

# 02/02/2022 SGA General Meeting Minutes

[Wednesday, 02/02/2022]

Meeting called to order on [02/02] at [1:03pm] in SC219.

## I.

- 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 Nataly Merino (Absent - Excused)
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy (Late - Excused)
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
- j. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey
- k. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
- l. Secretary of Programming Jenna Falkenheim
- m. Secretary of Public Relations Dylan Solis
- n. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni (Absent - Excused)
- o. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo (Absent - Excused)
- p. Executive Panelist John Waite
- q. Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger
- r. Senate President Helen Witte
- s. Senate Vice President Kimberly Santana
- t. **Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero**
- u. ASB School Senator: Chris Vedra (Absent - Excused)
- v. CA School Senator: Grace Velarde
- w. HGS School Senator: Rojja Kharel
- x. SSHS School Senator: Ashley Gomez
- y. TAS School Senator: Patricia Kalaidjian
- z. Senator Sannia Balgahoom
- aa. Senator Kristina Hollosi
- bb. Senator Cindy Lam (Absent - Excused)
- cc. Senator Aime Lara
- dd. Senator Misha Mathai
- ee. Senator Mariam Tinawi
- ff. Senator Rylie Klain
- gg. Senator Connor Sweeny (Absent - Excused)

hh. Senator Bella Apgar (Absent - Excused)

ii. Senator Shanel Lopez

jj. Senator Weina Xiao

kk. Senator Samikshya Pokharel (Sami - sya)

ll. Senator \*\*

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

nn. *Alternate Student Governor\*\**

oo. *Student Trustee Alexis Meneses*

pp. *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. *Senator Cindy Lam\*\**

5. *Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino\*\**

6. *Student Governor Nazli Tiyaloglu\*\**

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

8. *Senator Cindy Lam\*\**

9. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo

iv. Absent: (Unexcused)

1. Senate Secretary Victoria Sepero

## **II. 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.*

## **III. Approving Minute Meetings**

a. Minutes from 01/26/2022

i. Vote: 10-0-2

ii. Minutes approved.

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

- a. Point of Information: Each member is required to do 4 hours of community service each semester. We will promote and let you know and Dylan and Avery are good resources to go to.
- b. Congrats and welcome to our new Senators!
  - i. Patricia and Rojja and Samikshya
- c. BOT Meeting Highlights
  - i. Professor McMurdy will be new FA President
  - ii. Parent came in to talk about ineffectiveness of booster requirement
  - iii. Multicultural Center expected to be completed in Fall 2022
  - iv. More students than expected enrolled in Graduate Programs, and at about 99% of undergraduate enrollment goal; currently have about 1,700 resident students
  - v. Highest first-year student retention rate this year; about 80%
  - vi. Congratulate our student athletes; breaking records about every week
  - vii. BIG shoutout from President Jebb at end :)
- d. President Jebb Liaison Meeting Updates
  - i. Presidential coin contest results are going to be given by the end of Sp22 semester.
  - ii. [Strategic planning process](#) - updated on ramapo college website. Another session added for next month. Important for SGA and the student body to come to these events.
  - iii. Graduation: Prudential has a new vaccination policy. Guests have to show proof of vaccination. Looking into how that affects our students. Graduating students will get updates via email soon.
  - iv. Mental health days: Too soon to do that this semester but will look into it for future schedules.
  - v. Fair trade awareness week - coming up! Speak to Danielle [dbongiov@ramapo.edu](mailto:dbongiov@ramapo.edu) if you have any questions.
  - vi. Space issue in dining halls and parking lots - opened up Padovano and study rooms in learning commons. Opening up seating in dunkin.
  - vii. Task force will be working on the academic calendar.
  - viii. Common Grounds (learning commons cafe): Supply chain issues are holding back scheduling, No update on when that will open.
  - ix. Guest policy concerns: Looking into seeing if it can be revisited (Jebb).
  - x. KN95 masks: President Jebb is looking into it.
- e. Searching for SGA reps for 2022 Presidential Inauguration Committee and 2022 Campus Facilities Master Plan Task Force
  - i. Looking for representatives. Sending out an email sometime today. If interested please let me know asap. Let me know if you need more information.
- f. SGA Alumni Networking Night
  - i. Working on putting this together.
- g. President Jebb will be attending General next week

#### **V. Cabinet Reports**

- a. Vice President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya
  - i. 3 New clubs to vote on:

