

09/24/2025 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 09/24/2025] 1:04pm

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 (late)
- 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: 29
 - ii. Late: 1
 - iii. Excused: 5
 - 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.  09/17/25 Minutes General Meeting Agenda

- i. Moved: Gianna
- ii. Seconded: Ava
- 1. 13-0-1

V. President's Announcements

- a. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!
- b. Some exciting news...!
- c. Pies for Pirouettes - Today at 3! Fundraising for the Ramapo College Dance team, donate what you can to pie us!
- d. **NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT REGISTRATION OPEN:**
Planned by students for students, attend the New Jersey Statewide Student Mental Health Summit to engage in conversations, workshops and activities focused on mental health, wellbeing, and community support with students across the state. The summit is occurring on Wednesday, 10/8 from 9 am to 4 pm at Kean University. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, share your voice, and help shape the future of mental health in higher education. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided. Registration is free and closes on 10/3: <https://njstudentsummit.eventbrite.com>. Limited transport will be provided by the Center for Student Involvement. If you require transportation, please fill out the form on Archway in addition to the registering on Eventbrite: <https://cglink.me/2fF/s60560>
- e. The Campus Health and Safety Committee is asking for an SGA representative. The meetings are TBD but they are typically held at 9:30am-10:30am on Wednesdays. If anyone is interested you can let us know now or after the meeting!
 - i. Melissa: I can join the committee.
 - ii. Liz: From October 9-11th Cesar, Ben, and I will be representing the SGA at the ASGA in Washington DC. It is a bit similar to the one David, Mihir, and I had gone to over the summer.

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President James Pascal
 - i. if you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 - ii. Club Process today at 3:45pm!

1. We have one club asking for allocations
- b. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
 - i. Continue to log your [office hours](#) please!!
 1. Please do not forget to log your hours!!!!
 2. While in the office and at meetings please try and keep the volume down. We are not trying to say we can not have fun but while in the office and in meetings it can get very loud and we want to keep a semi-professional environment.
 3. When closing the office, please remember to put down the blinds and turn off the lights and fans please and thank you.
 - ii. We got a new fridge YAY!!
 1. just some reminder of the fridge, only store food in the fridge that you plan to eat within the week. On Fridays I want to try and clean out the fridge for the next week just to keep it clean and fresh!
- c. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas
 - i. Thanks to everyone keeping up with proper record tracking with receipts & all that. Nothing more to report.
- d. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
 - i. Our next Cabinet meeting is **Monday (10/6)**. Cabinet reports will be due by **September 29th** [Cabinet Report Template](#).
 - ii. I've attached a folder to drop reports: **SGA Drive → Current SGA Records → 25/26 Reports → (Name, Position, Date)**. I'll be sending emails to those who weren't able to be at our Cabinet meeting regarding initiatives and assistance. Any more questions, reach out and have a great week. Go well!
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
 - i. Nothing to report.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
 - i. Thank you to everyone who came to our committee meeting on Monday. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 6th, from 1-2 PM in room A-101.
 - ii. Updates regarding the commuter sign. The current sign will be moved into the Berrie Center and the TV upstairs when going into C hall from Friends we will have SGA updates on the TV. I wanted to give a big kudos to Mihir, Jack, and Dean Van Der Wall for helping.

iii. Upcoming events:

1. Commuter Breakfast: Tomorrow from 9:30-10:30 AM at the Berrie Center lawn. There will be donuts, soft drinks, and danishes. The event is first come first serve, while supplies last.
2. Commuter Focus Group: Monday, September 29th, from 1-2 PM in room B-225. Food and refreshments will be provided.

g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski

- i. The Delegate Committee just completed our first tabling of the semester.
- ii. Tomorrow, September 25th, our second meeting will take place from 4-5pm in A226.
- iii. I recently emailed the delegate shadowers and their respective representative members about pairing assignments. If you received this email and have not done so already, please respond to confirm your slot. Once you do so, I will send additional information.

h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes

- i. D&I Committee Meeting CANCELED TODAY

a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Samantha Schley

i. Shoutouts:

1. Congratulations to any and all members of Greek Life who had their white coat ceremony over the weekend! There were many brothers and sisters there and it is a big accomplishment!
2. Congratulations Alpha Phi Omega (professional service fraternity) for being a gold level recipient (the highest level) for their list of chapters of excellence for the 2024-2025 year.

