

09/22/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 09/22/2025]

Meeting called to order on [09/22/2025] at 07:02 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 (late-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:

ii. Absent:

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 09/15/2025](#)
 - i. Moved: Peter
 - ii. Second: Ava
 - iii. 8-0-1

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. SGA BONDING AFTER SENATE! 🎉
- b. The Fall Senate Election Campaigning Period has officially begun!
 - i. Support your candidates and spread the word about the voting period.
- c. Make sure you have checked and updated your information in the [SGA Roster](#)!
- d. Reminder to sign up for a shift during [Oktoberfest](#)!
- e. Liaison Reports are due next week!
- f. [Upcoming Events](#):
 - i. Pie For Pirouettes (Wednesday, September 24th)
 - ii. Clash of the Clubs: Brain Games (Monday, September 29th)
 - iii. De-Stress Bag Making (Thursday, October 2nd)
- g. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
 - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

IV. New Business

- a. Club Approval: Rotaract Club
 - i. [Constitution](#)
 - ii. [Club Presentation](#)
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Mihir: Who is your advisor?
 - a. Jane Hee
 - 2. Liz: What are the graduation years of your e-board?
 - a. All sophomores, one potential treasurer is a junior, another is a senior
 - 3. Mihir: Any ideas of volunteer opportunities?

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- a. Providing different local ones at meetings, for example a soup kitchen, food drives, toy drives, etc.

iv. Discussion:

- 1. James: Good that the e-board is mostly underclassmen. However, Ramapo often does not give much funding to community service based organizations. They would be getting funding from local Rotary organizations.
- 2. Joe: I like the idea of the club in regards to service opportunities and networking, however it may be very similar to other clubs.
 - a. Nate: As someone who has worked with Rotary, the service done by Rotary organizations is different from that done by other organizations, such as CCEC.
 - i. Joe: Would they present smaller-scale volunteer opportunities that maybe CCEC would overlook?
 - Nate: Rotary works with a lot of local organisations, such as sports teams, community groups, etc.
 - b. James: To clarify, they are also an international organization which provides many possible connections.
- 3. Joe: To be a part of Rotary, is there any fee?
 - a. James: Not sure about being a part of the international Rotary organization, but for the Ramapo Rotaract Club it is free.
- v. Proposed: Motion to approve the Rotaract Club
- vi. Moved: Uma
- vii. Second: Peter
- viii. 9-0-0
- b. Cosponsorship: Pridefest (Women's Center and LGBTQ+ Services)
 - i. Date: Wednesday, 10/8 from 12:00 - 3:00 PM
 - ii. Presenter: Sofia
 - iii. Asking for volunteers
 - 1. Volunteers: 4 (split between two shifts)
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Liz: What would volunteers be doing?
 - a. Handing out cupcakes.

2. Mihir: What was your turnout last year?
 - a. Usually around 200
 - v. Discussion:
 1. David: I think this is something we could easily do.
 - vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Pridefest for 4 volunteers
 - vii. Moved: Peter
 - viii. Second: Ava
 - ix. 10-0-0
- c. Cosponsorship: Day of Remembrance (Allies of the Ramapough Munsee)
 - i. Date: Tuesday, 9/30 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in Fishbowl
 - ii. Presenter: El Sharo
 - iii. Asking for marketing
 1. Marketing Requested: Social media and marketing
 - iv. Proposed: Motion to Approve the Day of Remembrance for Marketing
 - v. Moved: Gianna
 - vi. Second: Ava
 - vii. 8-0-2

V. Public Comment

- a.

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. David - Anything for ITS?
- c. Uma: Anything for the Center for Health and Counseling Services?
 - i. Thank you to everyone who showed up to the ISO and SGA Vigil Event on Sunday; it meant a lot to me as well as the entire ISO organization to stand with the students during this time.
 - ii. Multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to know more, contact me at uadvani@ramapo.edu
 - iii. Everyone's doing a great job:)

- d. Lane: Any comments, questions or kudos, please text or email me at eevers@ramapo.edu
 - i. 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!
- 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
 - i. 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](#)
 - ii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for the CA school?
 - 1. Peter: If anyone reports a gas-like smell anywhere in Berrie Center, please report it to me, we have been looking into it.
 - 2. Uma: Around last Tuesday there was flooding on almost all of the bottom floor of the Berrie Center.
 - 3. Peter: Dean Goldstein has been advocating for the renovation of the Berrie Center and H-Wing.
- f. Joe - Any questions or concerns or kudos for Facilities?
 - i. Liz: People are wishing that there could be an easier way to report a lack of toilet paper in the bathrooms, instead of placing a work order. Also, I live in an ADA compliant dorm in the Village, and my roommate lives in the one ADA compliant room. We have discovered that our IDs can open her door easily.
 - 1. Joe: If any of the ADA compliant doors have issues, please report them and place a work order.
 - ii. Gianna: The door on the side of the student center near the Alumni Lounges is broken.
 - iii. Tyler: They have given us multiple dates for when the CPA's laundry room was supposed to be closed, but the date keeps changing.
 - 1. Joe: Since Residence Life has been sending these out, they may know.

- a. Nate: Residence Life just receives the information and has to relay it to residents.
 - i. Joe: I will check on it.
- iv. Nate: The lighting in the CPAs at night is not great, it gets very dark at night and could pose a safety risk.
 - 1. Joe: I will bring it up in the next meeting. If it is not already on their plan, I will inform them of the issue. Potentially increased patrol by Public Safety at night time could be a temporary solution.
- v. Ismael: The Dean of ASB has asked about the temperature control on the 5th floor of ASB as there have been issues with it.
 - 1. Joe: I will follow up on it.
- vi. Peter: My dorm currently only has air conditioning, is it supposed to be like that?
 - 1. Joe: 0.
- a. Liz - **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/2fE/s60560>
- g. Nate: I am meeting with Cahill this week, anything anyone would like me to bring up.
- h. Gianna: The Academic Affairs Fair is this Thursday, 1-2 pm in the Common Grounds! If anyone you know preferably in SGA from TAS can go to represent the school that would be great!
 - i. Message from Secretary of Academic Affairs Katelynn Haury: The Academic Affairs Committee Meetings are every other Monday from 1-2pm in the SGA office. School Senators PLEASE make an effort to show up as this is a required



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committee for you. If you cannot make it to these meetings please let Kate know.

Communication is key! Her email is khaury@ramapo.edu

ii. Anything for TAS? I have my liaison meeting this Wednesday.

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

VII. Adjournment

a. **Time: 8:12**

i. **Moved: Gianna**

ii. **Second: Peter**