1. MAD Healthy RCNJ: Club focused on educating students on nutrition and wellness. CPC voted 4-2 to advance to the senate with recommendation of approval.
2. Vote:
  - a. Motion entertained by Paolo
  - b. Moved by Kimberly
  - c. Seconded by Helen
    - i. 14-0-0
    - ii. Club Approved
- ii. Model UN: Died out a few years ago but are hoping to bring it back. To provide student members with a practical understanding of the UN. Want to deepen member political insights and sharpen writing and debating skills through hands-on experience. 15 interested members. The Model UN conference in NYC is a big goal.
  1. CPC voted 6-0-1 to approve the SGA senate.
  2. Questions:
    - a. How will they ensure that the club does not die again?
      - i. Eboard consists of sophomore, 2 juniors, and a senior so they hope that they have time to build up repudiation and create a strong succession.
3. Vote:
  - a. Motion entertained by Paolo
  - b. Moved by Helen
  - c. Seconded by Ashley
    - i. 11-0-1
    - ii. Club Approved
- iii. RCNJ Birding Club: Bird watching enthusiasts who hope to give students a chance to do [birding](#), observe nature, etc. Include wildlife conservation and sustainability. Members interested. Some events include reservation trips, bird walks on campus, and the great backyard bird count that's hosted annually.
  1. vote
    - a. Motion entertained by Paolo
    - b. Moved by Kimberly
    - c. Seconded by Kimberly
    - d. 11-0-1
- iv. If you're not signed up for a committee you will receive an email from me. That is part of constitutional requirements. Committee members please find a day and time to meet. The link to the sheet to sign up for committees is located [here](#).
- v. Please contact [SGAclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:SGAclubs@ramapo.edu) if anyone is interested in starting a club.
- b. Secretary Janea Tozer-Murphy
  - i. No updates.
- c. Treasurer Victoria Columna
  - i. We are halfway through the semester and we spent more than half our overall funds. Keep that in mind.
- d. Chief of Staff Avery Cangro

- i. Cabinet reports are due February 10th.
  - ii. I am in charge of attendance for committees so everyone has to be on a committee. Committee leaders please email me your attendance. If I send out an email with a form in the next few days please answer as soon as possible.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs Nataly Merino
  - i. ABSENT
- f. Secretary of Programming Jenna Falkenheim
  - i. No updates.
- g. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion Cristina Navarette Carpizo
  - i. Committee meeting was this past Monday. There is a group chat in groupme if you want to be a part of it let me know. BSU appreciates the cosponsorship with CPB and would like to continue on with it. Working on SGA having a co sponsorship at least once a month so SGA can help with promotion and funding. Will let you know in the future.
  - ii. Dining services: recipes people would like to see - response from dining services is that they want a co sponsorship first and then a survey. There's a lot of disagreement to make the menu more diverse. I want to get the surveys out there as much as possible. We want to ensure that some recipes will stay there in dining.
  - iii. Rachel Sawyer from EDIC- Answering the question of why there are fewer male students applying to college. We want to co-sponsor, EOF, SGA, OVP, and Women's center. This is a great way to do baby steps. Start by hosting events in OVP instead of the women's center.
  - iv. Events: Survey to ask how many men are having this issue. Talking with counseling services to help us ask these questions to address this issue of male retention rate in colleges.
  - v. More male students in SGA: Working with women's center and counseling services.
- h. Secretary of Public Relations Dylan Solis
  - i. No updates.
- i. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life Jiany Lindsey
  - i. No updates.
  - ii. Meeting with council members after this to see if they're free.
- j. Secretary of Sustainability Danielle Bongiovanni
  - i. ABSENT
  - ii. Co-sponsorship with EDIC on Feb. 18, 1-2pm, screening Soil: Carving Out Space for BIPOC Farming in the Alumni Lounges 157, volunteers needed
  - iii. Ask club leaders associated with Ramapo Green to share poster advertisements with me so I can put them on the Ramapo Green board [dbongiov@ramapo.edu](mailto:dbongiov@ramapo.edu)
- k. Secretary of Commuter Affairs Dawn Sy
  - i. ABSENT
- l. Secretary of Delegate Affairs Ciara Luciano
  - i. Committee meeting virtual next Tuesday. Will reach out to members who signed up. Senators please go over google form for shadowing programs. Any questions? Reach out to me. [cluciano@ramapo.edu](mailto:cluciano@ramapo.edu)
- m. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak
  - i. No updates.

