

10/20/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 10/20/2025]

Meeting called to order on [10/20/2025] at 7:04 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
- 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. Senator Nova Boehm
- s. Senator Sebastian Herrera
- t. Senator Michael Marino (late-excused)
- 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 10/13/2025](#)
 - i. Moved: Uma
 - ii. Second: Peter
 - iii. 12-0-1

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy Diwali to all those celebrating!
- b. SGA Bonding is this Friday at 4:30 PM!
 - i. Media Day (professional headshots, photos with all the branches, etc.)
- c. HGS School Senator applications will open this Wednesday!
 - i. Let anyone who is in the HGS school and interested in SGA know!
- d. Represent the SGA at the State of the College!
 - i. Wednesday, October 22nd, at 12:00 PM (Friend's Hall)
- e. Represent the SGA at Take Back the Night!
 - i. Thursday, October 23rd, at 6:00 PM (Alumni Lounges/Arch)
- f. [Upcoming Events:](#)
 - i. Bischoff Boo Bash: Friday, October 24th, from 8:00 - 10:00 PM (Trustee's Pavilion)
 - ii. Raving About The Overlook: Friday, November 21st, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Trustee's Pavilion)
- b. **Liaison Reports are due next week!**
- g. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
 - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

IV. New Business

- a. Cosponsorship: Hot Wings, Hot Topics: Black Votes Matter (BSU)
 - i. Date: Wednesday, October 29th, at 5:00 PM in Trustee's Pavilion
 - ii. Presenter: Desiree S. Bounds
 - iii. Asking for volunteers and marketing
 - 1. Volunteers Requested: 3-5
 - 2. Marketing Requested: Meeting and Social Media
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Peter: How is the event run?
 - a. There will be a moderator who asks prompts from a list, then passes a microphone around to allow others to answer. We normally do about 10 questions then leave time for discussion.
 - 2. Mihir: What is the usual turnout for this event?
 - a. Last semester they reserved space for 72 people and the room was full.
 - 3. Mihir: What are the volunteers for?
 - a. Attendance.
 - 4. Liz: What will there be for vegetarian options?
 - a. Pizza.
 - 5. Sebastian: How will you be marketing this event?
 - a. Instagram and email.
 - 6. Ayden: Can people bring their own questions? Who will be providing the questions?
 - a. You can bring your own, and the moderator will be asking questions created by us. You can also submit questions ahead of time.
 - 7. Sebastian: Will people be asked questions directly?
 - a. They will be asked generally by the group.
 - 8. Peter: Where can I submit questions?
 - a. Email to BSU.
 - v. Discussion:
 - 1. Mihir: Are we okay with sending the full amount of volunteers?
 - vi. Proposed: Motion to Approve Hot Wings, Hot Topics: Black Votes Matter (BSU) for 5 Volunteers and Marketing

- vii. Moved: Gianna
- viii. Second: Ava
- ix. 13-0-0
- b. Senate Workshop!: Let's Start Making a Bill!
 - i. Questions to think about (utilizing a S.M.A.R.T. mentality):
 - 1. What issue are we tackling? Is it too broad?
 - 2. Is there sufficient data/information to support this initiative?
 - 3. Is it possible?
 - a. What parties do we need to get involved with to make it possible?
 - b. What other students/SGA members can we work with to make it more attainable?
 - 4. Do/Will students care about this issue?
 - 5. Can this be done in a timely manner?
 - ii. 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!
 - iii. Initiative: [Senate Bill 2025-F-XX: Online Resources in Bathrooms](#)

*These steps are not in order and can be interchangeable.

V. Public Comment

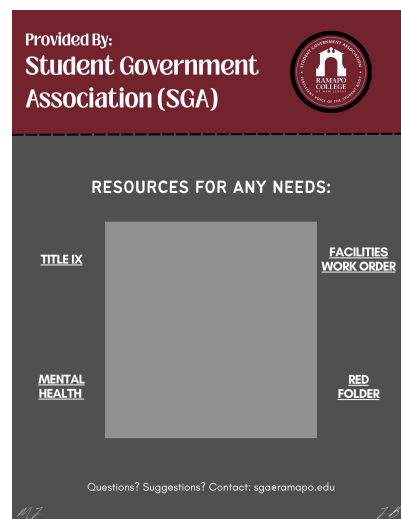
- a.