- ii. Here is a link to [Ramapo Greeks Instagram](#) and [RCNJ Panhellenic Council Instagram](#) so you can stay on top of information and get a better look at what it's all about!!

1. Last hazing workshop Sep.24 1-2 in SC-217

- a. Needed to participate in recruitment

iii. Upcoming events:

1. Sigma Delta and Alpha Phi Delta are having a bake sale September 25th 11:00-1:00pm. Cookies, brownies, and cupcakes are all \$2. All proceeds go to PCAA, Leukemia, and Lymphoma.
2. Delta Phi Epsilon is having Deepher Dude September 25th at 9:00pm in Friends Hall. There is a \$5 entry. All proceeds will go to their Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

3. Alpha Kappa Psi is accepting scheduled bid interviews to join their fraternity. You must bring a resume and dress business casual.
 - a. [link to schedule interview](#)
4. Alpha Omicron Pi is taking DMs for interested COBs.
 - a. [Instagram link](#)
- iv. Next committee meeting will be October 7th at 10:00 am in the SGA office
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt
 - i. Meeting with Pat this Thursday, let me know if there is anything specific you would like me to bring up! Our next meeting will be 9/30 in A105 from 12-1pm!
- j. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
 - i. We will be having an Academic Fair tomorrow in the Library Learning Commons (cafe area) from 1-2 pm.
 - ii. Clash of the Clubs first event is going to be Brain Games in Friends Hall Monday, September 29th from 1-2 pm. If you are a part of a club or know people who are, please let them know. We will have more information going out to the clubs about it. The event is on the Sign Up Sheets [📅 25/26 Upcoming Event Sign Ups](#)
 - iii. We will be having a De-stress Bag making event Oct. 2nd floor SC above the atrium. Students can create their own bags filled with goodies to help them de-stress. The event is on the Sign Up Sheets [📅 25/26 Upcoming Event Sign Ups](#)
- iv. Oktoberfest
 1. The Sign-up shift for Oktoberfest is now open for all to sign up. Do not put your name in a blacked-out box [📅 25/26 SGA Oktoberfest Shift Sign Ups](#).
 - a. You can also sign up to be a scare actor for the Alpha Psi Omega's mounted house, but it will not count as a shift for the Oktoberfest requirement. Here is the link if you would like to be a scare actor
https://groupme.com/join_group/110168669/IJbIrQCN
 2. During the Founder's Day Cake Cutting (Friday, Oct. 3rd, 1:45 pm in the Grove), any club that has at least 6 members present will be entered into a raffle to win money for their club's budget. (The more clubs that attend, the more the prize money can be)
- v.

k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber

- i. The Academic Fair is tomorrow, September 25. If you would like to help spread the word, please consider posting this graphic I added to our GroupMe.
- ii. I will be filming a few quick videos today. If you would like to be included on our socials, please stay after General! Thank you ;)

l. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal

- i. The meeting with Anne and Steph went wonderfully. They liked my idea on making resources more visible.
- ii. Anne was wondering if there is anything SGA could do to support the event on OCT 1st 12:30 - 2 p.m. Arch / Grove they will be celebrates our 8th year being #1 best dorm.
- iii. October 1st for RA applications which ends October 15
- iv. Idea pitched by Steph: For Spring housing, commuters who plan to dorm may have the option to live with their on-campus friends rather than being randomly assigned roommates. However, roommate groups that include a commuter will receive last pick for housing assignments. This ensures fairness, giving priority to current residents. Groups must decide: Is living with your preferred people more important than getting a "better" dorm?
- v. Still working on initiative with Anne on making resources more visible to students magnets.