- n. Chief Panelist Angelina Farallo (Speaking on behalf of Executive Panelist John Waite and Legislative Panelist Leah Berlinger)
  - i. Angelina - ABSENT
  - ii. John - Present - No updates
  - iii. Leah - Present - No updates
- o. Alexis Meneses:
  - i. One faculty member wanted to bring up public safety patrolling hallways of students walking around with no mask.
  - ii. Anjali: Would Public Safety be giving a warning or penalizing these people?
    - 1. I guess it's just a warning.
  - iii. Dr. Brown: The faculty member who asked it, were they coming from a perspective of SGA helping get this out there or do they want student opinion?
    - 1. They want a student opinion.
  - iv. Anjali: Alexis maybe send an email to everyone in the SGA and we can have a more streamlined documentation of their responses.
  - v. Cristina: Everyone should know to wear their mask correctly. I have seen RA's warning people. I think we should give consequences more than just warnings.
  - vi. Jiji: I think that we should get KN95 masks there. Could we have masks provided that Professors can distribute?
    - 1. Anjali: We have a limited supply of masks and President Jebb is not sure how to give those out and distribute them yet. Public Safety and CSI also always have masks available. Good question.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Dylan Heffernan Presentation (around 2:00pm)
  - i. [dheffer1@ramapo.edu](mailto:dheffer1@ramapo.edu)
  - ii. CCEC offers service trips
  - iii. Right now we have teaneck tutoring every Saturday where you tutor K-12 students. There are also farming volunteer opportunities in the Spring. We are also looking for volunteers for the WeCare program → inventory management, preparing clothing closets, and promotional projects
  - iv. We encourage everyone to do more than 4 hours. We propose 25 hours. We would like to offer SGA members who are interested in doing that many hours.
  - v. We are open to helping you find placements for volunteer opportunities.
  - vi. If you're interested you can reach out to me or Anjali.
  - vii. Questions:
    - 1. Ashley Gomez: For the specific events, are a majority of them held on weekends?
      - a. We try to spread it out. Teaneck tutoring is on Saturdays but we have Thursday opportunities. WeCare program is up to you and your

- b. We are looking for two students to help with literacy with the senior center.
- 2. Patricia: If we do service outside of SGA does that count as our requirement?
  - a. Yes.
- 3. Helen Witte: Do you have a relationship with Bergen County horse rescue?
  - a. Not presently but we can try to make one.
- 4. Avery: If anyone has any questions you can always ask me.
- 5. Rojja: I'm interested in the adult service that you're talking about. Does CCEC provide transportation?
  - a. If a lot of students are interested then we will offer transportation. It depends on what the nonprofit needs. We can work on it on a case-by-case basis.
- 6. Ashley Gomez: With our community service is there a specific form that we're supposed to sign? How do we note that those hours are done?
  - a. Anjali: Angelina is in charge of SGA community service so she will be in touch with the organization.
  - b. Dylan: We have our own internal log as well.
- b. Cabinet Approvals - Anjali
  - i. Dylan Solis: Secretary of Public Relations
  - ii. Jenna Falkenheim: Secretary of Programming
  - iii. Jiany Lindsey: Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life
    - a. Dylan Solis: Appointee for Secretary of Public Relations
      - i. Anjali: Had PR experience before. Is enthusiastic and wants to get involved. Is studying in that field. Has great ideas like wanting to do physical PR with flyers and posters.
      - ii. Avery: Great candidate. Eager freshman who wants to get involved.
      - iii. Dylan: Has experience in this → was on High School robotics teams business team and dealt with PR things and 20,000 of sponsorship. Maintained newsletter and social media to manage that. Has other leadership experience (eagle scout, ambulance cadet core). COMMUNICATIONS major and is looking to go into PR as a field. Looking to get more experience from this and use class knowledge to better himself in this position.
    - iv. Q&A:
      - SSHS School Senator Ashley Gomez: If you were appointed to this role what ideas do you have?
        - a. Want to implement more posters on campus on things like the CSI board. Can do more in person to put into people's minds as they come on campus again post-pandemic.
      - HGS School Senator: Rojja Kharel : What are your plans to get people attracted to the office and let people know about SGA?



