

10/13/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/13/2025]

Meeting called to order on [10/13/2025] at 7:03 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~~
- j. Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused)
- 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 (late-excused)
- r. Senator Nova Boehm
- s. Senator Sebastian Herrera
- t. Senator Michael Marino
- u. Senator James Nieman (late-excused)
- v. Senator Ayden Reed
- w. Senator Leana Thompson

i. Late:

ii. Absent:



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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 10/06/2025](#)
 - i. Moved: Gianna
 - ii. Second: Peter
 - iii. 8-0-0

III. [Inauguration of New Senators](#)

IV. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Welcome to our new Senators!
 - i. Nova, Sebastian, Michael M., James, Ayden, and Leana!
 - ii. Thank you all for your support for the Fall Senate Elections, the best turnout we've seen in 8 years! 🎉
- b. We have SGA Training after Senate in the Trustees Pavilion!
- c. [Upcoming Events:](#)
 - i. Hallowhine: Friday, October 17th, 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM (Friends Hall)
 - ii. Bischoff Boo Bash: Friday, October 24th, from 8:00 - 10:00 PM (Trustee's Pavilion)
- b. Liaison Reports are due in 2 weeks!
- d. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
 - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

V. New Business

- a. Introductions and Team-building
 - i. Name, year, major
 - ii. Team-building exercise

b. Cosponsorship: Raving About The Overlook (Overlook)

- i. Date: Friday, November 21st, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Trustee's Pavilion
- ii. Presenter: Nate Bergren
- iii. Asking for \$\$ for supplies and volunteers
 1. Funds requested: [\\$447.16](#)
 2. Volunteers Requested: Varies
 3. Marketing Requested: Meeting and Social Media
- iv. Questions:
 1. Peter: Which prize is your highest priority?
 - a. They are in order, so the Switch.
 2. Peter: How many volunteers at-most, do you need?
 - a. We plan to have 6 tables around the perimeter with activities, so anywhere between 4-6 volunteers.
 3. Peter: Expected turnout?
 - a. We had 200 people last year, we expect around that amount.
 4. Ismael: Does it cost money to enter?
 - a. No, it is free.
 5. Mihir: Do you only need volunteers during the event, or also during set-up/clean-up?
 - a. Only during the event.
- v. Discussion:
 1. David: Current budget is \$4712.62
 2. Michael: We should probably give them around \$230, so they can choose what to buy with it.
 3. Ismael: I say \$250 so that they have a bit extra.
 4. Liz: Since they have other co-sponsorships, I say \$220.
 5. Michael: To clarify, some of the items they added links to purchase have raised in price.
 6. Liz: I say \$200.
 7. Peter: Since he said there will be 6 stations, 4-6 would be the perfect amount.
- vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Raving About The Overlook (Overlook) for \$220, 4-6 volunteers, and marketing.
- vii. Moved: Gianna

viii. Second: Peter

ix. 13-0-1

VI. Public Comment

a.

VII. 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. We would like to start up a **Peer Support and Awareness Campaign** on social medias! It would be a “You’re Not Alone” series highlighting students in the SGA as well as CHCS faculty. Here is an interest form just to see if anybody would like to take part in this Instagram post! Please fill it out if you are interested! [CHCS Peer Support and Awareness Campaign Interest Form!](#)
 - ii. Counseling Services is hosting a Calm Down With Counseling Services on October 29th from 1 pm - 2 pm in the Wellness Room. There are 7 spots per session available and it is in 15 minute intervals! Space is limited, so please sign up early to secure your spot!
 - iii. 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](#)
 - iv. There are multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to know more, please contact me at uadvani@ramapo.edu
 - v. Everyone's doing a great job:)
- d. Peter – QotW: “Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it” – Ferris Bueller
 - i. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for CA school?

e. El: Apologies for my absence tonight, I firstly want to say I am so proud of all our new senators :) Shout out to Mike!

i. Valley Updates:

