

02/11/2026 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 02/11/2026] @1:06pm

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Liz Mendicino (excused)
- b. Vice President - James Pascal
- c. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- d. Treasurer - Julia Kotowski
- e. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury (excused)
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo (excused)
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes (excused)
- j. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Samantha Schley
- k. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt (excused)
- l. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozlu
- m. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
- n. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal (excused)
- o. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi (excused)
- p. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck
- q. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
- r. Legislative Justice - Amerie Ramos (excused)
- s. Administrative Justice - John Brighthouse (excused)
- t. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
- u. Senate Vice President - David George
- v. Senate Secretary - Hannah Golden
- w. ASB School Senator - Ismael Carcamo (excused)
- x. CA School Senator - Peter Tunnicliffe (excused)

- y. HGS School Senator - Tyler O'Connor-Dilello (excused)
- z. SSHS School Senator - Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused)
- aa. TAS School Senator - Gianna Marchica (excused)
- bb. Senator-at-Large - Uma Advani
- cc. Senator-at-Large - Joseph Brubaker (unexcused)
- dd. Senator-at-Large - Alessia Mendicino
- ee. Senator-at-Large - Ayden Reed
- ff. Senator-at-Large - Michael Marino (excused)
- gg. Senator-at-Large - Sebastian Herrera
- hh. Senator-at-Large - Leana Thompson (unexcused)
- ii. Senator-at-Large - James Nieman (unexcused)
- jj. Senator-at-Large- Ahmet Angun (excused)
- kk. Senator-at-Large- Christian Soberal
- ll. Senator-at-Large Kristina Kostoski (excused)
- mm. Senator-at-Large Brandon Ferrante
 - i. Present: 29
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused: 18
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 - 2.
 - iv. Absent: 0

II. 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.

III. Land Acknowledgement

The Student Government Association respectfully acknowledges that we are hosting our meeting on the ancestral and traditional Indigenous territory of the Ramapough Lunaanpe Nation.

IV. Approving Meeting Minutes

- a.  02/04/26 General Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: Christian
 - ii. Seconded: Leana
 1. 12-0-0

V. President's Announcements

- a. This past Monday I spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting, I updated the trustees on our progress and future plans.
- b. Next week President Jebb will be coming at 2:30 PM. She will be here for approximately 15 minutes, please be prepared with a question you may have!
- c. Next two General meetings are NOT in Friends Hall!
 - i. 2/18 - G134
 - ii. 2/25 - ASB 136
- d. Be sure to pop out to this month's Black History Programming! BSU, EDIC, and many other wonderful organizations/offices put so much work into these events!!
 - i. **Wednesday, February 11th, 3:00pm. Berrie Center Sharp Theater Annual Diversity Convocation** - The Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Compliance (EDIC) invites all students, faculty & staff to the College's 20th Annual Diversity Convocation, featuring keynote speaker Fabiana Pierre-Louis, Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court.
 - ii. **Wednesday, February 25th, 6:30pm. Friends Hall – SC219 BSU Annual Fashion Show** - The Black Student Union is showing off their flare in Black History Month! Come down and support the BSU's style icons by participating as a model or an audience member.



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f. [Questions for the Mayor of Mahwah](#)

- g. Please send (email and have James and Liz on it) your portraits for the SGA page by the end of the day today! Failure to do so will result in us having to contact you individually—which is more work for us. Let us know if there are any concerns.