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- a. Get more posters. Other than daily digest we can just attach most students to a general newsletter.
- Senate VP Kimberly Santana: Do you understand the time commitment? Do you think you can handle it?
  - a. Yes. I'm good with college workload. I'm free on Wednesdays and have enough space to do office hours and enough time in between classes in general to get this workload done.
- b. Jenna Falkenheim: Secretary of Programming
  - i. Anjali: Has experience with CPB. is on Eboard and does PR. Is committed. Has great ideas. Knows what's expected of her. Is a great fit.
  - ii. Avery: Great girl. Dedicated, on top of it, welcoming, enthusiastic.
  - iii. Jenna: Sophomore visual communications major with concentration in graphic design. Part of CPB. Was also a programmer and ran events so I have experience. Bubbly personality, enthusiasm, and creativity is exactly what you all need.
  - iv. Q&A:
    - Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: Ramapo has a reputation for a commuter school or a dead campus school especially on the weekends. We have a tough time having stimulating activities on the weekends. What ideas do you have to target weekend activities to get people to stay on campus for the weekend.
      - a. Work closely with J. Lees because a lot of people go there. What we are here for is to bring the roadrunner community together.
    - Secretary of D&I Cristina Navarrete Carpizo: CPB lacks diversity in events. How are you going to make sure SGA events are also inclusive and diverse for everyone equally?
      - a. Don't leave anyone out?
    - VP Paolo: There are some required events for this position. Do you have any ideas for new programs outside of our required ones?
      - a. SGA Bonding events, schoolwide events like... [slipped her mind]
    - Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: One thing talked about heavily was the idea of tailgating at athletic events to encourage more of a vibrant community with different things on campus. That's something that is lacking with a lot of people that I've spoken to. How do you feel about doing something like that?



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- a. Trunk or treat was a great turnout that a lot of people showed up to. I think it could be a gathering, building the spirit of everyone, and then adding to the roadrunner experience.
- Senate VP Kimberly Santana: How would you handle COVID guidelines especially with outside events?
  - a. With COVID, being outside, it could be optional to wear masks because we are outside but social distancing should be enforced. I am immunocompromised so I take most precautions anyway but there is a way to still have fun while following COVID guidelines. Hopefully because it's still outdoors we can still have a lot of fun.
- c. Jiany (JiJi) Lindsey: Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life
  - i. Anjali: Had a lot of enthusiasm for this role. Asked a lot of questions and wanted to make sure she knows the responsibilities. Wants Greek orgs to be united. Wants to bring back advocacy we've been lacking the past few years. We think she'd be excellent in helping build that Greek presence on campus.
  - ii. Paolo: She brings an energy to the table that is necessary for this position. Has greek life experience that will help her as she bridges gaps between these organizations and counsels.
  - iii. JiJi: Junior marketing major - commuter. As a commuter I was not on campus or involved so I got involved and this would be a perfect position. I am on the standards board for my sorority. This promotes self governance and responsibility and I can bring that into this position. I want different chapters to come together. On social media recently one organization made fun of another and I do not want people to think that that's what greek life is like. If we come together we can become a lot closer, do events together, and other things. I am unbiased, open to all opinions. I want to help every single council member.
    - Q&A:
      - a. Senator Ashley Gomez: You mentioned bridging the gaps between councils. Do you have ideas on how to do that?
        - i. Different councils or chapters do their own events. We can join together to do events together like kahoots. I want organizations to know about one another.
      - b. Secretary of Governmental Affairs Danny Gurniak: My brother has a bid for one fraternity on campus and something was talked about a spring formal for

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fraternities and sororities off campus. Would you support something like this?

- i. Off-campus events need to make sure they're staying out of trouble. Would talk with Amanda Riehl about something like that. On campus is easier because we are less likely to get into trouble. I would support that as long as we're 100% safe.
- c. Kimberly Santana: How would you prevent yourself from being biased toward your sorority?
  - i. I am unbiased because my sisters are not exempt from the rules. We will proceed with disciplinary action if needed regardless of who it is. I wouldn't take the position if that was the case.
- d. Senator Ashley Gomez: Not sure if this is already done - I'm in a professional fraternity and I feel like there's events that are hosted for specific organizations and not others. I'm not sure if that's the responsibility of the specific organization but do you have ideas in mind about Greek life formals that are inclusive to all?
  - i. That's a great idea but usually formal is the responsibility of those within that organization. I can help with planning. I can ask some organizations to either help one another or plan.

iv. Voting to appoint the following members for the positions stated:

