

11/05/2025 SGA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 11/05/2025] @1:07pm

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Liz Mendicino (excused)
- b. Vice President - James Pascal
- c. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- d. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas (absent)
- 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 Tozlu
- 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
- w. ASB School Senator - Ismael Carcamo (excused)
- x. CA School Senator - Peter Tunnicliffe (excused)

- y. HGS School Senator
- z. SSHS School Senator - Ava Cicero-Johnson
- aa. TAS School Senator - Gianna Marchica
- bb. Senator-at-Large - Uma Advani
- cc. Senator-at-Large - Nathaniel Bergren(absent)
- dd. Senator-at-Large - Joseph Brubaker
- ee. Senator-at-Large - Michael Chabot
- ff. Senator-at-Large - Alessia Mendicino
- gg. Senator-at-Large - Julia Rowan
- hh. Senator-at-Large - Evelyn Santangelo
- ii. Senator-at-Large - Ayden Reed
- jj. Senator-at-Large - Michael Marino (excused)
- kk. Senator-at-Large - Sebastian Herrera
- ll. Senator-at-Large - Leana Thompson
- mm. Senator-at-Large - James Nieman
- nn. Senator-at-Large - Nova Boehm
 - i. Present: 30
 - ii. Late: 0
 - iii. Excused: 7
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent: 2

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 Lunaape Nation.

IV. Approving Meeting Minutes

a. 10/29/25 Meeting Minutes

- i. Moved: Ginaan
- ii. Seconded: Ava
 - 1. 14-0-1

V. President's Announcements

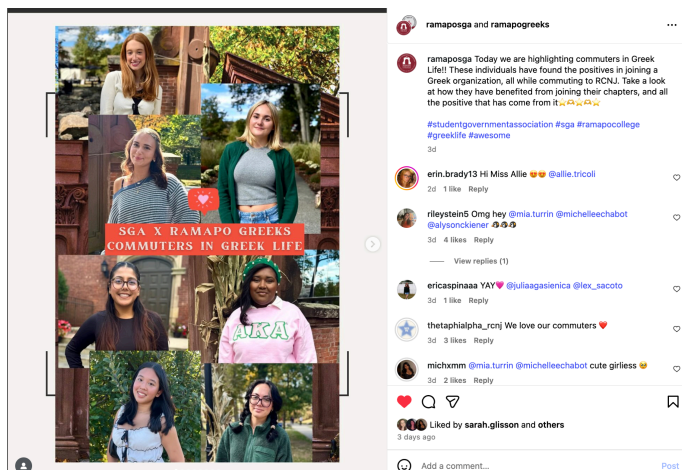
- a. Happy Black Solidarity Week!
- b. Herstory: Women of Color Jeopardy will occur at 5:30 PM in BSU office
- c. Join President Jebb Monday, November 10, 2025 at 1pm in Trustees Pavilion for a special campus conversation with Lieutenant General (Ret.) Nadja West ([see extended bio](#)), the 44th Surgeon General of the U.S. Army. In this thought-provoking program, Surgeon General West will share her journey of service, resilience, and leadership — from shaping healthcare policy to managing self doubt. Together, President Jebb and General West will explore themes central to a Ramapo College education: ethical leadership, the courage to embrace change, and the power of service to others.
- d. The program will feature a moderated dialogue and audience Q&A. This event is free and open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and special guests. RSVP [here](#)
- e. Join the Allies of the Ramapough Munsee for the Native American Heritage Month Banquet at Alumni Lounges Friday, November 14th, 2-5pm. Learn more about the local Ramapough tribe, performers, art and try Native American food.
- f. The Election Reflection will be November 13th, from 1-2pm at H-wing auditorium

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President James Pascal

- i. We have Club process/allocation Today at 3:45pm in A-103
 - 1. We have 3 clubs presenting, one for allocations and two for New Club Process
- ii. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club or club allocations—rules applied—do reach out to sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
- b. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
 - i. Happy First- Generation College Celebration Month to all my First Gen students!!!
 - i. Here is the [office hours](#) link!! If you need to change or make up office hours here is my email: malvare7@ramapo.edu
 - ii. YAY new shelf!!!
- c. Treasurer - Cesar Vivas
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
 - i. [Service Policy Interest Form](#)!!!! To work with Emily and filling out the form.
- 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. The next Commuter Affairs Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 17th, from 1-2 PM in room A-101.
 - iii. If anyone is interested in advertising on either the commuter sign or the TV, let me know!
 - iv. Upcoming events:
 - 1. Cider and Coco: Tomorrow from 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
 - 2. Commuter Focus Group: November 10th from 1-2 pm in B-225
 - 3. Commuter Breakfast: November 13th from 1-2 pm on the second floor of the Student Center
 - 4. Commutergiving: November 17th from 1-2 pm in Pav 1 & 2
 - a. There will be arts and crafts, lots of food, music, and possibly a raffle
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski
 - i. The Delegate Affairs Committee will meet tomorrow, Thursday, November 6th from 4-5pm in A226.

- ii. For my shadowing pairs, please be aware that the shadower delegates' initiative reports are in two weeks (Wednesday, November 19th). Please see the [assignment prompt](#) for more details and reach out with any questions.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
 - i. Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting today at 4:30 PM in A100!
 - ii. Please continue to promote the Diversity Peer Application! The deadline is this Friday, November 7th.
- 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!!



- 1.
 - a. Thank you too Kaitlyn for helping with Ramapo Greeks commuter post. I am very happy we got to highlight different members of Greek life. We will continue to do this in different ways so stay tuned!
 - ii. Next committee meeting will be Nov.18th at 10:00am in the office
 - iii. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** You can now register for spring 2026 recruitment! Here is the link: [Spring 26 Recruitment](#)
 - iv. Statements:
 - 1. PLEASE, if you are posting for your Greek organization, tag Ramapo Greeks! This will help people see your events and allows me to see them in a more concise spot rather than all different instagrams. This is the same for any and all students who are interested in

going to one of these events! Their first instinct will be to go to the Ramapo Greeks instagram where, if you tag them, your event flyer will be on their story.

2. I have been hearing comments and concerns about the financial aspect of Greek life. The idea that Greek life is unaffordable for a student is a common misconception. There are scholarships that can help give aid along with the Nationals of the Greek organizations working with their members. This should not be what deters you from going out for Greek life! Having the opportunity to be involved in Greek life can help people in so many ways and it would be a shame for this misconception to be what gets in the way of that. If you have ANY questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me.

v. Upcoming events

1. Ebony Woman for Social Change and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. are holding a “Feminine Care Drive” from Nov.3rd - 7th. Drop off locations are Black Student Union (BSU) office (SC227), Woman’s center (C220), and the CSI Office.
 - a. They are taking underwear (of any size), menstrual hygiene products, and toiletries
2. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. is having “a pretty sweet treat” Nov. 5th from 1-3 in the fishbowl.
3. “Meet the Panthers of Omega Phi Chi” is going to be Nov.5th from 1-3pm in the student center
4. Theta Phi Alpha is having their “Theta Fuel” tabling Nov.6th from 12-2 where they will be selling energy drinks.
5. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is holding “BowlerHO Night: Bowling and Baby Items” Nov. 9th at 7:22pm. There is a \$30 entry. It is to support their project Cradle Care initiative. 30% of the fee will go to the cause and you can donate items as well.
 - a. Address: 22-22 Maple Ave, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410



b. RSVP QR code:

6. Alpha Kappa Psi is holding “Ballin’ for a cause” Nov. 11th from 10pm - 1am in the Aux gym. There will be free food and drinks provided. You can register through this link:

[AKA Ballin' for a Cause](#)

7. Alpha Sigma Alpha is having their fashion show November 17 in friends hall at 930
8. Alpha Omicron Pi is having "AOII spike out" on November 23rd
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt
 - i. Nothing to report
- j. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
 - i. Duck Hunt is coming up! It will be Tuesday, November 18th from 8 am - 5:30 pm. We will have a range of prizes from Ramapo Merch, Squishmallows, owala waterbottle, LEGO set, and food. Also, this year we will have a grand prize RamaHog to find; it will be a Polaroid camera bundle set. However, no SGA member can win it. But SGA members can still try to search for ducks after 11 am. There will be stickers and chocolate in the office as a consolation prize for anyone who couldn't find a duck. Please spread the word about the Duck Hunt.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - i. One Senator-at-Large position is now open. Application is due in two weeks on November 19th! Posting a flyer to Group Me, feel free to add to your insta! Thank you :)
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - i. meeting with Anne and Steph on November 17, 3:30-4pm to discuss further on mental health resources and ways to bring up student involvement. We are making great progress and have been working greatly together and sharing ideas. We have been taking this slow as this is a big process and want to come up with the most effective plan.
 - ii. Commuters will finally be able to participate in the housing process if they decide to dorm on campus, but will be last along with everyone who wants to room with them. Some students don't mind where they live as Stephh brought up and are okay with wherever as we have the best dorms in the state and many care more about who they live with as that is what truly makes the housing experience.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
 - i. Join Ramapo Green and Sunrise in a Co-Sponsored event with Dining Services at Birch!
 1. Wednesday November 12th from 5-8PM
 2. The menu will be Vegan Mac and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Impossible Street Tacos, Plant based "chicken nuggets" and a Vegetable Medley!
 3. Come learn about composting and food waste!

4. We will also have a weigh the waste event that will collect people's food scraps to show how much food gets wasted over the course of one meal period
- n. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck
 - i. You can track your service hours for this semester here:
[SGA 2025-2026 Community Service Hours](#)
 - ii. Please sign up through the form if you are interested in being a part of the discussion of the creation of a campus-wide service policy!! <https://forms.gle/gG5eirgwrprkb7Py7>
 - iii. CCEC Newsletter: The CCEC has put out their first monthly newsletter for the semester which is full of information on the upcoming semester, their programming and service. If you don't already please join their archway to receive emails like the newsletter!
- o. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
 - i. Nothing to report
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
 - i. Shoutout to the Senate for a very productive Lighting Survey with Public Safety!
 1. Thank you Ava and Jason Balsan for getting this together.
 - ii. We have officially appointed Ava Cicero-Johnson as our new SSHS School Senator!
 - iii. We approved two cosponsorships: One with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and UAA!
 - iv. We approved one club: Ramapo Horror and Culture Club!
 - v. Went over some remaining liaison reports!
 - vi. Everything we have discussed can be found in the [minutes](#).
- q. Student Trustee - Sarah Glisson
 - i. Nothing to report.

VII. New Business

- a. **Guests: VP Mike Yankovich & Director of Events & Conferences Melissa Celik**
 - i. Mike: Good afternoon everyone, we hadn't been able to first talk about the new changes we will be making with schools and how events will be done. One thing we are thinking about changing is the graduation ceremony with having both undergraduate and graduate ceremonies together, and maybe changing locations:

1. Reorganize the room of the Bradley center, we would have one side of the bleachers out, kind of what we do for the Opening Convocation, and New student assembly. But with that it will be limiting the amount of family members to be allowed to be present in the ceremony.
2. When combining the graduate and undergraduate ceremony, Ramapo used to do this but the one thing was the length of the ceremony and the second is that the graduate class goes first and when undergraduate students go up is that the graduate students will leave and with that so will so many others. The reason we are thinking about doing this is because myself and Melissa are recently new to running the graduations, but we have gotten the last graduation down to an hour and thirty minutes and with combining both ceremonies we feel confident that we can make it a short ceremony. And we would have it in the Prudential Center. 6,000 people fit in the Prudential Center, which will allow no limit of family members or friends to be in attendance for graduation.
3. James: Why are you switching?
4. Mike: the main reason is the accuses of limit of family and friends
5. Mihir: I am a very big fan of combining the two graduate and undergrad, because with those who have big families it will be nice to have everyone there.
6. Joe: I think combining both is a good idea because not having a limit for how many people a student can bring as well.
7. Mike: If there are any other comments or questions please reach out to me or Melissa Celik.

b. 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. No Public Comment

IX. Open Forum

- a. Uma - Anything for the Center for Health and Counseling Services?

- i. The **Roadrunner Collegiate Recovery Program** supports students in recovery from substance use disorders by providing a community of peers who are committed to a substance-free lifestyle. If anyone is interested in learning more, you can email crosenk@ramapo.edu
- ii. The next therapy animal visit will be this Friday, November 7, from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Wellness Room (E-216). To register for the visit, use this link! [Therapy Animal Visit Sign Up :\)](#)
- iii. Continuing the You're Not Alone Series. The next one will be talking about finals and the UWill platform! Please fill out this form if you are interested in being a part of this! [You're Not Alone Series Pt. 2 UWill](#)
- iv. There are multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more, visit <https://www.ramapo.edu/counseling/>, and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me!
- v. Everyone's doing a great job:)
- b. Peter — QotW: "I'm grateful for the life I'm living! Who knows how long I'll have it?" –Squidward Tentacles
 - i. The Allies of the Ramapough Munsee (ARM) Club is hosting a Native American Banquet on November 14th at 2pm in the Alumni Lounges, come join us for good food, Amazing Artwork, and more!
 - ii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concern for the CA School.
- c. Joe - Anything for facilities?
- d. Ava – Anything for SSHS or Public Safety?
- e. Leana - The Governmental Affairs Committee has been discussing a trip to the State House on December 3rd. Is anyone interested? Most importantly, what are the thoughts on this date? I have heard that there are overlaps.
 - i. Anything for OVP?
- f. Mihir - Assistant Provost Vanessa Arriola is here today. Anything for her and the academic structure for next year?
 - i. Vennasa: On the Ramapo internet and go onto the Provost page there is a form where you can ask your questions, I can send the link as well to you guys.
- g. Sebastian- Women's volleyball senior night/ qualifications to championship THIS SATURDAY HOME. Opening games for the Men's and Women's Basketball this Saturday. Women's basketball plays at 2pm and the Men's team plays at 4pm. Kate Levin mentioned that she has tagged the SGA in some post/ stories on instagram and hopes that the SGA social media will continue to repost as we are one of the direct lines of communications to the general student body.
- h. Ayden- Anything for EOF?
 - i. Uma: Kudos to Mrs. Q
- i. Nova- Anything for CSI?

- i. Emily: I really like the new instagram reel with all the CSI staff.
- j. Alessia Mendicino- Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for Title IX?
- k. ★ SGA Star of the Month! [November Form](#) (Please inform us of any issues with the form)
 - i. Sebastian: I meant to ask Vanessa if you would be able to briefly explain the new changes that are happening.
 - ii. Vanessa: I will pull up the slide shows about the new academic plan, as well as the website to show what they are planning to do in the future as well. With the questions about the schools, right now we have an unbalance of the number of students and professors. That is why we will be going from 5 schools to 4 schools. [Provost](#) presentation so you can all see what is going on. We will have now: ASB, which will stay the same, School of Science, Nursing and health, which is the new name for TAS, then School of Social Sciences and Social Work, this is a one of the big changes this will have majors like: Political Science Major and Minor, Public Policy Masters, Public Policy Minor. Lastly there will be the School of Arts, Humanities and education, which is the school of CA as well as education majors, and English majors and minors.
 - 1. Rick: I had mentioned last week of the new dean as well if you could elaborate on that aspect.
 - iii. Vanessa: With this we also have been looking at the rolls of the Deans and that there is not one Dean who is looking over all the schools, and there are different Deans for each programme like the Honners they have a Dean, ASB has their own Dean, and with many other schools and programs. Therefore, having the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Honors it will be able to help students and to have someone who is also overseeing all schools and can help with all undergraduate studies. Student communication plan, we are working hard on this and it will be coming out soon for students in different schools or programs to be aware of the new changes.

X. Adjournment @1:57pm

- a. Moved: Joe
- b. Seconded: Sebastian