

# 10/06/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/06/2025]

Meeting called to order on [10/06/2025] at 7:04 pm in ASB-219

## I. Roll Call

- a. President Liz Mendicino (late-excused)
- 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
- r. Chief Justice Aidan D'Oria

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 Lunaanpe Nation.*

## II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. [Senate Meeting Minutes 09/29/2025](#)
  - i. Moved: Gianna
  - ii. Second: Peter
  - iii. 10-0-0

## III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Thanks to everyone for their hard work at Oktoberfest! 🍂
- b. The Fall Senate Election Voting Period has begun!
  - i. Spread the word about voting, upload our graphics, and don't forget to vote!
- c. [Upcoming Events:](#)
  - i. Pridefest (Wednesday, October 8th)
    - 1. You will be excused from General if you volunteer.
  - ii. Fall Senate Election Raffle (October 7th, and 8th)
- b. Liaison Reports are due in 3 weeks!
- c. Be on a lookout for a future collaboration with Public Safety after a Senate meeting!
- d. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
  - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

## IV. New Business

- a. Cosponsorship: Bischoff Boo Bash (Bischoff Hall)
  - i. Date: Friday, October 24th, from 8:00 - 10:00 PM (Trustee's Pavilion)
  - ii. Presenter: Shubhashree
  - iii. Asking for volunteers and marketing
    - 1. Volunteers Requested: 5 volunteers during
    - 2. Marketing Requested: [Social media and meeting](#)
  - iv. Questions:
    - 1. Ismael: Who is this event hosted by? What activities will be there?

- a. Bischoff Hall. There will be games and other activities.
- 2. David: What was last year's attendance?
  - a. 230
- 3. Mihir: For volunteers, do you want them only during the event?
  - a. Only during the event.
- v. Discussion:
  - 1. Ismael: Since it's just volunteers and marketing, this is something we could do.
  - 2. Michael: I think 5 volunteers is a good amount.
  - 3. Nate: I think 4-5 volunteers would be possible for us to provide.
    - a. Mihir: I agree, 4-5 would be easier to get.
  - 4. David: I think 5 volunteers would be best, to allow more people to meet their event requirement.
- vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Bischoff Boo Bash (Bischoff Hall) for 5 volunteers and marketing
- vii. Moved: Gianna
- viii. Second: Michael
- ix. 9-0-1
- b. Cosponsorship: Hallowhine (SOCA)
  - i. Date: Friday, October 17th, 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM (Friends Hall)
  - ii. Presenter: Chantalle
    - 1. Presentation
  - iii. Asking for \$\$ for food and marketing
    - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$61.47](#)
    - 2. Marketing Requested: Social media and meeting
  - iv. Questions:
    - 1. Peter: How many people do you predict will be at the event?
      - a. Last year we had 314 attendees, we estimate around 400.
    - 2. Gianna: With the amount of people you are expecting, would the food you are asking for be enough?
      - a. Since it is a dancing event, people often do not want much food.
    - 3. Mihir: What is the location?
      - a. Friends Hall
    - 4. Mihir: Is this free entry?

- a. It is \$3 with a costume, and \$5 without.
- 5. Mihir: Where does the raised revenue go towards?
  - a. We use it towards e-board bondings, merchandise, and other expenses.
- 6. Ismael: Is there a different and more cost effective snack option?
  - a. Since this is a variety pack, it will have different options.
- v. Discussion:
  - 1. Michael: The amount they are asking for is 1.2% of our current budget.
  - 2. Mihir: I support giving the full amount.
- vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Halloween (SOCA) for the full amount of \$61.47 and marketing
- vii. Moved: Peter
- viii. Second: Ava
- ix. 10-0-0
- c. Cosponsorship: Women's Roundtable (Enactus)
  - i. Date: Tuesday, October 21st, 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Trustees Pavilion 2
  - ii. Presenter: Kaitlyn
    - 1. [Presentation](#)
  - iii. Asking for \$\$ for supplies
    - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$194.50](#)
  - iv. Questions:
    - 1. Uma: How many people came to last year's event?
      - a. A little over 100
    - 2. James: Do you have any other cosponsorships for this event?
      - a. We have a few, including ALMA and a few Greek Organizations.
        - i. Mihir: Are any of them providing financial support?
          - I don't think so, only marketing.
    - 3. Mihir: Which items would be most important to you?
      - a. The gift cards.
  - v. Discussion:
    - 1. Ismael: I think we should give them \$144.75
    - 2. David: Entire amount, as it will be a 100+ person event

- a. Joe: I agree, especially so that everyone who wins can get a prize.
- vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Women's Roundtable (Enactus) for the full amount of \$194.50
- vii. Moved: Joe
- viii. Second: Peter
- ix. 10-0-0
- d. Club Approval: Bioinformatics Club
  - i. [Constitution](#)
  - ii. [Club Presentation](#)
  - iii. Questions:
    - 1. Gianna: How many people do you have interested in the club?
      - a. About 18
    - 2. Mihir: Who is your advisor?
      - a. Ash Stuart
    - 3. Mihir: Do you know the composition of the majors of those interested in the club?
      - a. There is a wide range, including bio, computer science, math, etc.
  - iv. Discussion:
    - 1. David: Bioinformatics is very unique and I believe that the major itself here at Ramapo was founded by the convenor of the major. The only concern would be the interest, but I think they are doing well at promoting it. It is also good that the E-board is younger.
    - 2. Gianna: I know the president of this club, and from my experience she is very organized and on-top of everything. The rest of the club is also very prepared and knowledgeable.
    - 3. Mihir: I like how multi-disciplinary this club is and the variety of their events. This would be useful for outreach and continued interest.
  - v. Proposed: Motion to approve the Bioinformatics Club
  - vi. Moved: Gianna
  - vii. Second: Peter
  - 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. Uma – Anything for the Center for Health and Counseling Services?
  - i. I met with Megan Johnston today! Here are some updates :) :
    1. I would like to meet with the school senators super quickly after senate, it will take less than 5 minutes pretty please! :)
    2. **Therapy Animal Visit Tuesday 10/7 from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Wellness Room (E-216) - [reserve on Archway](#)**
    3. **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.
    4. **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!
  - 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](mailto:uadvani@ramapo.edu)
  - iv. Everyone's doing a great job:)
- c. 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.
  - ii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for me or CA School?
- d. Ava – Any comments, questions, or concerns for Public Safety?
- e. Gianna: Any comments, questions, or concerns for TAS?

- f. Joe - Any questions for facilities.
- g. Michael - OSS has some events for Disability Awareness Month!
  - i. **10/9 - OSS Student Panel: Doing College with a Disability** in D215 at 1-2pm.
  - ii. **10/19 - L.E.A.D Fashion Show** in Friends Hall at 6:30-8:30 pm.
  - iii. **10/23 - Global Citizenship Seminar: Disability as a Barrier to Inclusive Education in India** in D214 at 1:15-2:15pm.
  - iv. **10/29 - OSS Arts Expo** in Berrie Center Lounge at 10am-3pm.
  - v. **10/30 - White Canes & Service Dogs: Understanding the needs and accessibility of the blind community** in D215 at 1-2pm.
- h. Mihir - Some ending remarks...

## **VII. Adjournment**

- a. **Time:** 8:14
  - i. **Moved:** Uma
  - ii. **Second:** El