

09/03/2025 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 09/03/2025]

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Liz Mendicino
- b. Vice President - James Pascal
- c. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- d. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas
- e. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury (excused)
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes (excused)
- j. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Samantha Schley
- k. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt (excused)
- l. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
- m. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
- n. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
- o. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
- p. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck
- q. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
- r. **Legislative Justice**
- s. Administrative Justice - John Brighthouse
- t. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
- u. Senate Vice President - David George
- v. Senate Secretary - Julia Kotowski (excused)
- w. ASB School Senator - Ismael Carcamo (excused)
- x. CA School Senator - Peter Tunnicliffe

- y. HGS School Senator - Lane Evers
- z. SSHS School Senator - El Sharo
- aa. TAS School Senator - Gianna Marchica
- bb. Senator-at-Large - Uma Advani
- cc. Senator-at-Large - Nathaniel Bergren
- dd. Senator-at-Large - Joseph Brubaker
- ee. Senator-at-Large - Michael Chabot
- ff. Senator-at-Large - Ava Cicero-Johnson
- gg. Senator-at-Large - Alessia Mendicino
- hh. Senator-at-Large - Julia Rowan
- ii. Senator-at-Large - Evelyn Santangelo
 - i. Present:
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent:

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. Land Acknowledgement

The Student Government Association respectfully acknowledges that we are hosting our meeting on the ancestral and traditional Indigenous territory of the Ramapough Lunaanpe Nation.

IV. Approving Meeting Minutes

- a. N/A

- i. Moved:
- ii. Seconded:
 - 1. 0-0-0

V. President's Announcements

- a. Welcome Back everyone! Thank you all so much for a successful SGA Training and Move-In!
- b. Senate Applications are open!!
 - i. Please refer anyone interested to [THIS LINK](#) to apply before September 10th!
- c. If you haven't already you MUST sign up for the appropriate amount of Office Hours
[25/26 Office Hour Schedule/Sign-Up](#) and committees [25/26 Committees Sign-Up Sheets](#) for your position!
- d. We are starting [Initiative Sheet](#) s! If you want to do them as an exercise or when talking with those outside the SGA about issues please feel free to do so.
- e. SGEEngage Goals

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President James Pascal
 - i. Club Process - I'm excited to work with you all for this Academic Year and aid in the fostering and implementation of initiatives on campus!
 - 1. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
- b. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
 - i. Hi everyone!! so excited for the year with everyone! Please don't forget to fill out time slots for office hours and to log your office hours.
- c. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas
 - i. Hello everyone, I'm excited to step into this role and have a great year with SGA! Please bear with me as I learn the ropes of this board position. In the meantime, I am acquiring final budget numbers.

- d. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
 - i. Happy first General Meeting everyone! First Cabinet Meeting will be this coming Monday 9/8.
Looking forward to a productive year!!
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
 - i.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
 - i. Our first committee meeting is this Monday, September 8th, from 1-2 PM in room A-101. Lunch will be provided!!! The venue we will be ordering from is TBD at the moment. If you have any food suggestions, please let me know!
 - ii. We also have a GroupMe! If anyone is interested in joining it, click on this [link](#)
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Happy First General, everyone! Our first Delegate Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, September 11th from 4-5pm in A226. Feel free to stop by to meet our newest SGA members and give them a warm welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact me and join our [GroupMe](#). Thank you and hope to see you there!
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
 - i. Welcome back!! I wish I could be here but for now I only have one announcement. First D&I Committee Meeting September 10th, A101 at 4:30PM!
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Samantha Schley
 - i. Welcome back everyone! Meet the Greeks is going to be Monday September 8th at 7:30 in the Laurel courts! There will be a variety of Greek organizations there. I really encourage you to attend if you are interested in Greek life as this can serve as a great opportunity to talk to members and get to know all the organizations. Hope to see you there!!!
 - 1. Here is a link to [Ramapo Greeks Instagram](#) so you can stay on top of information and get a better look at what it's all about!!
 - a. In order to be part of Greek life you need to attend a Hazing prevention course. These are being held starting today! There times will be poster on the Ramapo Greek Instagram
 - ii. The Fraternity and Sorority Life committee is looking for members. You have to be part of a Greek organization to join, so if you are, please sign up as it will help us generate a lot of good ideas and get some stuff off the ground. Here is a link to the [committee sign ups](#).

