

10/08/2025 SGA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 10/08/2025] 1:06pm

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Liz Mendicino (excused)
- b. Vice President - James Pascal
- c. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- d. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas (excused)
- e. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann (excused)
- 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 (excused)
- n. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal (late)
- 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 (excused)
- z. SSHS School Senator - El Sharo (excused)
- aa. TAS School Senator - Gianna Marchica
- bb. Senator-at-Large - Uma Advani
- cc. Senator-at-Large - Nathaniel Bergren
- dd. Senator-at-Large - Joseph Brubaker (late-excused)
- ee. Senator-at-Large - Michael Chabot (late-excused)
- 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 (excused)
 - i. Present: 22
 - ii. Late: 1
 - iii. Excused: 14
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent: 0

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.  10/01/25 General Meeting Minutes

- i. Moved: Ginna
- ii. Seconded: Julia
- 1. 10-0-0

V. President's Announcements

- a. Happy Queer and Trans History Month, and Disability Awareness month!
- b. Thank you all for a successful and amazing Oktoberfest! Special shout out to Afrona and all of her hard work, it would not have been possible without you all!
- c. Remember to vote in the Fall Senate Election! Voting closes tomorrow at 12pm!
- d. SGA Training Media Day - 10/24 from 4:30-6:30! Bring business professional clothes to get your headshot taken & photos of the whole org... and pajamas for food after!
- e. The Gubernatorial Debate Watch Party from CCEC is being hosted from 7-9pm in Podovano Commons, this is the last debate between Democrat candidate Mikie Sherrill and Republican Jake Ciatterelli!
- f. Pride Fest is happening right now! It will go on until 3pm, show support and represent the SGA.

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. If your club is interested in Allocations do reach out to the same indicated email
 - iii. Club Process today at 3:45pm!
 - 1. We have two clubs asking for allocations.
- b. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
 - i. Continue to log your [office hour](#)s please!!
 - 1. We have added the link into groupme and it is pinned as well!!
- c. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
 - i. Nothing to report

- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
 - i. Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's committee meeting.
 - ii. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 20th, from 1-2 PM in room A-101.
 - iii. Upcoming events:
 - 1. Throwback Snacks: Tomorrow from 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
 - 2. Lunch and Learn: October 13th from 1-2 pm in B-225
 - 3. Trick or Trivia: October 23rd from 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
 - 4. Trunk or Treat: October 28th from 5-7 pm in the tennis court parking lot
 - a. The form to register a car closes on the 20th at 11:59 pm
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski
 - i. Delegate Affairs meeting TOMORROW from 4-5pm in A226.
 - ii. Shadowing pairs: your partner contracts are due in the Google Drive folder TODAY
 - 1. SGA Official Drive→Current SGA Records→Shadowing Program
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
 - i. D&I Committee Meeting today at 4:30 in room A101: We will be discussing new ways to promote the diversity peer program so it can be a 2 semester initiative.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Samantha Schley
 - i. 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!!
 - ii. Next committee meeting will be Oct.21st at 10:00am in the office
 - iii. Events:
 - 1. Sigma Delta Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) are selling apple cider donuts above paycaf Oct.8th from 12:00-2:00pm. It is \$2 per donut and all proceeds go to PCAA and St.Jude's
 - 2. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is having "Pie a Que" Wed. Oct.8th under C-wing from 2:00-4:00pm. 1 pie is \$3, 2 pies is \$5, and whole chapter is \$19
 - 3. Tri Sigma and the basketball team are holding Sigma Swish on Oct.10th in the Bradley arena at 6:00pm. There is a \$5 entry and all proceeds go to the Tri Sigma Foundation