m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi

- i. Next committee meeting October 1st at 5:30 in LC 229

n. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck

- i. **Please please please** fill out this google form by Monday @ 11:59pm so that I can gauge interest in our possible service trips, pick a trip, and start to get people registered!! We have some really exciting opportunities to choose from this semester! Even if you aren't interested please fill this out so I can get an idea of interest. Let me know if you have any trouble accessing the form.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0Ww87i0I8BY3cPLp8nqKUzuiuquMoKmf_n_DP9L1aabpR156A/viewform?usp=header
- ii. You can track your service hours for this semester here:
[SGA 2025-2026 Community Service Hours](#)
 - 1. Let me know if you have any trouble accessing it!
- iii. Upcoming Trips:
 - 1. September 25th, 2025 Service Opportunity: Technology Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center | 11:45am- 2:15pm
 - 2. October 2nd, 2025 Service Opportunity: Environmental Stewardship with Flat Rock Brook Nature Center | 2:15pm - 5:30 pm
 - 3. October 5th, 2025 Service Opportunity: MEVO: Morning Sunday Farm Volunteer Experience | 9:15am- 12:45pm
 - 4. October 9th, 2025 Service Opportunity: Community Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown Food Distribution | 5:00pm- 8:15pm

- o. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
 - i. Just a reminder to stay on track with your requirements, you all have until December 3rd to complete everything
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
 - i. We approved the Rotaract Club!
 - ii. We approved two cosponsorships: One with the Women's Center and ARM!
 - iii. Liaison Reports are due next Monday! If there any
 - iv. Everything we have discussed can be found in the [minutes](#).
- q. Student Trustee - Sarah Glisson
 - i. Nothing to report
- r. Jack: Point of Clarification, for the commuter breakfast, due to the weather we will be moving the event inside to the second floor of the Student Center, have updated the location on instagram. Hope more students will come and it is open to everyone so feel free to stop by and grab some breakfast.

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - 1.
- b. This Week on Campus
 - i. Mihir: Fall Senate Election Update
 - 1. The campaigning period has started since this past Monday! During this time, candidates are allowed to actively campaign for themselves regarding their running for Senate!
 - 2. Support our candidates and spread the word about the election! Campaigning will run until October 5th and Voting will commence October 6-9.
 - 3. We are in the process of creating Instagram reels highlighting our candidates so be sure to share and support that upcoming content!

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Dean Van Der Wall: I am here today to introduce Dr. Hymic, he is our participant in ACE (American Council on Education Fellowship) he will be shadowing President Jebb for the 2025-2026 school year. Dr. Hymic comes from Stockton University and while at Stockton he has focused on strengthening

collaborative agreements with community colleges. I know this is not his first time at the general meeting. I just wanted to re-introduce him to everyone.

- i. Print policy: I am not sure if you guys have brought up the policy for the new printing policy. We just wanted to hear some corners.
 1. David: Some are concerned that the threshold, 200 for the semester, is a bit low for those who have professors that want students to have physical copies of labs or powerpoints.
 2. Van Der Wall: If you think that some of the professors could pivot things like having physical copies with this new printing policy would make things a bit better.
 3. Afrona: There are some stuff that we can not really do online so for some classes and assignments are better on paper.
 4. Sam: I just feel like there is probably not a lot that I know why they have switched from not having pay to now we will. And I know from talking to other people around campus and even those who have graduated from Ramapo feel that this is such a strange change since Ramapo prides itself on things like having free printing and free laundry, that is what drew me to Ramapo.
 5. Van Der Wall: I want to validate your thoughts and feelings. I understand that going from not paying to paying is very quick.
 6. Liz: I have two points, one concern that I have gotten was those who are in the Theater and having to print scripts and it can be a lot and my second point is the accessibility is another thing, some people can not go and buy a printer due to financial or have other places like the SGA office to have free printing.
 7. ITS: A lot of the reason for the change is the overuse of the top students that are printing. This change is to curve the overuses of the print and to be more sustainable for the campus.
 8. Emily: When I think of that 200 number it makes me think about the meal plan and flex that whatever you have left over can be transferred for the next semester.
 9. Van Der Wall: I just want to applauded you Emily for the fast thinking and great idea. I think that could be a great thing we can do for printing.
 10. Liz: I just want to thank you for coming today and wanting to hear what we have to say about the concerns that students have brought to us.