- iii. Event: Zeta Phi Beta Incorporated is making vision boards on Wednesday September 10th at 7:20 in the multicultural center
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt
 - i. Welcome back! Our first meeting is going to be in A105 next Tuesday from 12-1pm, please join the [GroupMe!!](#)
- j. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
 - i. Nothing to report
- k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - i. Hi everyone, happy first general! The very first Programming & PR committee meeting will be held next Tuesday, September 9 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM A220!
 - ii. Please feel free to share my Senate election graphic to your instagram stories, as it genuinely helps quickly and more efficiently spread the word among the wider student body. I will post the graphic in our GroupMe for easy access!
 - iii. E-Board - I'll be reaching out to see if we can find a good time to film a video together.
 - iv. As always, if you have any suggestions for social media content, or anything you need help promoting this year, please let me know :)
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - i. I am looking forward to meeting with Reslife and getting into the nudge of things and in the time being, if you know anyone who has a concern about res-life or on campus housing let me know I am willing to work with them!
- m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
 - i. Nothing to report
- n. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck
 - i. Be sure to start getting some service hours in before the semester gets busy! You can check your progress here: [SGA 2025-2026 Community Service Hours](#)
 - ii. 4 community service hours are required a semester. You must fill out a volunteer form either virtually (in official drive under 25/26 community service) or physically to submit proof of service hours. If the virtual format is used, please email it to me directly (ebeck2@ramapo.edu) Physical copies of this form should be left in the SGA office soon and I will try to find a spot for completed forms to be turned in as well!
 - iii. Upcoming CCEC Service opportunities (register on Archway or email ccec@ramapo.edu)
 - 1. September 8th, On Campus Red Cross Blood Drive | 12pm -5pm
 - Please email ccec@ramapo.edu if interested in helping at this event

- Volunteers will assist with sign-in, be parking lot attendants, as well as snack table attendants
- There are still slots available to donation blood if you would also like to register to do that with Red Cross on their website
- 2. September 9th, 2025 Computer Literacy Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center | 11:45 am - 2:15 pm
- 3. September 18th, 2025 Service Opportunity: Environmental Stewardship with Flat Rock Brook Nature Center | 2:15pm - 5:30 pm
- 4. September 24th, 2025 On-Campus Service Opportunity: Campus Cleanup with Environmental Health and Safety | 1pm - 2 pm
- o. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
 - i. Don't forget to do your requirements
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
 - i. Our first Senate Meeting will be on Monday, September 8th from 7-9 PM in ASB-219!
 - ii. Applications for the Senate are still open! Applications close on September 10th
 - 1. [Senate Application](#)
 - iii. The first liaison reports are due 09/29!
- q. Student Trustee - Sarah Glisson
 - i.

VII. Visit from President Jebb

- a. Questions:
 - i.

VIII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - 1.
- b. This Week on Campus
 - i. Liz - Valley Health Merger
 - 1. At the June 30th public Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved a vote for the College to enter into a Student Health Services Agreement with Valley Physician Services, Inc.

2. This vote allows the College to begin negotiations with Valley Medical Group to develop a contract that would outsource our current health services to Valley, an external company.
 3. Outsourcing college health services means that a college contracts a private company or third-party provider to run its campus health clinic or related services, rather than managing them internally with college-employed staff. This is often done in an effort to cut costs, improve efficiency, or expand services.
 4. There are many factors to consider when discussing outsourcing health services. The Student Government Association should be aware of any risks to the student body and begin asking questions about what outsourcing could mean
- ii. Liz - Disclaimer from Monday
 1. Counseling Services offers drop-in hours (first-come first served, no appointments necessary) every weekday from 1-3pm should students wish to talk or seek support. If they wish to seek support after business hours or on the weekends that can call and speak to the emergency counselor at 201-684-7522 press #2.
<https://www.ramapo.edu/counseling/>
 2. If students ask any questions, please refer them to the Message from Public Safety email all students received yesterday.
 - iii. Liz - Moment of Silence

IX. Public Comment

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X. Open Forum

a. Peter

- i. I'm so excited to be here and I am even more excited to bring back the QotW: "We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are" - Max DePree
- ii. I will be continuing work on the mural over the next semester and hopefully the next one after that as well. I'll be keeping in touch with June, one of our very talented Ramapough Tribe artist and I will be reaching out to the visual arts society to see if they are interested in painting the final design with June.
- iii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for the CA school?

b. Lane

- i. Any HGS comments or kudos?
- ii. I am hoping to meet with Paula Straile-Costa during the semester. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns with the language program
- iii. HGS Dean's Council is always looking for new members! If anyone you know is interested, please let me know!!

c. Sophia

- i. This year I am implementing a Delegate Shadowing Program that will pair interested delegates with a SGA cabinet or Senate member. Delegate shadowers will gain exposure to the expectations, routines, and responsibilities of their given SGA leader and will learn what that position entails. The goal of this program is multilateral as it encourages retention within the SGA, increases delegate engagement in campus affairs, and promotes an inclusive environment. This is a voluntary opportunity for delegates and you general members alike, however, I do highly encourage you to participate.
- ii. Is this a program we would be interested in? If you are uncomfortable with taking a delegate shadower, please come and see me when you can.

d. Joe

- i. This year, I am taking up the mantle of Facilities Liaison, and I am planning a meeting with them soon, so if there are any concerns, questions, issues or kudos for Facilities please feel free to let me know!

e. Michael - Anything for OSS?

f. Uma - Anything for Center for Health and Counseling Services

g. Ava - Anything for Public Safety?

h. Samantha - [Fraternity and Sorority Life GroupMe](#)

i. Liz- We will be taking the photo for the new office poster immediately after adjournment! Inside or outside?

j. ★ SGA Star of the Month! [September Form](#) (Please inform us of any issues with the form)



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XI. Adjournment