

# 11/17/2025 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 11/17/2025]

**Meeting called to order on [11/17/2025] at 7:05 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 (excused)
- g. ASB School Senator Ismael Carcamo
- h. SSHS School Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson
- i. HGS School Senator Tyler O'Connor-Dilello
- j. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- k. Senator Michael Chabot
- l. Senator Alessia Mendicino (excused)
- m. Senator Evelyn Santangelo (excused)
- n. Senator Julia Rowan (excused)
- o. Senator Uma Advani
- p. Senator Nova Boehm
- q. Senator Sebastian Herrera
- r. Senator Michael Marino (late-excused)
- s. Senator James Nieman (late-excused)
- t. Senator Ayden Reed
- u. 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 11/10/2025](#)
  - i. Moved: Tyler
  - ii. Second: Sebastian
  - iii. 11-0-2

## III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. SGA Friendsgiving is right after Senate at 9:00 PM! 🦃
- b. **Liaison Reports are due in 1 week!**
- c. Support the Arts:
  - i. Dracula Comedy of Terror: November 20, 21, and 22nd at 7 PM
- d. [Upcoming Events:](#)
  - i. Duck Hunt: Tuesday, 11/18 (SGA members can start looking at 11 AM)
  - ii. Operation Christmas Child: Friday, 11/21, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM
  - iii. Raving About The Overlook: Friday, 11/21, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Trustee's Pavilion)
  - iv. Mamma Mia Shadow Cast & Sing Along: Sunday, 11/23, at 8:30 PM (H-Wing Auditorium)
- e. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
  - i. Please let any clubs or organizations interested in collaborating with SGA know!

## IV. New Business

- a. Club Approval: Balkan Club
  - i. [Constitution](#)
  - ii. [Club Presentation](#)

iii. Questions:

1. Ismael: What years are your e-board members?
  - a. President: Sophomore, VP: Freshman

iv. Discussion:

1. Uma: In club process, we all thought that this would be a unique cultural organization to add to our campus, especially since there is a lot of students from these cultures. It is also good that the e-board members have leadership experience and are underclassmen, so they can grow with the organization.
2. Gianna: I think that the way in which they presented shows how passionate they are about their culture and about learning and educating people about their cultures.

v. Proposed: Motion to approve the Balkan Club

vi. Moved: Ismael

vii. Second: Gianna

viii. 11-0-0

b. Remaining [Liaison Reports](#)

i. **Please write your name, liaison, and summary points from your report below!**

- ii. Michael Marino (Center for Student Success)- I am happy to announce that I had my first two meetings with John Yao and the Center for Student Success last week (11/13,11/14). One of these meetings I attended was the Academic Advisement Committee's November meeting.
  1. Web-Self Service will Soon be replaced by an adjacent software called *Experience*
  2. As for assistance John brought an idea of a round table event/ survey that will happen about advisement that would be administered to student leaders about their experiences and feedback.
  3. There are no upcoming events that CSS is directly hosting however if you have any questions, kudos, comments, or concerns for me about anything CSS related feel free to reach out or bring to my attention. ([mmarino6@ramapo.edu](mailto:mmarino6@ramapo.edu))

**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. Mihir - Fun Senate?
- c. David - QoTW: "In the darkest times, hope is something you give yourself. That is the meaning of inner strength." - Uncle Iroh
- d. Uma - Anything for the Center for Health and Counseling Services?
  - i. Upcoming CHCS Events! :) - Tuesday at 1 pm - Therapy Animal Visit in the Wellness Room + Tuesday at 4 pm Wellness Room Open House with Aromatherapy hosted by Wellness Is Now Peer Educator Farrah
  - ii. Wednesday at 1 pm Healthy Masculinity Day with OVP in Friends Hall
  - iii. Thursday at 2:30 pm Trans Community Care in Friends Hall (self-care event following trans day of Remembrance) + Thursday at 6 pm Ramapo Chopped: Microwave Cooking Contest with the We Care Program in the Padovano Kitchen
  - iv. There are multiple mental health resources on campus. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more, visit the [Counseling Services Website](#), and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me :)
- e. Peter: Out sick with mono, I'll likely be out next week too.
- f. Ava – Public Safety, in partnership with the Center for Student Involvement, is hosting a Winter Vehicle Safety demonstration on November 21st at 1PM outside the student center. Come out to learn more about car safety and how to better maintain your vehicle ahead of the winter season! A mechanic from Liberty Subaru will be leading a demonstration on simple car repairs and other tips! They are also raffling off a couple of car safety kits, and Subaru is giving away ice scrapers. There will be hot cocoa and light snacks.
  - i. Anything for SSHS or Public Safety (I am meeting with Jason tomorrow)?
    - 1. Ben: I have questions, following a recent incident, about the fact that NARCAN is only available on the first floor of the freshman residence halls, is there anything that can be done about this to make it more accessible?
      - a. Liz: We previously passed a bill regarding NARCAN accessibility, but due to recent needs this bill can be looked

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back on and potentially used as a springboard to make reforms in the future.

- i. Mihir: I brought up the concern and the need for potential reform to Dean Van Der Wall and I do think that this is something we can push for. In addition, there are different ways that the school brings awareness to NARCAN and other relevant resources.
  - 1. Gianna: I think that more awareness on not just NARCAN, but how to use it would also be useful, as NARCAN trainings have not been done in a while and would be beneficial.
    - a. Liz: The reason for the NARCAN trainings being stopped was due to a change in leadership for Public Safety, and we have been pushing for bringing the program back, along with ALICE trainings as well.
      - i. Nova: Another good training/resource could be “Stop the Bleed,” which is a case that contains items to stop bleeding in emergency situations.
        - 1. Uma: Residence life has sent out an email about NARCAN and overdoses but it has not been re-sent in a while.

g. Joe - Anything for facilities?

h. Leana:

- The Office of Violence Prevention is hosting “Healthy Masculinity Day” this Wednesday from 12-2pm in Friends Hall! Unfortunately, it overlaps with General... but just spreading the word.
- Anything for the OVP?
- i. Mihir - Transgender Day of Remembrance is this Thursday, November 20th, at 1:00 PM in the Alumni Lounges!
- j. Ismael - Real Estate Club on Thursday from 6pm B 218 ALSO AMA Tips on Public Speaking in Alumni Lounge 1pm - 2pm
- k. Ayden Reed(EOF)- Good Turn for EOF friendsgiving, Natalie Quiñones has been appointed EOF Assistant Director of Student Development. I will be having my next meeting on November 19th, Anything for EOF?
- l. Michael - Anything for OSS?
- m. Nova- (CSI)
  - i. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular and Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting are on sale
  - ii. Dracula, a Comedy of Terrors. Come see it.
  - iii. Any Questions, Comments or Kudos for CSI?

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. **Time: 7:52**
  - i. **Moved: Ayden**
  - ii. **Second: Gianna**