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. 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 media! 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 to 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. Next therapy animal visit will be on Wednesday, November 5th, from 1 pm - 3 pm in the Wellness Room (E-216)! You will be able to schedule an appointment through Archway 7 days before the visit!
 - 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:)
- c. Ava – This Wednesday, October 22, there is a Greek Tailgate at 5:15 pm at the Athletic Field/Tennis Court Parking Lot. There will be free food and music. Then, at 7pm, the men’s soccer team is playing against Montclair! Free giveaway for all who attend the tailgate and then go to the game!
 - i. The lighting audit with Public Safety will not be happening tonight. I will keep you guys posted. We can’t do them next week, so maybe we can do it the following week. Would you guys be opposed to starting around 8:30 if we can’t end Senate around 8? I don’t want to keep you guys too late.
- d. Gianna - Any comments, questions, concerns, or kudos for TAS? I’m meeting with Dean Chan on Friday, 10/24!
- e. Peter – QotW: “The thin layer in which life exists is both fragile and resilient; the earth does not need us, which is why we should care about it.” —Eric Walsh
 - i. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns, for the CA school?

f. Joe - Facilities updates:

- i. First, if you have anything that can be solved with a work order, please fill one out!! Once you do you can forward it to me and ill try to get you a sped up answer.
- ii. Practice room question, does anyone have specific details on it?
- iii. Permeable pavement may not be doable. It would be expensive as well as would require a lot more work. The pavers are also through the state so that may affect things. Nicole is gonna check though.
- iv. The G-wing elevator may have just been the elevator bugging out. The mackin and bischoff elevators that are down are awaiting parts. Hopefully it will be good for this week. Facilities trying to keep at least one up in the buildings at all times.
- v. CPA laundry room update!!!! Facilities are trying their best to speed up the repair process. The funding has been granted for the project and capital planning is planning out the project now. The hope is the building will get revamped by at least the summer time. The room is able to survive the winter, but if anything were to happen, students would have to go to other laundry rooms which would be inconvenient. Any machine problems is Res Life and through a company called CACO.
- vi. Also here's the rough concept for the dunkin signs and bathroom sign



vii. Finally, any questions or concerns for facilities?

1. Poster design

- a. Peter: Clarify on the poster that the cup needs to be rinsed.

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- i. Michael: We have specific information about what needs to be on the poster.
- b. Liz: There have been concerns for the bathrooms in A wing that have a urinal closed
- g. Michael - Anything for OSS? I have my meeting with David Nast this Thursday.
- h. Ismael - I'll be meeting with Dean Petkus on Wednesday October 22nd at 10:30 AM but will be going straight back to work after my meeting, if anybody has questions for the ASB please let me know.
- i. Sebastian H- Anything for Athletics? Currently planning a date for my meeting with Kate Levin, Assistant Director of Athletic Communications.
- j. Nate - Cahill?
- k. El - Tomorrow is Valley Meeting Number 2, Trying to get another student in there with me. Currently have Theo Walton ready to go and awaiting appointment (im not sure the word, forgive me) and approval by the CFO..
 - i. **Here are my points, Please let me Know if I should add anything:**
 - ii. **Temperature check:** Students are overall concerned, hesitant, and anxious. Those who understand still *do not* support this move. They are frustrated at the lack of transparency and are deeply distrustful.
 - iii. **Insurance:** What will the school insurance look like? What does the process look like to receive Ramapo's new insurance? Will it cost more or less?
 - iv. **Services:** What can students expect? What will be added or taken away?
Numbers: When did we see student use of HS decline? So we know that in the past year the number of students is markedly low, but when did this start? Has this been a significant decline? Do we know why (in a formal survey) students are not using HS?
 - 1. Word of mouth says: poor location and lack of advertising or student understanding
 - 2. Liz: Propose a survey for the students to get data
 - v. **Staff:** How are the HS staff classified? (Temp, Union, Full time, etc.)
 - vi. **Hardship fund:** students will not use it if there is a chance they could pay. Students struggle to afford healthcare and/or healthcare avoidant.
- l. David: Anything for ITS?

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:**



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