

11/03/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 11/03/2025]

Meeting called to order on [11/03/2025] at 7:03 pm in ASB-219

I. Roll Call

- a. President Liz Mendicino (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. SSSHS School Senator
- 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 10/27/2025](#)
 - i. Moved: Ayden
 - ii. Second: Leana
 - iii. 13-0-1

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy Native American Heritage Month! 🍁
- b. We will be conducting the Lighting Survey as a Senate after this meeting (Will last at least until 9:00 PM).
- c. HGS School Senator applications are still open!
 - i. Let anyone who is in the HGS school and interested in SGA know!
 - ii. Deadline is Wednesday, November 5th
- d. [Upcoming Events](#):
 - i. Raving About The Overlook: Friday, November 21st, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Trustee's Pavilion)
- e. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
 - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

IV. New Business

- a. Cosponsorship: Operation Christmas Child (InterVarsity Christian Fellowship)
 - i. Date: Friday, November 21st, at 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 - ii. [Presenter](#): Lerina and Eden
 - iii. Asking \$\$ for food and supplies, and marketing
 - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$335.38](#)

2. Marketing Requested: Meeting and Social Media

iv. Questions:

1. Ismael: Is there any other monetary support from the other cosponsorships?
 - a. No, only support for packing items.
2. David: How would people go about getting volunteer hours for this event?
 - a. When we advertise, we will tell people that they can donate items but if they help pack, we can sign off on hours.
3. Mihir: On the sheet provided it says \$335, but you said \$350 in the presentation?
 - a. It is \$350, we did not originally include decorations.
4. Mihir: Which items would be the most important?
 - a. Food and refreshments.

v. Discussion:

1. David: Personally I'm inclined to give the full amount, since it goes towards a good cause.
2. Joe: First, their presentation was very well made, but I also agree with giving the full amount.
3. Mihir: Even though the attendance is predicted to be lower than other events, the cause is very good and since we have a lot left in our budget, it would be worth to give the full amount.

vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Operation Christmas Child (InterVarsity Christian Fellowship) for the full amount of \$350 and marketing

vii. Moved: Gianna

viii. Second: Ava

ix. 13-0-0

b. Cosponsorship: Asian Noodle Bubble Tea Night (UAA)

- i. Date: Friday, November 14th, from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM in Trustee's Pavilion
- ii. Presenter: Jennica Bugtong
- iii. Asking for \$\$ for food, volunteers, and marketing
 1. Funds Requested: [\\$265.01](#)
 2. Volunteers Requested: [2-10](#)
 3. Marketing Requested: Meeting and Social Media

iv. Questions:

1. Ismael: Do you have any other cosponsorships?
 - a. A few of the other cultural clubs on campus and other organizations.
 - i. Ismael: Are any of them giving you monetary support?
 - BSU has given us some money, but otherwise no.
2. Uma: What does the \$5 entry fee go towards?
 - a. We charge in order to be able to make bigger and better events, and to fund future events. Additionally, we also use it to fund vendors and performances for other events. We also plan to donate raised funds in the future to Asian American organizations.
3. Sebastian: What is the expected turnout?
 - a. Last year we had over 180 people, but based on that we expect at least 200 this year.

v. Discussion:

1. David: Our current budget \$4,142.
2. Peter: I say maximum \$250.
3. Ismael: I say the full amount.
4. Michael: I say \$200, so we can cover most of their most important items.
5. Joe: I say \$100.
6. Ayden: I say \$180.
7. Sebastian: I say \$150.
8. Uma: I wish they provided more information about other cosponsorships.
9. Ayden: Since they are asking for money at the door, I support giving \$150.
10. Sebastian: I say between \$100-\$150, especially due to the entry fee and expected turnout.
11. Michael: Are they paying performers for this event?
 - a. Uma: Yes

12. Ayden: They also mentioned that people from other schools may be there, so the turnout might be higher.
13. Joe: Due to the cover fee, I'm inclined to give a lower amount.
14. Michael: Since we are paying for just the drink supplies, and they are funding everything else, giving more money might be good.
15. Ayden: For volunteering, I do not think 10 volunteers are needed since they are a large club.
 - a. James: I have seen their events, they may need volunteers due to setup, etc.
16. Uma: They have large amounts of volunteers from cultural organizations.
17. Michael: I went to their Asian Expo event and they were short-staffed.
 - a. David: I say 3-5.
18. Peter: I say 6 volunteers since it is a middle between 2-10.
19. Mihir: I also say 3-5 or 2-4, to also allow people to get their event requirements.
- vi. Proposed: Motion to approve Asian Noodle Bubble Tea Night (UAA) for \$150, 3-5 volunteers, and marketing
- vii. Moved: Uma
- viii. Second: Ayden
- ix. 12-1-1
- c. Club Approval: Ramapo Horror and Culture Club (RHC)
 - i. [Constitution](#)
 - ii. [Club Presentation](#)
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Nova: You said you talked to other clubs about collaborating, have you talked to any other cultural or queer clubs about potential connections?
 - a. We have, including organizations such as the Women's Center and are in talks about future events, we have also spoken with the First Generation center, the TCG Club, the Smash Club, and the E-Sports club. We also plan to ask the Multicultural Center.