1. I am trying to get more students in the room with me, the implementation team. I was directed by Dean Vanderwall to create a list for Liz to send to the CFO (the students must be appointed by the president of the SGA). If you have a student who you should be in that room, please do not hesitate to reach out. I have a few people in mind that I will be reaching out to. More diverse voices makes us stronger.
2. I misunderstood the language of the meetings, the information was going to be released upon the signing of the contract. (As in done deal, we are locked in to VH for x amount of time). We managed to slow down the signing of the contract as a result of our bill. This shall give us time to “catch up” as a student body.
3. I would like to invite the CFO to a general to ask her some questions, what do we think?
4. I am following up with what I can share with everyone, please give me some time. I am currently waiting on clearance so I can begin writing something.

ii. CPA Laundry: Shout out Joe for literally getting back to me in like the blink of an eye! The dryers and washers switch heat settings by themselves? It took about 3 hours to dry a small load, I am not one to complain but paired with the leaks and limited hot water in the washers, I am getting worried about winter. Is there anything we can do? We know it's not a priority but this is getting worse.

1. Laundry

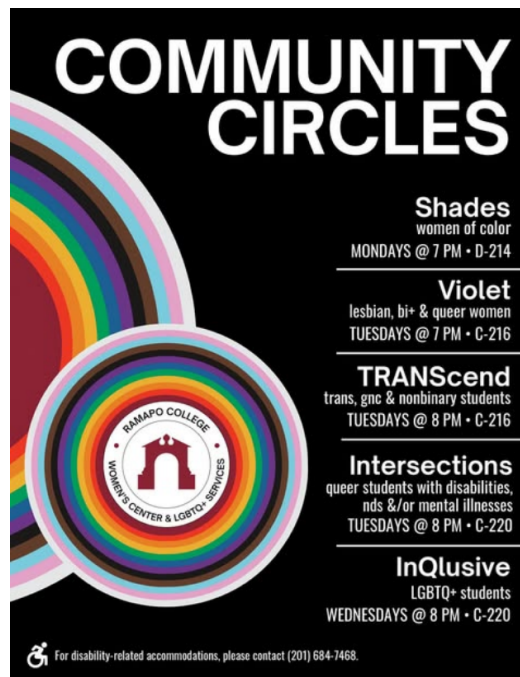
- a. Joe: I know that the CPA laundry room is a big concern lately, and the only information I can share right now is that the building itself is not in good condition and would have to be re-done entirely. I will talk to Facilities to attempt to push renovation forward. If they do renovate, they may have students move laundry and do it in a different building.

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- i. Peter: Hypothetically, if they did move it, where would it be moved?
 1. Joe: I do not know for sure, but most likely one of the other dorm buildings nearby.
- f. Julia Rowan: My liaison report for the Women's Center and LGBTQ+ Services!!!
 - i. Awesome job on their PrideFest Event!!!
 - ii. <https://archway.ramapo.edu/Womens/events/>
A Link to wear you can find all their upcoming events
 - iii. Students can volunteer at the Women's Center, they just need to sign in. Currently volunteers are helping to assemble pride flags
 - iv. Poster to the date and time of all the offered community circles



1.
 - g. Gianna: Any comments, concerns, or kudos for TAS?
 - h. Joe: Was going to meet with facilities today but due to offices being closed that did not happen, so i will give you all updates asap on some ongoing issues.
 - i. Below is a photo of a QR code used at TCNJ in the bathrooms for when the dispenser is empty (Shoutout Liz for the photo). Please let me know if this is a good design for the bathroom QR code.



ii.

1. Liz: This may also be a good way to include SGA branding and bring attention to what we do on campus.
2. Joe: Who would we include on the QR code linktree?
 - a. Mihir: We have already said work orders and mental health resources.
 - i. Liz: Potentially Title IX resources as well.
 - ii. Peter: Red Folder.

iii. For any facilities issues, please fill out a work order form. If you do then you can forward it to me and I may be able to help get an answer or solution faster!!

iv. Finally, any questions or concerns for facilities?

1. David: Could you ask about the G-Wing elevator, Uma and I were stuck in that elevator a few days ago and we had to leave through an electrical closet which led outdoors because the doors would not open.
 - a. Joe: When was this?
 - i. David: Last Wednesday, the elevator near the STEM lab.
 1. Ismael: I took that elevator recently and it was working.

VIII. Adjournment

a. **Time: 8:21**

i. **Moved: Joe**

ii. **Second: Peter**