4. Delta Phi Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Alpha are holding a smores night Oct. 13th at 8:00pm in Laurel Courts
 - i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt
 - i. Our next meeting will be 10/14 from 12-1pm in A105!
 - j. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
 - i. Thank you everyone who helped and came to any of the Oktoberfest. You all made it great! Also, to help us prepare for next year, we wanted to reach out and get your feedback,
<https://forms.gle/tj3nuUEPNkdeiWu3A>
 - k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - i. Please continue to post the Senate Election and Raffle flyers. I've created a new one that you can use - will add to GroupMe :)
 - l. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - i. Currently setting up a date to meet with Anne and Steph once again to further discuss ways to make resources more visible and enhancing school spirit
 - ii. When talking to Tamir who works at Laurel Hall he said magnets are a great idea and realized just how much students walk past posters and signs everyday and wanted to work with me on any new ideas that stir up.
 - iii. Are there other ways we can make these resources more visible? apart from magnets
 - iv. as Anne stated, "Too many magnets in circulation can reduce visibility, and we've also found that they often get lost, go missing, or are discarded by residents at the end of the year". so any input would be really helpful
 - m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
 - i. Committee meeting next Wednesday in LC229
 - n. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck
 - i. Our service trip for this fall has been decided via our google form- we will be going to MEVO!!
 1. Sunday, Oct 26th 1:00pm- 4:30pm
 2. Here is a link to register!! (10 people can go!)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjkM1U_zyWCx_BwfF_amxUxp-8dc3b51OKwhw9NyIjUC03hA/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. Other upcoming service opportunities:
 1. October 11th, 2025 Service Opportunity: Cleanup with the Hackensack Riverkeeper | 8:30am- 12:30pm
 2. October 15th, 2025 Service Opportunity: Technology Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center | 11:45am- 2:15pm

3. October 15th, 2025 On-Campus Service Opportunity: Campus Cleanup with Environmental Health and Safety | 1pm- 2pm
- o. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
 - i. Thank you guys for all showing up for your Oktoberfest shifts, we appreciate everybody's commitment to their responsibilities
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
 - i. The Fall Senate Election Voting Period has begun!
 1. Spread the word about voting, upload our graphics, and don't forget to vote!
 - ii. We approved 3 cosponsorships on Monday 10/07: Bischoff Hall, SOCA, and Enactus!
 - iii. We approved 1 club: Bioinformatics!
 - iv. Everything we have discussed can be found in the [minutes](#).
- q. Student Trustee - Sarah Glisson
 - i. Nothing to report
- r. Melissa: I wanted to say to Lismary about the mailroom, I have heard from some students that the people in the mailroom employees seem to be a bit distracted and on their phones. They said they completely understand that they are students first but what was a little frustrating is that they go to the mailroom to see if their package is here, but when going the mailroom employee was on their phone and had a stack of mail unscanned. They were told they did not know if the mail was in the mailroom and at 8pm their package was scanned in, but the mailroom closes at 8pm. And the students were a little frustrated because they know the mailroom closes at 8pm so they shouldn't be going to the mailroom, I just wanted to let you know and maybe let ResLife know.
- s. Rick: Who was frustrated with who?
- t. Melissa: A student with the mail room.
- u. Lismary: Okay thank you for letting me know I will definitely bring this up in my next meeting.
- v. Sam: I just wanted an update about the bill with the Axu gym?
- w. Peter: 8-10 time slot is for intramural clubs and after that time you would have to get public safety to be a "shaprone." Julia was at the meeting with Jan so she could tell you more about the meeting.
- x. Mihir: point of information so the time slot is for 8-10pm right only 2 hours?
- y. Peter: Yes
- z. Mihir: Another question I had is what is the gym being used for?

- aa. Peter: So during that time the athletic teams use it for practice at times, they have set times to be able to use the gym however, within the athletic teams they often at times switch around practices with other teams. And with that the 25Live can be incorrect so we are still meeting with people to see where we can go from here but i can share the doc with you about what is going on with the bill.

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
1. Nothing to report
- b. This Week on Campus
- i. Nothing to report

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Jack: Couple things wanted to say congratulation to you guys about oktoberfest and a big congratulation to Afron for not only the carnival but with the whole oktoberfest working along side CSI, you have done such a great job and as well as all of you guys too setting up and also during the event on Saturday.
- i. Trunk-or-Treakt is the 28th we have many other groups already joining this event, I also highly encourage SGA to have a car for the trunk-or-treak
 - ii. Tomorrow for commuter affairs A101 1pm is a self care event with some sweet treats and healthy snacks.
 1. Mihir: Not a question but talking about trunk-or-treat is there anyone wanting to use their car for this event?
 - a. Melissa, Nate and Peter have offered their cars for Trunk-or-Treak.
 - iii. Rick: I just want to echo what Jack said about Oktoberfest, Afron this is just your second year organizing Oktoberfest you have done a great job. I also want to say good job to all of you in SGA you all did such a great job. This Oktoberfest was one of the smoothest and the most turn out we have had not only with the carnival but the other events throughout the week. Great job to all of you.
 1. You will be getting an email from me shortly but there will be a ACUI conference, Association of College Unions International, November 13th-15th there a conference at Montclair. This conference will focus on building community, offering professional development, expanding networks, connecting with mentors, and learning skills that can translate to any career. I think many of you would love to go, it will be paid for and if you