2. Ismael: What class tiers are your E-Board? How many people do you have interested?
 - a. We are all freshmen. We also want to give ordinary members specific roles and rankings. We have 80 people interested.
3. Uma: Does anyone on your E-Board have leadership experience?
 - a. I do, I was president of two clubs in high school. I also interned with the Marine Corps and did volunteer work at hospitals and police stations.
4. Ismael: How would you get your Left for Dead event approved by the school?
 - a. Our faculty advisor also runs J Lees and has held similar events.
- iv. Discussion:
 1. Joe: I think that this is a good idea for a club, and I feel like it would gain a lot of interest. There is also an almost endless amount of events and ideas for them to use.
 2. Ava: I think that regarding concerns about leadership experience, I think the club will be fine even with limited experience.
 3. Uma: I like that the club is not just about horror, but that it also includes cultural aspects. I also know the president from First Generation and he is very passionate and committed.
 4. Nova: I think that this club is a great idea and is a good way for people to connect while also having meaningful discussions.
 5. Mihir: I like the transparency provided by the club and the fact that they are willing to collaborate and learn.
- v. Proposed: Motion to approve Ramapo Horror and Culture Club (RHC)
- vi. Moved: Peter
- vii. Second: Nova
- viii. 14-0-0
- d. Appointment: SSHS School Senator
 - i. Nominee: Ava Cicero-Johnson (transferring from Senator At-Large)
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Ismael: Would you be giving up your current liaison?
 - a. I would continue serving as the Public Safety Liason.

2. Ismael: What ideas do you have for SSHS?
 - a. I was thinking of a coffee chat for students to get to know their professors, and potentially another teach-in. Anything to bridge the gap between students and professors.
- iii. Discussion:
 1. Gianna: As someone who has known Ava for about 3 years, the growth that I've seen in her is tremendous, and she is very diligent and passionate about what she does. She also has a lot of leadership experience through other organizations and is very good at handling multiple tasks and positions.
 - a. Ismael: I agree with Gianna's point, but I am worried that she might be doing too much with multiple positions.
 - i. James: I see that concern, but I think that she has proven that she is able to handle a lot.
 2. Ayden: I see her as a good fit, she has also been very helpful in answering questions when I first joined.
 3. Nova: Ava was very welcoming to me and other new senators, and I feel like she is good at motivating people and making connections.
- iv. Proposed: Motion to approve Ava as our new SSHS school senator
- v. Moved: Gianna
- vi. Second: Ayden
- vii. 13-0-2
- e. Remaining [Liaison Reports](#)
 - i. **Please write your name, liaison, and summary points from your report below!**
 - ii. Nate (Cahill) - Hi all, I am sorry I could not make it to Senate today, someone needed emergency coverage at work. The main topic of this meeting was regarding the concerns of there not being enough guidance for students in regards to post graduate endeavors. Here is what I have received back
 1. On the topic of pathways. Pathways is meant to give students the foundations of interviewing/resume writing/cover letters/etc. Pathways is not meant to go into depth on these such processes.

2. People looking for more specific interview questions please explore big interviews. There are specified resources for multiple career paths. Big Interview was originally created to help job changers through the interviews and first 90 days but was expanded to help college students so there are phenomenal resources on there.
 3. Cahill does want to help students through these processes but they do not have graduate degrees in these fields so they are undereducated to help. It has been suggested that students speak to their faculty advisors and work with Cahill to create events/resources to help students but they need the students in those fields to help get it started.
 4. Cahill also has been hosting events that are trying to help students through these changes such as the “pre law symposium” but not many people showed up
- iii. Ayden (EOF) - Had my first meeting with Gabriella Ammiano on 10/29 and went extremely well with details surrounding the EOF program and a period of “transition”
1. Upcoming Events: “State of EOF” Virtual conference scheduled for November 17-21 and EOF “Friendsgiving” celebration on Monday November 17th from 12:00pm-2:00pm in Friends hall.
 2. Please reach out with further questions, comments, or concerns.
 - a. David: Can you ask if ITS has reached out to EOF yet about printing?
- iv. Leana (OVP) - I unfortunately was not able to meet with Marie Attis yet, but I will be meeting with her Wednesday! If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns for OVP for my meeting, let me know!

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. The **Roadrunner Collegiate Recovery Program** supports students in recovery from substance use disorders by providing a community of peers who are committed to a substance-free lifestyle. If anyone is interested in learning more, you can email crosenk@ramapo.edu
- ii. The next therapy animal visit will be this Friday, November 7, from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Wellness Room (E-216). To register for the visit, use this link! [Therapy Animal Visit Sign Up :\)](#)
- iii. Continuing the You're Not Alone Series. The next one will be talking about finals and the UWill platform! Please fill out this form if you are interested in being a part of this! [You're Not Alone Series Pt. 2 UWill](#)
- iv. There are multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more, visit [Counseling Services Website](#), and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me
- v. Everyone's doing a great job:)
- c. Peter — QotW: “I’m grateful for the life I’m living! Who knows how long I’ll have it?” –Squidward Tentacles
 - i. The Allies of the Ramapough Munsee (ARM) Club is hosting a Native American Banquet on November 14th at 2pm in the Alumni Lounges, come join us for good food, Amazing Artwork, and more!
 - ii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concern for the CA School.
- d. Gianna- Any comments, questions, or kudos for TAS?
- e. Joe- Anything for facilities?
 - i. Uma: I almost got stuck in the elevator in the Student Center.
 - ii. Ayden: I had one of the older staff members tell me about a lack of parking for staff near the Student Center.
 - 1. Ava: Parking is a Public Safety concern.

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time:** 8:19
 - i. **Moved:** Peter
 - ii. **Second:** Ayden