1. Dylan Solis: Secretary of Public Relations
  - a. Motion entertained by Anjali
  - b. Moved by Kimberly
  - c. Seconded by Ashley
    - i. 13-0-1
2. Jenna Falkenheim: Secretary of Programming
  - a. Motion entertained by Anjali
  - b. Moved by Kimberly
  - c. Seconded by Senator
    - i. 14-0-0
3. Jiany Lindsey: Secretary of Fraternity & Sorority Life
  - a. Motion entertained by Anjali
  - b. Moved by Helen
  - c. Seconded by Kimberly

- i. 14-0-0
- v. All three members were appointed for those positions.
- c. New Club Approvals - Paolo
  - i. MadHealthy RCNJ
  - ii. Model UN
  - iii. RCNJ Birding Club
- d. Graduate Senator Interim Election ([Andraya Annucci](#)) - Helen
  - i. Paolo: New position we developed when we passed a new version of constitution during training. We are excited to have a graduate student representative.
  - ii. Andy: 1st year graduate student and member of the delegate program. Want to make sure graduate students still get what they need. I feel we can do more to represent these graduate students. I am in the master of fine arts program.
  - iii. Dr. Brown: The graduate program has grown a lot more and one of the things that's unique about SGA here at Ramapo is that all graduate students are a part of the SGA. This position is a way to make sure graduate students have a place on campus. Graduate students are considered a part of the SGA and this position is long overdue.
  - iv. Do you have any programs in mind for graduate students?
    - 1. Because graduate programs are separate I'm proposing a graduate student mixer so they can get to know each other better. Talks about outside alumni coming to speak to current graduate students.
  - v. JiJi: I think that's a great idea.
  - vi. Kristina Hollosi: I think she would be a good candidate.
  - vii. Avery Cangro: Andy is so nice and a good candidate. She is already a part of SGA. Great ideas.
  - viii. Kimberly Santana: Nice and a good candidate.
  - ix. Ciara Luciano: She is in the delegate program, is always on time, gives wonderful opinions. Is going to be a great fit.
  - x. Jenna: Would I be working with her for those events?
    - 1. Anjali: Yes - any time anyone has anything where they're holding any events.
  - xi. Dr. Brown: This position will need a lot of help so they'll get a lot of assistance from members in the SGA.
    - 1. Motion to approve Andy for the Graduate Senator position by Helen Witte
    - 2. Moved by Kimberly Santana
    - 3. Seconded by Rylie Klain
      - a. 13-0-0
      - b. Motion approved.
- e. New SGA members sworn in by John Waite.

## **VII. Public Comment**

- a. No comment.

## **VIII. Open Forum**

- a. Need Volunteers for a Co-Sponsorship event

- i. Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Compliance
  - 1. Soil: Carving Out Space for BIPOC Farming. Real Food Media will be hosting a lecture series from Feb 18, 2022 1-2pm on Zoom to discuss intersections between sustainability, diversity, and inclusion. The screening would be held in Alumni Lounges, 157.
  - 2. Sign up to volunteer for this event [here](#).
  - 3. **Remember: members are required to volunteer with at least one event before the halfway mark of the semester which is Friday, March 11th.**
  - 4. Reminder that there is a co sponsorship form if anyone wants to cosponsor with SGA. Let me know if you can't find the form and we will email you the link. [sga@ramapo.edu](mailto:sga@ramapo.edu)
  - 5. Keep in mind that we have voting on Mondays at 8pm
- b. Black History Month (Paolo)
  - i. Please look at EDIC website located [here](#) - they're holding a lot of events.
  - ii. Tomorrow is the opening proclamation at 1pm in Alumni Lounges.
  - iii. CPB is hosting Black History events this week as well as other events.
    - 1. Thursday at 9pm Black History Trivia in Friends Hall
    - 2. Friday at 9pm Silent Auction in the Pavilion
    - 3. Saturday at 9pm Movie Streaming of Disney's Soul in H-Wing Auditorium
- c. Avery CCEC
  - i. Tonight at 8pm in Friends Hall - streaming MLK FBI movie
  - ii. we will be having theater snacks and food from Nicky's
- d. Grace Velarde: We should have mental health days that should equal the amount of snow days we would normally have.
  - i. Anjali: mental health days - there's no definitive answer about the stance of snow days. Having conversations with the president of FA. President Jebb's task force will look into this next year.
  - ii. Kimberly Santana: hard because professors have the right to change their schedules.

## IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm