

09/08/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/08/2025]

Meeting called to order on [09/08/2025] at 07:02 pm in ASB-219

I. Roll Call

- a. President Elizabeth Mendicino
- b. Senate President Mihir Jariwala
- c. Senate Vice President David George
- d. Senate Secretary Julia Kotowski
- e. TAS School Senator Gianna Marchica
- f. CA School Senator Peter Tunnicliffe
- g. ASB School Senator Ismael Carcamo
- h. SSHS School Senator El Sharo (excused)
- i. HGS School Senator Elaina Evers (excused)
- j. Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson
- k. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- l. Senator Michael Chabot
- m. Senator Alessia Mendicino (excused)
- n. Senator Evelyn Santangelo (excused)
- o. Senator Julia Rowan (excused)
- p. Senator Uma Advani
- q. Senator Nathaniel Bergren

i. Late: 0

ii. Absent: 0

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.

Land Acknowledgement

SGA respectfully acknowledges that we are hosting our meeting on the ancestral and traditional Indigenous territory of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. N/A

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy First Senate!
- b. Shoutout to all those who volunteered at the Involvement Fair and Open House!
 - i. We had an amazing turnout!
- c. Make sure you have all signed up for these requirements!
 - i. [Committee Sign-Ups](#)
 - ii. [Office Hour Sign-Ups](#)
- d. Liaison Reports
 - i. [Contact Sheet](#)
 - ii. Due Dates: September 29th, October 27th, and November 24th
 - iii. Start to get into contact with your departments/services!
- e. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
 - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

IV. New Business

- a. Senate Introductions, Feedback, and Team Building
 - i. Personal introductions with name, major, year, liaison
 - ii. SGA Feedback
 - iii. Sharing SGA Personal Goals
 - iv. Team Mind Game
- b. Club Approval: RISE Grad School Prep Club
 - i. [Constitution](#)
 - ii. [Club Presentation](#)
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. David: How many interested members do you have?
 - a. 50-70
 - 2. David: Who is your faculty advisor?

- a. Professor Suarez
- 3. Liz: How do you plan on accounting for different paths for different majors?
 - a. They are all different but all follow a similar general outline, smaller specifics could be worked out within smaller groups, especially with a diverse group
- 4. Liz: What are the graduation years of your e-board?
 - a. Senior, junior, junior, senior
- 5. Mihir: Do other members of your e-board have experience running a club?
 - a. Yes
- iv. Discussion:
 - 1. Michael: Seems like a no-brainer, would be good since it has connections to the Scholars Program
 - 2. James: There is a real need for the club and there isn't a club that targets grad school. He discusses accountability and I think that is really important
 - 3. Joseph: Good to take a program like the Scholars program, which has limited availability, to open it up to everyone interested. Has a lot of interest already.
 - 4. Liz: McNair program is already very successful, the only concern is the lack of specific paths for students in majors not a part of STEM or business. Needs foundational understanding for all paths.
 - a. Mihir: We do have clubs that are more specified towards certain careers such as pre-dental club.
 - 5. James: I wish there was more support for HGS and SSHS. The club was supposed to begin last year and had even more interest, but some previous potential members graduated.
 - 6. David: Not very specific to different schools, but has a lot of interest and we currently have no general clubs focused on grad school. They can use these large numbers to try and get specific focus on different grad schools.
- v. Proposed: Motion to approve R.I.S.E. club
- vi. Moved: Gianna
- vii. Second: Ava

viii. 10-0-1

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. Mihir - [Red Folder](#) is a one-stop shop for assisting students in distress and will help you determine how to respond and help students connect to appropriate campus resources. See Something. Say Something. Do Something.
- b. Ava - any questions, comments, or concerns for Public Safety?
 - i. David: Why do we now pick up our parking passes instead of delivery?
 - 1. Liz: They switched to a new system.
 - 2. El: Little notice of changed policy.
 - 3. James: Difficult to access permit from Village.
 - 4. Emma: Only found out to pick it up in person after asking, was not informed ahead of time.
 - 5. Nate: Res-Life sent an email to residents.
 - 6. Mihir: Commuter students did not get an email.
 - 7. Nate: Public Safety did not have much information to help students with issues.
 - 8. Matthew: As a commuter, did not get an email.
 - 9. El: When filling out a request for a permit, it gave no confirmation on whether it worked or not.
 - 10. Joe: Found out that the permits could be picked up by reading it in the Daily Digest.
 - 11. Mihir: No temporary parking pass this year.
- c. Gianna - Any questions or concerns for the TAS school?
 - i. Please come support RCDT and Ice Hockey on 9/26 for the Home Opener at 7:45 pm at the Ice Vault in Wayne!
- d. Peter – QotW: *“When you feel like giving up, just remember why you held on for so long.”* – Hayley Williams
 - i. I am meeting with Dean Ken Goldstein this Friday, are there any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns anyone would like me to bring to him?

1. El: Can you tell him to check on the pianos in the practice room to make sure they are tuned? Also check on the third practice room chair.
- e. Uma - Any comments, or questions for Center for Health and Counseling Services
 - i. Come to Meet the Greeks tonight from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m at Laurel Courts! I highly recommend everyone to go to see all the different organizations that will be there! :)
- f. Mihir - I am meeting with Dean Van Der Wall next Monday, any questions and concerns that you would like me to address with her?
- g. Joe - Meeting with Nicole Jones from facilities next week, any questions or concerns? Please if you have any facilities issue, please fill out a work order. In it please add the exact location and detail where the issue is. Also please add the time of the issue and the date. In the description for the report please be as detailed as possible and express if it is a very urgent issue. I also met with the Facilities Director today and got some answers on some concerns
 - i. Ramp by village - revamp will happen most likely next year
 - ii. Commuter lot paving - They will get paved next year
 - iii. Overlook elevator - They are in the process of fixing it, they are waiting on the needed part
 - iv. CPA Laundry room leak - It will most likely not get fixed. The entire roof of that building needs to be redone.
- h. Lane - Any comments, questions or kudos for HGS, please email them to me at eevers@ramapo.edu
 - i. I greatly appreciate any kudos, I'm trying to start something fun for the council
- i. Nate - Does anyone have anything for the Cahill Career Center

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 8:10 PM**
 - i. **Moved: Joe**
 - ii. **Second: Ava**