11. Sam: I think it is a great thing for doing the same as flex because if they have any left over they can see how much they have used and maybe even have an email everytime someone prints and in that email they can see how many more prints they have till they have to start to pay.
12. Mihir: I think even sending out emails when students are going over the limit and seeing why they are.
13. Julia: Going off Mihir's point
14. Peter: One thing is that sometimes having electronic copies can also not be as helpful because some people might not be used to looking at a screen all day and what if the ipad or computer dies. I just think paper copies are better and that is why I think students should have more than 200 prints for the semester.
 - a. How was the 200 number determined?
15. ITS: It was 25% more than what the average student uses/prints.
16. Mihir: Another thing I was thinking about is that having forms or even emailing ITS about having more prints due to classes/majors because majors like Bio do need more physical copies and I think implementing some kind of system for students to get more prints could be a good thing.
17. James: Adding on to mihir maybe have a form that students can fill out that need more prints.
18. ITS: I agree with that but some other things are also kind of a faculty thing like with the scripts could be something that they could have for the students. But I do agree about having a form of some kind for more prints.
19. David: Maybe we can see who is printing and see why they are printing because some students are not just printing for their classes but also for their clubs. And if some students are just printing to print we can limit them or do something about that?
20. ITS: I am not sure if we are able to see those kinds of things and I also think that maybe limiting students who print too much could lead to other things but I will definitely take all of this into consideration.
21. Afrona: I think it is just more about how low the numbers of paper students are given.
22. ITS: I agree maybe we should have made the number of prints bigger, again thank you all for giving us this information and we will be taking all of this into consideration.

- a. I also wanted to inform everyone that in February the school will stop working with WebX and Ramapo will be moving to use Microsoft and Google Meet.

There will be more information sent out closer to this change in February.

IX. Open Forum

- a. Uma: Anything for the Center for Health and Counseling Services?
- Thank you to everyone who showed up to the ISO and SGA Vigil Event on Sunday, it meant a lot to myself as well as the entire ISO organization to stand with the students during this time.
 - Multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to know more, contact me uadvani@ramapo.edu
 - Everyone's doing a great job:)
- b. Matthew: The admissions office is hosting two Open Houses in October (On the 5th and the 26th). If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know! The shift is from 8-2 PM and you can get community service hours!
- c. Chantalle: Roots and Routes Event by Organization of Latino Unity in **Alumni Lounges at 4PM tomorrow!!**: An invitation to understand and converse on immigration and why immigration is so important for the development of countries, also partnering with CCEC. We have comida!!
- d. Lane: Any comments, questions or kudos for HGS?
- Our first HGS Council meeting is today at 2:45 in B224!!!!
 - HGS still has some amazing job/internship opportunities including AHTP and AHTP Digital Student Assistant, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (CHGS) Internship, Jane Addams Project and an American Studies Digital Project! Apply on Handshake if you're interested!
 - Allies of the Ramapough Munsee is having a Remembrance Day Tabling on Sept. 30 in the fishbowl from 3-5! please wear orange this day and stop by our table!
- e. Peter - QotW: "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger – something better, pushing right back." — Albert Camus
- If you guys have any feedback on the bill, please leave a comment on the doc and I will try to get to it! Julia Rowan and I are still trying to find a time to meet with Jan. [Bill](#)
 - Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for the CA school?
 - Uma: kudos to the vamping of the CA instagram.
- f. Joe - Any questions, concerns, kudos for facilities? Remember to fill out work orders when something is broken and needs to be fixed. Please try and get the word out there to recycle. When in doubt, throw it out.
- David: Today I discovered right before general that the former men's bathroom on the second floor student center, the right door, and the sink does not work.
 - Mihir: Like Joe said we can also submit a work order for things like that.

