senator.

* + - 1. Patricia Kalaidjian
         1. Wants to make sure every person is heard. Had a lot of leadership positions in high school. Volunteers. Handles criticism well and is a good listener. Wants to make sure everyone feels heard and she is there for everyone.
         2. Questions:

Senate Vice President: Kimberly Santana - Do you think you can accomplish all of the hours needed?

Can volunteer whenever necessary on her own time so she is able to make time for the SGA as needed.

Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak - What are some priorities you have as a senator?

Increase involvement rate so they participate more on campus.

Increase overall safety on campus.

President Anjali Patel - What made you want to join?

I love the school and want to get involved in any way I can.

Brandon Han - Do you have any initiatives for people to get involved?

Implement a reward system.

* + - * 1. Discussion:

Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak - I think she would be great and her priorities are grounded.

* + - * 1. Vote:

Motion by Senate President Helen Witte

So Moved SSHS School Senator Ashley Gomez

Seconded by Senator Han

All in favor : 9

Patricia Kalaidjianl is now added as a new senator.

* + - 1. Rachel Schmidt
         1. Sophomore political science major. Wanted to run to get involved on campus and has prior experience with student government.
         2. Questions:

VP [Paolo Miyashiro](mailto:pmiyashi@ramapo.edu)- What made you decide to be the HGS School Senator instead of a senator at large?

I was interested in having a relationship with the Dean. It was her school that she’s in and it was an open position so why not?

Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak- What are some priorities if and when you get elected?

Having events for the students in HGS to get to know each other.

Senate VP Kimberly Santana - We received an email saying that she would not be able to make the general meetings. Why?

I am on the swim team and that’s when my practices are.

President Anjali Patel - Would you be able to attend senate meetings?

yes

President Anjali Patel - Whate made you get involved?

It seemed like a good club to get involved in and it seemed fun so why not?

* + - * 1. Discussion:

CA School Senator: Grace Velarde - She seemed not as serious as she should be for a senator of a school.

Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak- I disagree. I think her personality should be a point of criticism as a person.

President Anjali Patel - We need the vacancy filled. She’s insightful adn on top of her work so I think she’d be a good candidate.

Senate President Helen Witte - Rachel is the only person who ran for the position.

VP [Paolo Miyashiro](mailto:pmiyashi@ramapo.edu) - Although she is the only person running, Senators may say not if they feel she is not the right person for the position.

Senate VP Kimberly Santana - I agree with Danny. She does have ideas in mind to bring more of HGS school together. She’s very knowledgeable. She seems insightful and on time. She communicates well and responds quickly.

Doctor Rick Brown - Had an election been held there would be an election by several hundred people. The reason we’re doing it this way is because if we had an election as normal they could have been selected by default.

* + - * 1. Vote:

Motion by Senator President Helen Witte

So Moved by Senate VP Kimberly Santana

Seconded by CA School Senator: Grace Velarde

All in favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 3

Rachel Schmid is now added as a new HGS School Senator.

* + - 1. Oath Administered by President Anjali Patel.
      2. Rachel Schmidt, Rojja Kharel, and Patricia Kalaidjian officially elected as Senators.

1. **Public Comment**
   1. Announcement by Senate VP Kimberly Santana -
      1. Remaining people that need to be interviewed will come to the Senate meeting to discuss.
      2. Senators -
         1. If we send you emails for voting please vote.
            1. Referring to email vote for Co-Sponsorship for CCEC. We are waiting for two votes. If you didn’t already vote please join.
         2. Please read the bills we are going to vote for to get things done quicker.
   2. Secretary of PR: Samantha Zinni - New School senators please stay after this meeting so she can take a picture of you.
   3. Jack Neismith - Reiterating to please make sure to check your emails for voting. Keep the communication going.
2. **Open Forum**
   1. President Anjali Patel -
      1. Recommendations for the type of new SGA couch?
         1. SSHS School Senator Ashley Gomez - Black and leather because it is easier to clean.
         2. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni - Can we get furniture from Linden and put a cover on it?
         3. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger - We should take couches from the overlook and use those.
         4. Point of Information from Anne - Likely that we can not switch a couch from the residence halls. There was an upcycling website and I can do research and forward that on to Danielle.
         5. Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero - Experience working in admissions. It might be easier to purchase a new or used couch rather than going through residence halls.
         6. Point of Inquiry: Senator Misha Mathai - What was the budget for office supplies?
            1. $700
   2. Senate president Helen Witte -
      1. The bill passed 10-0-0 so we are now an official Co-Sponsor with CCEC.
   3. Vice President [Paolo Miyashiro](mailto:pmiyashi@ramapo.edu)Bedoya -
      1. Reminder: Open forum is a time for discussion that may or may not be related to SGA.
      2. Please support CPB events. Tuesdays, Thursday, Friday nights.
         1. Salsa Dancing Lesson on 9/16/21 at 9pm in Friends Hall.
         2. EDIC is showing COCO on Friday 9/17/21 at 8:00pm at the Laurel Hall Lawn.
         3. Deck out Your Room - Saturday 9/19/21 at 9pm at Friends Hall
   4. Senate VP Kimberly Santana
      1. Democracy Matters - fights for social activism. Reach out to her and she will send you a link if you want to come.
   5. Jack Nesmeith -
      1. Thursday 9/16 at 1pm in J. Lees. - Meet the Coordinator of Student Activities. Come and play pool and Smash Brothers.
      2. Sophomores please apply and get the word out for SAIL.
         1. Application due Monday 9/27 at 12pm on archway.
         2. Any questions, email [Jack Nesmith](mailto:jnesmith@ramapo.edu).
      3. Commuter mentor and mentee programs.
         1. Looking for mentors and mentees.
3. **Adjournment**
   1. Motion to adjourn at 2:22pm by Senate President Helen witte
   2. Moved by Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana
   3. Seconded by Senator Misha Mathai