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President James Pascal
 - i. Club process today at 4:15 pm , we have two clubs coming
 - ii. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please contact sgaclubs@ramapo.edu
 - iii. If you are a club officer, or know one, submit the allocations request form; terms apply.
- b. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
 - i. Here is the link for [office hours](#)!
 - ii. Any questions please email me: malvare7@ramapo.edu
- c. Treasurer - Julia Kotowski
 - i. Nothing to Report.
- d. Chief of Staff - Benjamin Hartmann
 - i. Nothing to Report.
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
 - i. Nothing to Report.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla

- i. Thank you to everyone who came to the first committee meeting yesterday. The next one will be on Tuesday, February 24th, from 1-2 pm in room A-104.
- ii. Upcoming commuter events:
 1. Pack with Love: Tomorrow from 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
 2. Cozy Crafts: February 16th from 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
 3. Commuter Focus Group: February 26th from 1-2 pm in B-225
 4. Lunch and Learn: March 9th from 1-2 pm in B-225
 - a. Will be talking about studying abroad (summer/fall opportunities)
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo
 - i. The first delegate committee meeting was yesterday!
 - ii. The next committee meeting will be February 24th at 5:30 pm in A221.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
 - i. Please contact me for ideas regarding Multicultural Dinner
 1. I want to appreciate students of color who are also student leaders at a gala formal.
 - ii. D&I Committee Meeting Canceled. Instead, PLEASE go to Diversity Convocation TODAY at 3 PM in the Sharp Theater, featuring NJ Supreme Court Justice Fabiana Pierre-Louis
 - iii. Upcoming Events:
 1. **SOCA Island After Dark Event: Friday, February 20, 7:00 – 9:00 pm in J.Lees**
 2. **OLU Sex ED: Reclaimed: Tuesday, February 24, 12:00 – 1:00 pm (Location TBD)**
 3. **EWSC AppreSHEate Your Hair: Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-7:30 pm in ASB-135**
 4. **BSU Fashion Show: Wednesday, February 25, at 6:30 in Friends Hall**
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - Samantha Schley
 - i. Here is a link to [Ramapo Greeks Instagram](#) and [RCNJ Panhellenic Council Instagram](#) so you can stay on top of information and get a better look at what it's all about!!
 - ii. Congratulations to the Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Delta Tau, and Alpha Omega Phi on your new members and a successful recruitment weekend! You should all be very proud of your hard work!
 - iii. Phi Alpha Delta is open for recruitment. Here are the requirements
 1. 12-23 credits, 2.5 GPA
 2. Good academic standing
 3. Be a full time Ramapo Student

4. Attend a hazing workshop

- Friday, January 23rd - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (B - 218)
- Wednesday, January 28th - 12:00 - 1:00 PM (B - 218)
- Thursday, January 29th - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (B - 218)
- Wednesday, February 4th - 12:00 - 1:00 PM (B - 218)
- Tuesday, February 10th - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Wednesday, February 11th - 12:00 - 1:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Thursday, February 12th - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Friday, February 13th - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Wednesday, February 18th - 12:00 - 1:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Thursday, February 20th - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Wednesday, February 25th - 12:00 - 1:00 PM (SC - 217)
- Wednesday, March 4th - 1:00 - 2:00 PM (SC - 217)

If you are registered for CPH Recruitment, you will attend a Hazing Prevention Workshop during Orientation. You do not have to attend an additional Workshop.

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5. Upcoming events

- Theta Phi Alpha is decorating claw clips Wednesday 2/11 at 9:30pm in SC156
 - Sigma Delta Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) are holding Cupid for a Cause where they will be selling chocolate and flowers above the atrium on Thursday 2/12 from 1-3pm. All proceeds go to PCAA and St.Judes.
- Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt
 - Met with Pat last Friday, he reached out with a request for the trip to Trenton so more details to come! Please fill out the form with any questions you may have for the mayor of Mahwah. I'll be sending details regarding our committee meetings later this week in the GroupMe, so please keep an eye out if you're interested!
 - Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
 - We have our Valentine's day/self-care tabling tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who helped make the bags today. It will be a Valentine's/self-care bag event, promoting positive energy this season. [📅 25/26 Upcoming Event Sign Ups](#)
 - Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
 - If you would like to be featured on the SGA Instagram, please fill out this [Interest Form!](#)
Thank you :)
 - Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - Been in touch with reslife. Planning to meet with ResLife next week.

- ii. Will update SGA once the date and time are confirmed.
- m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
 - i. Committee meeting next Wednesday
- n. Secretary of Service - Emily Beck
 - i. You can track your service hours here! [SGA Spring 2026 Community Service Hours](#)
 - ii. Service Policy Interest Form: Please sign up if you can, it will be a great help to me and the student body as a whole!! <https://forms.gle/cmW1Yn4GUz4WDzGW7>
 - iii. Upcoming Service Opportunities:
 1. Mon, Feb. 09, 4-5pm | APO Cranes for Cancer E103
 2. Tues, Feb. 10, 2- 2:30pm | APO Making Dog Toys, B218
 3. Wed, Feb. 11th, 12:45pm-3:15pm | Service Opportunity: Technology Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center
 4. Fri, Feb. 13th, 6:30-8pm | APO Making Cards for Hospitalized Kids, E103
 5. Tues, Feb. 17th, 11:45pm-3:15pm | Service Opportunity: Valentine's Day/Lunar New Year Party Helpers at the Mahwah Senior Center
- o. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
 - i. All Requirements will be due by April 29th
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
 - i. Liaison Reports are due in 2 weeks!
 - ii. We approved one club: SHPE!
 - iii. Went over updates from the Eboard
 - iv. Everything we have discussed can be found in the [minutes](#).
- q. Student Trustee - Sarah Glisson
 - i. Nothing to report.

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 1. Afrona - AI Taskforce: The task force is working on looking at the growing use of AI, and the college wants to prepare for this by looking at 4 main criteria: Mission Alignment & Institutional Identity, Opportunities for Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, Operational and Ethical Implications, and Future Readiness & Strategic Positioning. We

would like to hear from any students about their comments, concerns, and feedback on these topics.

- a. What are your views on AI implementation?
- b. How comfortable are you with the idea of implementing AI in the institution?
- c. How do you feel about the implementation of AI in your field, and how prepared do you feel to use AI in your field?
- d. What ethical concerns do you have with AI?
 - i. Sam: There are many different uses of AI like coming up with an idea, like brainstorm which I think is a good use of AI but there is the other part that some students are just using AI to do the work and not learning as much which does affect the school and grading because Ramapo does have a high amount of A as grades compared to other schools.
 - ii. Afrona: I completely agree with that.
 - iii. Brandon: When you use AI it is really hard to use it particularly because the information is not always right which is hard when working with others, some people use it to do a lot of things within the class setting and that means students are getting wrong information.
 - iv. Afrona: What kind of classes are talking about if you do not mind sharing.
 - v. Brandon: History, and even with that many students use AI to find factual information but not all the time is the information right.
 - vi. Liz: I wanted to echo what Sam was saying, I have a more conserved use of AI, but I am also on the Board of Academic Integrity as well. There has been a high number of students using AI and I personally think that students should not be able to use AI with academics because that is the whole reason why we come to school, why we get a higher education is to challenge ourselves. But I know that some classes do use AI as a toll so I think with this AI implementation at Ramapo I think there should be kind like workshops to show student how to properly use AI because I think some student do not know really how to use AI in a help way that

also does not stop students from having a more critical way of thinking still.

- vii. Afrona: Can I ask how are you guys checking it?
- viii. Liz: The faculty will scan it through an AI generator, and the professor will fill out the form, and it will be sent to us. We normally get the stacks of students' school work, and it is not just one paper or assignment it is multiple ones, and you can just tell by reading these papers that they are AI written, just the language students use compared to AI are very different.
- ix. Afrona: You guys have accuses on your phones?
- x. Liz: No, the faculty have other resources for checking AI. In the Academic Integrity we just get the stacks of the students papers that might have been written by AI.
- xi. Gianna: Turn It-in is what they use because it is built into canvas, but even then sometimes Turn It-in is not always the most reliable because even if you do not use AI it sometimes flags some of what you write as AI.
- xii. Afrona: I know there is another google site that can be used for checking AI on papers, I am not sure if some professors are able to use it.
- xiii. Emily: I think AI can be used in a right away but there is that lack of sense of critical thinking. Like if you saw the superbowl most of the commercials where AI generated
- xiv. James: What are the faculty options on AI?
- xv. Afrona: We are 10 people and not everyone is faulty. There was a form sent out to some faulty and some where they had questions about AI.
- xvi. James N: I think seeing how they view it is very important, and seeing how they feel like case by case. I know a class I took did allow AI
- xvii. Afrona: I think transparency is one of the most important things to talk about as well.
- xviii. James N: It's kinda funny I was going to bring up the same thing James did to know that some professors do allow it to use it for some

assignments, there is this idea that AI is used to create things and I think it is something that needs to be talked about.

- xix. Afrona: Can you clarify what you mean by use AI “to create”
- xx. James N: it fully creates work but there is a difference between using it for things like a, I used it for a study guide but I know there are some people who use it fully for homework assignments. And the AI interface within pathways that also makes us use of it within the interview process also makes it a bit difficult to use, I know I had a hard time with it as well.
- e. Cythina: I hear you brought up pathways, but before I touch upon Pathways I think the topic about AI is great. AI has been used by students and when using it I think it can be used it in a way of not doing your work but helping, an example is when wanting help with your resume you can add your resume and the job description as a reflexive tool, like asking questions you can ask in a job interview. With that being said when it comes to VMock, an AI form that pathways uses, it is more for an outline, it is the same online tool that jobs are using to grade and what they are looking for when looking at resumes. VMock is used for basic practice, and we asked employers how Ramapo students resume and those students who have used what they learned in the basic Vemock practice are very clear and simple. When using VMock within Pathways it does first go through the AI program then it is given to your instructor who reads it and gives you feedback as well.
 - i. Christian: I know someone who was also doing Pathways and had trouble with the format with the resume. Like even the very small details within the resume.
 - ii. Cynthia: It is a software issue. Sometimes it does not notice you are working on it or recognizes it, it is a very small detail, but you can always go to the center to get help as well.
 - iii. James N: I think the idea of the simulation as a tester, i think the only issues that I have noticed, with VMock, I had to completely and completely different resume for VMock just because some of the

Vemock resume wanted things to complete the assignment, I had used my own personal resume that helped me get a job.

- iv. Cynthia: Everyone in the office is certified resume writers, and everything that Vemock asks you to do is something that we at the center have worked on to use for VMock. That is why in the instructions we say that after 4 time of trying to come into the office for help, that is what we are here for, as a resource.
- v. James N: I did go to the center and someone was able to help but it still read my resume to me wrong in something.
- vi. Aidan: I had the same experience as James, when having to use VMock there was a part of the resume where you had to add a measurable item, the one example was "maintaining 5 mowed lawns" it just feels like you have to fit into the mold that VMock is telling you almost like you have to lie in the resume.
- vii. Cynthia: That is a misinterpretation on the user side. And with the measurable items within the VMock, it is more of how many times a week or month you are/could be doing something within your experiences.
- viii. Christian: I wanted to answer your question [Afrona] about how we feel about AI. Personally, when I see AI assisted websites I always ask to talk to a repetitive, for me I do not like when AI is being used in everyday things.
- ix. Afrona: I get that. Thank you all for this great information.

b. This Week on Campus

- i. Nothing to report

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Jack: Just a friendly reminder about student leadership award applications are still up and close Monday, March 2nd. Also Project L.E.A.D. Wrestling with Conflict tomorrow at 1pm in A101 all are welcomed.

