

09/15/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/15/2025]

Meeting called to order on [09/15/2025] at 7:05 pm in ASB-219

I. Roll Call

- a. President Liz 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 (excused)

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. [Senate Meeting Minutes 09/08/2025](#)
 - i. Moved: Gianna
 - ii. Second: Ava
 - iii. 9-0-0

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!
- b. Make sure you have checked and updated your information in the [SGA Roster](#)!
- c. Our first Liaison Report is due in 2 weeks!
- d. [Upcoming Events](#):
 - i. Clash of the Clubs: Brain Games (Monday, September 29th)
- e. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
 - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

IV. New Business

- a. Cosponsorship: Pie For Pirouettes (Ramapo College Dance Team)
 - i. Wednesday, 09/24 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 - ii. Presenter: Gianna
 - iii. Asking for \$\$ for supplies, volunteers and marketing
 - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$31.41](#)
 - 2. Volunteers: Anyone willing to get pied
 - 3. Marketing Requested: Social Media and Meeting
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Cesar: Who do you want getting pied?
 - a. Gianna: The RCDT as well as willing SGA members
 - 2. Mihir: Is this your first time doing this event?
 - a. Gianna: This is our first time, but we have done previous fundraisers in the past such as the car wash.
 - v. Discussion:
 - 1. Liz: We also plan on making a video to promote the event

2. Mihir: Informal vote to keep it open for the amount of volunteers
- vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Pie for Pirouettes for full amount, open volunteers, and marketing
- vii. Moved: Ava
- viii. Second: Peter
- ix. 8-0-1
- b. Senate Workshop!: Bills and Initiatives
 - i. Steps to Bill Success:
 - 1. Make a team**
 - a. Connect with those who may be interested or have experience with your bill's ideas.
 - 2. Outline relevant information regarding your bill in one place**
 - 3. Get into contact with relevant parties**
 - 4. Achieve approval or a compromise with said parties**
 - 5. Write out the bill**
 - a. Suggest writing in your own language, can make it professional later.
 - 6. Credit yourself as well as the team!**
 - 7. Send it to leadership for review and later propose to Senate!**
 - a. Leadership is always available to assist you throughout the process!
 - *These steps are not in order and can be interchangeable.
 - ii. Examples
 1. [Senate Bill 2024-F-03: Improving Recycling on Campus](#)
 2. [Senate Bill 2023-02: NARCAN](#)
 3. [Senate Bill 2023-05: Solidarity with Israeli and Palestinian Civilians REVISIONS](#)
 - iii. Any bill/initiative ideas?
 1. Peter and Julia - Reserving times in [Aux Gym](#)
 - a. Peter: Bill with Julia Rowan regarding reservation times in the Aux Gym. Aimed to resolve issues with students having difficulty reserving the aux gym. Allowing sports teams to book more time and have earlier chances to reserve. Also includes limits on how long the gym can be booked for, preventing groups from booking excessively.

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- b. Mihir: Which departments will you be working with?
 - i. Peter: Athletics, facilities, maybe ITS.
- c. Mihir: Does this also apply to the Bradley main arena?
 - i. Peter: This is specifically for the Aux Gym as of right now.
- 2. Gianna - Making Dance Team an official team
 - a. Gianna: Making the Dance Team a sport again, as it was in the past. Includes allowing use of the athletic trainer, priority registration.
 - b. Mihir: Who would you need to contact?
 - i. Gianna: Athletics, potentially President Jebb, Dean Van Der Wall, liaison to Athletics, Dance Team coaches
- 3. Gianna - Add/Drop Timeline
 - a. Gianna: Increasing the add/drop timeline to allow people to decide whether they want to add/drop classes.
 - b. Mihir: Who would you contact?
 - i. Gianna: Registrar
 - David: Contact the head of Registrar
 - Uma: Contact John Yao to get in contact with Registrar
- 4. Gianna: Recycling/trash separation.
 - a. Joe: Already being considered but still being worked out.
 - b. All: Improved recycling on campus, including collecting recycling in dorms, etc.
- 5. Joseph - Reusable Tablecloths
 - a. Joseph: Reusable tablecloths. Began considering it last year.
 - b. Mihir: Who to contact and who are you already working with?
 - i. Working within the Sustainability Committee, potentially also President Jebb

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. Uma - The Center for Health and Counseling Services is collaborating with CPB and the Roadrunner Collegiate Recovery Program for their Glow for Hope event this Thursday, September 18th, from 9 pm to 11 pm at the Arch. At the Arch, there will be a moment of silence to remember those who have committed suicide and afterwards, there will be a mental health glow party at Laurel Courts with games, and free food!
- c. Peter – QotW: *“It can’t rain all the time”* - Brandon Lee
 - i. Liaison report: I had my first meeting with Dean Goldstein this semester on Friday but I still need to organize it before it is presentable. I will also be working on scheduling another meeting with him hopefully before September 29th as well.
 - ii. Just a reminder that you are all doing a wonderful job!
 - iii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns?
- d. Lane: I have my first liaison meeting with Dean Hangen this Thursday. Are there any questions, comments or kudos?
 - i. Especially kudos, I’m trying to do something fun with the HGS Council so I and the council would greatly appreciate it.
 - ii. If you’re looking for an on campus job or internship, HGS has some pretty cool opportunities!
 - 1. Includes: AHTP Student Position, AHTP Student Assistant, Jane Adams Paper Project, Visualizing American County, Parish, and Borough Seals (apply on handshake)
 - iii. Lastly, The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies is having a zoom on Wednesday, September 17 entitled Remembering Genocide: German Memory Politics from Namibia to Israel/Palestine. Register on Archway for the link!
- a. Gianna: Any comments, concerns, or kudos for the TAS School?
- e. Joe - Any questions or concerns for facilities? Also if you have any problems please make sure to fill out a work order, and be detailed!!! For work orders if there are updates you will get notified

- i. All the elevators that are down are waiting for parts, waiting on the company for these fixtures. The best way to avoid elevator problems is to report them when there is concern. Also to not hold doors or jump on the elevator.
- ii. Also, Nicole said she would like if recycling could be improved on campus. The hope is that students can be educated and told about proper recycling. Any assistance and push from the student body would be appreciated.
- f. Liz - I am meeting with the Provost on Wednesday! Please let me know if you have any comments or concerns!
- g. Mihir - Ramapo College has some distinctions that should be recognized!
 - i. College received a mental health award: **Insight into academic** 2025 mental health and well being award (national distinction).
 - ii. 6th year in a row, seal of prevention for positive climate and wellness, specifically with the freshman modules
- h. David - Anything for ITS?
 - i. Peter: The wifi in my dorm was not working last night.
 - 1. David: Fill out a help desk ticket if it continues.
- i. Michael - I have my liaison meeting with David Nast this Thursday. Anything for OSS?
- j. Ava - Anything for Public Safety?
 - i. Uma: Not sure if this is Public Safety or Facilities, but we've had aggressive hornets by our dorm for about a week now. Who should we contact?
 - 1. Joe: Put in a Facilities work order and stress how urgent it is.
 - 2. Liz: Call Public Safety if you want them gone as soon as possible.
- k. El - First Meeting with the Dean of SSHS is on Thursday!
 - i. The agenda includes:
 - 1. Introductions
 - 2. Expanded social media for SSHS (i.e. like ASB!)
 - a. our social media is empty...
 - 3. School Supplies Pantry
 - 4. Following up on past initiatives

VII. Adjournment

a. Time: 8:35 PM



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- i. **Moved: Peter**
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