are interested keep an eye out for the email with more information. The conference runs from Thursday, which is more of a social gathering and you meet many other students here but the main dates would be Friday and Saturday.

- a. Sam: What are the dates?
- b. Rick: November 13th-15th

IX. Open Forum

- a. Matthew: Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Open House on Sunday! There is one more later on in the month (on Sunday the 26th). If you are interested in volunteering for the second Open House, please let me know. The shift is from 8 am - 2 pm and you can get community service hours!
- b. Ava – Any questions, comments, or concerns for Public Safety?
- c. Uma – Anything for the Center for Health and Counseling Services?
 - i. I met with Megan Johnston on Monday! Here are some updates :) :
 - 1. **Meet and Greet in the Multicultural Center - Thursday 10/9 from 1 pm to 2 pm:**
Hang out, play some games and give us YOUR feedback for future events.
 - 2. **World Mental Health Day 10/9 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in the Fish Bowl:** This FishBowl take over will include mental health resources, tools to build your emotional vocabulary and chances to reflect on your personal mental health support!
 - 3. We would like to start up a **Peer Support and Awareness Campaign** on social medias! It would be a “You’re Not Alone” series highlighting students in the SGA as well as CHCS faculty. Here is an interest form just to see if anybody would like to take part in this Instagram post! Please fill it out if you are interested! [CHCS Peer Support and Awareness Campaign Interest Form!](#)
 - ii. Counseling Services is hosting a Cultivating Calm Workshop! The purpose is to help manage stress during the semester. There will be four weekly one hour sessions in counseling services (D216). This workshop will include learning about the science behind stress and anxiety, relaxation techniques, etc. If you are interested, here is the link! :) [Cultivating Calm Workshop Interest Form](#)
 - iii. Multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to know more, please contact me at uadvani@ramapo.edu
 - iv. Everyone's doing a great job:)
 - v. Anything for Health and Counseling services
 - 1. Peter: I just want to say to you Uam you are doing such a great job with being on top of thing especially with the Valley Health things going on just want to say you are doing such a great job.
- d. Peter – QotW: “You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” —Christopher Robin
 - i. I misunderstood June about the design being finalized, but we do have a design. But it is not

finalized yet.



Ramapough Munsee

- ii.
- iii. This is the general idea and will be expanded at a later date. It currently depicts Split Rock Mountain—a very important landmark to the People—and the three clans underneath the Arch show the unity between the tribe and the college.
- iv. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for me or CA School?
 - 1. Uma: I am not sure if this would be a fallacies thing or a CA school thing but the sink in the Barrie Center bathroom started to shoot water at me.
- e. Alessia- Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for Title IX? You can also email me with any questions you have.
- f. Lane: Any comments, questions or kudos for HGS?
 - i. Wednesday, October 15 from 11:30 to 1:30 is our first HGS faculty & student lunch of this year! It'll be in SC 158. Please RSVP to hgs@ramapo.edu !
- g. Joe - Anything for Facilities?
 - i. Peter: I am not sure who feasible this but would we be able to get more drains in the parking lot? It seems to flood a lot in the parking lot A-D.
 - ii. Joe: I am not sure how feasible this could be done right away but it is something that I will bring up in my meeting.
- a. Samantha - How do we get out hours logged for open horse if we registered through an organization other than SGA? I know we have to get the document signed.
 - i. James: It would be Morgan, you can email them at the admissions office so they can sign the form.
 - ii. Emily: Also if anyone is doing any volunteer work with CCEC you can always ask Allene Shapiro.

iii. Rick: Since it was Open House you can also email anyone from CSI since they oversee the organizations in Open House.

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

X. Adjournment 1:43pm

- a. Moved: Gianna
- b. Second: Julia