IX. Open Forum

- a. Uma - If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call the Counseling Services main line at 201-684-7522 and follow the prompt for immediate assistance, 24/7/365. Another option available nationwide is texting or calling “988” to be linked with a counselor if you have thoughts of suicide, a mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional stress. 988 and Ramapo's emergency counseling are free! [Counseling Services Website](#). Always feel free to reach out to me, your life matters!)
 - i. STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE & MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY – CHANCE TO WIN \$25 GIFT CARD! Ramapo College Students are invited to complete the Student Substance Use & Mental Health Survey for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card and get a swag bag from D-216 (while supplies last)! Your feedback will help strengthen campus programs and support services related to mental health and substance use on campus. The survey is anonymous and open February 18 through March 9 at this link: [Student Substance Use and Mental Health Survey](#)
 - ii. Health Promotion is hosting a National Condom Week Tabling on Thursday, February 19th from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center by the bookstore!
 - iii. Valentines Tabling with CHCS tomorrow 1 pm - 2 pm in fishbowl!
 - iv. Wellness Newsletter
- b. Matthew: The Orientation Leader and Peer Facilitator application closes this Sunday, February 15th at 11:59 pm. If you're interested in helping mentor the incoming freshmen class I highly recommend applying. Let me know if you have any questions!
- c. Peter - QotW: “It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have.” – James Baldwin
 - i. Anything for CA School
- d. Joe - Hey all, sorry I couldn't make it in today, but I will be meeting with facilities soon, so any questions or concerns please send my way!
- e. Ismael - Sorry I can't make it to generals I'll be meeting Dean Petkus soon if anybody have any questions or concerns for me to bring up to him please email me: Icarcamo@ramapo.edu
 - i. I would also like to invite y'all to a Roadrunner Table Talk: on Thursday, February 26th from 6PM - 8PM focusing on Banking & Finance Careers, come network and potentially leave a resume.
- f. Christian - Anything for Admissions?
 - i. James P: Give thanks to Jose for coming in!
- g. James N- I just recently became the liaison for the Cahill Career Development Center in addition to my role as the liaison for the Registrar's Office, and will be meeting with them to build rapport and see if they have any concerns. If anyone has questions for either office, please be sure to let me know!
- h. Ava: Anything for Public Safety or SSSS? (Email)
- i. Chantalle- Hey everyone! I just wanted to remind you all to please make a bigger effort to showing face in especially multicultural student organization events. From student leader to student leader, we all know

how much hard work we put into our initiatives and events, so it is important for us to show up! This is how a healthy and safe community is built.

- j. Alessia- On April 24, 2026, new rules will go into effect regarding the accessibility of digital course materials, including Canvas, PDFs, Word and Google Docs, Powerpoints, videos, and any other electronic material distributed to students. My liaison Kat wanted me to share with you all the [Guide to ADA Accessibility for Course Materials](#) created by IDC that was sent out to instructors regarding this change. They are also making a Canvas course that would train those enrolled in regards to these changes so if you are interested in being a beta tester please email kmcgee@ramapo.edu.
 - i. Anything for Title IX?
- k. Samantha- Veterans affairs and editing the syllabus to include regulations and rules around military leave/orders for students
 - i. Christian: Did you speak with Cesar about that?
 - ii. Sam: Yes
 - iii. Christian: Okay yes I would love to help you with that.
- l. Sebastian- In the Process of setting up a meeting with my Liaison Kate Levin from Athletics, for the Athletics department. Any concerns, notes, or needs that should be brought up during our meeting?
- m. Leana - This week the OVP will be hosting Healthy Relationship Week in the Fishbowl! They will be hosting a variety of events promoting healthy relationship values. Stop by if you can!
 - i. Any questions for the OVP, Women's Center or the Comprehensive Academic Planning Implementation Team?
 - ii. Adyan R: I have a meeting with the Learning Commons if anyone has anything for Learning Commons?
- n. ★ SGA Star of the Month! [February Form](#) (Please inform us of any issues with the form)

X. Adjournment @2:10pm

- a. Moved: Christian
- b. Seconded: Brandon