- iii. Melissa: Kudos to facilities, over the weekend my dad and I almost got stuck in the village elevator, thank goddess we didn't but I was able to call Public Safety and they got facilities out to the village to fix it right away.
- iv. Peter: I was thinking of maybe having a QR code in the bathrooms when it comes to things being broken in the bathroom.
- v. Liz: Point of clarification I had also mentioned doing that for toilet paper in the bathroom. I think it would be a good idea to combine both.
- vi. Joe: If you have any ideas for improvements of recycling please let me know, it will be very helpful.
- vii. Peter: I have noticed lots of students are having trouble knowing if they can recycle their dunkin and starbucks cups so maybe putting a poster or sign by the garbage.
- viii. Michael: I another idea I had was maybe putting some of the ways and right ways to recycle in the sleeves for the hot coffee.
- g. Melissa: 7:00 p.m. - Field Hockey - Athletics - Turf Field Cheer on your Roadrunners as they host FDU-Florham! All faculty/staff & students enter FREE to ALL regular season home games! Follow @RCNJAthletics on social media for game day links & more! #WeAreRCNJ
- h. Liz - Interested in law? Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity's recruitment week is this week! We will be having a Meet the Brothers event tonight from 8-9 in A103, and a Brother Bonding event tomorrow from 8-9 in A103. For more information contact our recruitment chair John Brighthouse (jbrighou@ramapo.edu) or our president Amanda Shortt (ashortt@ramapo.edu).
- a. David - Any questions, concerns, kudos for ITS?
- b. Gianna: I am the SGA representative for the Academic Policy Council, which meets monthly in the York Room. I will be attending the council meeting tomorrow at 10:30 am. Is there anything I need to be made aware of and can report at the meeting?
- i. ★ SGA Star of the Month! [September Form](#) (Please inform us of any issues with the form)
 - i. Liz: Instead of saying why I think the person who is the star of the month deserves it I think reading what people have said why she deserves it:
 - 1. ★~ I think that Sophia should be the star of the month because of how hard she's working with her delegate program. Everytime I see Sophia she is talking about her delegates, working on a presentation for them, or asking SGA members about taking delegates under their wing. I swear I'm not biased (since we are friends), I genuinely believe Sophia has been working so hard and is extremely dedicated in working with her delegates.
 - 2. ★~ For all the work and improvements she does for both SGA and the new Delegate program. Also for welcoming all new and interested members with open arms into the SGA.

3. ★~ I think Sophia should win SGA Star of the Month because she is super kind and she is super willing to help out all the new delegate's and make everyone feel welcome to being in SGA.
 4. ★~ Puts in a lot of effort to get new members to join and be committed to SGA as well as make delegates feel included such as her mentor program.
 5. ★~ I firmly believe that Sophia, has been the most tentative and efficient in her role as Sec. of Delegate Affairs. I've also been in contact with her and she's been actively displaying acts of leadership and overall trying to elevate next years SGA for when everyone is graduates. Tallying up a large number of delegates, she's been doing nothing but excellent work and I would be so grateful to see her get SGA Star of the Month recognition.
 6. ★~ Made all delegates feel welcome and has kept us up to date on all things SGA.
- ii. Liz: I wanted to start something new so that those who were also nominated for stare of the month will be receiving emails at 3pm Today with some of the comments that people have left for you.

X. Adjournment @ 2:25pm

- i. moved: Joe
- ii. seconded: Ava