

# 02/25/2026 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 02/25/2026]

## **I. Roll Call**

- a. President - Liz Mendicino
- b. Vice President - James Pascal (excused)
- 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 (excused)
- 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 (excused)
- 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
- 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
- z. SSSH School Senator - Ava Cicero-Johnson (excused)
- aa. TAS School Senator - Gianna Marchica
- bb. Senator-at-Large - Uma Advani
- cc. Senator-at-Large - Joseph Brubaker
- dd. Senator-at-Large - Alessia Mendicino
- ee. Senator-at-Large - Ayden Reed
- ff. Senator-at-Large - Michael Marino
- gg. Senator-at-Large - Sebastian Herrera
- hh. Senator-at-Large - Leana Thompson (excused)
- ii. Senator-at-Large - James Nieman
- jj. Senator-at-Large- Ahmet Angun (excused)
- kk. Senator-at-Large- Christian Soberal
- ll. Senator-at-Large Kristina Kostoski
- mm. Senator-at-Large Brandon Ferrante
- nn. Senator-at-Large Julian Buitrago
- oo. Senator-at-Large Anxhel Larti
  - i. Present:
  - ii. Late:
  - iii. Excused:
    - 1.
    - 2.
  - iv. Absent:

## **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.  02/18/26 General Meeting Minutes
  - i. Moved:
  - ii. Seconded:
    1. 0-0-0

### V. President's Announcements

- a. Tomorrow myself, James, our School Senators and Student Trustees as well as the AFRO and BSU leadership are honored to be meeting with a delegation from [Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology](#) (KNUST). Ramapo has had a relationship with KNUST for over 20 years, with students and faculty visiting each other's campuses for study and different programs. From 2017 to 2019, we had SGA and other student leaders visit KNUST over Spring Break, and we also had a winter Alternative Break visit.
- b. State of the College has been postponed to next week! Please be sure to attend if you are able, it is at 12:00pm in Friends Hall.
  - i. This also means that our General Meeting has been moved to ASB 135 for next week. the calendar will be adjusted accordingly. We will be starting the meeting at 1:15 to give those at State of the College time to get to General.
- c. 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 25th, 8:00pm. 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.
- d. Join the Women's Center & LGBTQ+ Services for the Women's Herstory Month opening with keynote Penny Colman, who spent 30+ years documenting historical landmarks dedicated to women, creating the Penny Colman

Collection now at Ramapo College. President Cindy Jebb will offer remarks and read the annual proclamation.

Refreshments served. Questions or accommodations? Email [women@ramapo.edu](mailto:women@ramapo.edu) or call (201) 684-7468.

Location: Alumni Lounge Date: Monday, Mar. 02, 2026 Time: 01:00 pm

- e. Don't forget to submit your Student Leadership Awards Application! Applications are due by Monday, March 2nd on Archway at 11:59pm. All applicants must be in good academic and judicial standing, have one Ramapo faculty or staff member as your professional recommender, and have a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher. You can submit your application at the following [link](#).

## VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President James Pascal
- i. We have club process today in A103 from 3:45 pm-4:30pm
  - ii. If you, or someone you know, if interested in starting a club, please contact [sgalcubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgalcubs@ramapo.edu)
  - iii. Allocations are always open, please submit the form on the club officers page if you are interested; term apply.
- b. Secretary - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
- i. Here is the new link for [office hours](#)
  - ii. Here is the new form for [missed office hours](#)
  - iii. Any questions please email me: [malvare7@ramapo.edu](mailto:malvare7@ramapo.edu)
  - iv. **REMINDERS:**
    1. please let me know the day before general (12 hrs) if you are unable to attend!
    2. There are two new door stoppers please put them back into the office when closing the office!
    3. As well as not leaving garbage behind in the office.
- 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.
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
  - i. Due to the College being remote, yesterday's committee meeting has been postponed to Tuesday, March 3rd, from 12-1 pm in room A-104.
  - ii. The committee meeting on March 10th has been cancelled (I will be at a conference). As such, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24th, from 12-1 pm in room A-104.
  - iii. Upcoming commuter events:
    - 1. Commuter Focus Group: Tomorrow from 1-2 pm in B-226
    - 2. Lunch and Learn: March 9th from 1-2 pm in B-226
      - a. Will be talking about studying abroad (summer/fall opportunities)
    - 3. Commuter Bingo: March 26th from 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
    - 4. Commuter Appreciation Week:
      - a. Iced Coffee Bar: March 30th 1-2 pm in J. Lee's
      - b. Commuter Breakfast: March 31st from 9-10:30 am
        - i. Depending on the weather, it will either be outside of the Berrie Center or in the Student Center
      - c. April 1st: Grab-and-go goodie bags in CSI from 9 am - 4 pm
      - d. Empanada Day: April 2nd from 1-2 pm in Friends Hall
      - e. Commuter Pickups: April 3rd from 10-11:30 am in the commuter parking lot
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo
  - i. Yesterday's delegate meeting was cancelled due to the college operating remotely. However, the Delegate shadowing interest form was sent out to all delegates via email on Monday. The form is sent to be due March 2nd and pairings will be finalized shortly after.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
  - i. Committee Meeting TODAY in the Multicultural Center at 4:30 PM!
    - 1. Please come with ideas and proceedings on the Multicultural Dinner
  - ii. **OLU: More than a Body: Sex Ed Reclaimed: RESCHEDULED: Tuesday, March 3rd in the Alumni Lounges at 12:30 PM.**

- iii. **EWSC AppreSHEate Your Hair: RESCHEDULED: Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30-7:30 pm in ASB-135**
- iv. **BSU Fashion Show: Wednesday, February 25, at 8:00 in Friends Hall**
- v. **UAA K-Popperfect Night: Friday, March 6th, 10PM-1AM in Trustees Pavillion**
- 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. Committee meeting times may have to be changed – more information to come. Please look in group me for updates
  - iii. Upcoming events
    - 1. Delta Phi Epsilon is having
      - a. A self care wheel tabling on 2/24 from 1-3 in the fishbowl
      - b. A kindness jar tabling on 2/26 from 1-3 above the atrium
      - c. A candlelight vigil on 2/26 from 9-10pm in ASB136
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Amanda Shortt
  - i. Please make sure to fill out [this doc](#) if you have any questions for the mayor of Mahwah! If you do not fill out this doc, you are unable to ask him questions during the Q&A portion of his visit. I'm sending over the questions to Pat tomorrow so we can finalize a date :)
- j. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
  - i. We will be hosting an Academic Fair again this semester, March 30th 12-2pm in the Fishbowl. Similar to last semester, we will be there to show support to any student in the different schools. If you like to participate, you can sign up here [📅 25/26 Upcoming Event Sign Ups](#) .
- k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
  - i. If you would like to be featured on the SGA Instagram, please fill out this [Interest Form!](#)  
Thank you :)
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
  - i. Nothing to report
- m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
  - i. Nothing to report
- 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: (Reminder: if the event is run via CCEC you must register on Archway!)
  - 1. Friday, February 27th, 6-7:30pm | APO Making Bracelets for Hidden Gems Market
  - 2. Thursday, March. 5th, 11:45am-2:15pm | Technology Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center
  - 3. Thursday, March 12th, 5:00pm- 8:15pm | Community Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown Food Distribution
  - 4. Wed, April 8th, 11:45am- 2:15pm | Technology Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center
  - 5. Wed, April 29th, 11:45am- 2:15pm | Technology Tutoring at the Mahwah Senior Center
- iv. GREAT OPPORTUNITY TODAY: Lunch and Learn: My Time as an Intern in D.C.
  - 1. Are you interested in working or interning with a local, state-level, or federal-level politician? Come to classroom B-216 on Wednesday, February 25th from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. to hear from student Kyree Robinson-Banks who over last semester had the amazing opportunity to intern and live in Washington D.C. In B-216: Please attend if interested and to support Kyree!
- o. Chief Justice - Aidan D'Oria
  - i. Hey guys, I just wanted to remind everyone to be sure to fill out and submit the form for office hours after completion so that we know you're all keeping up with your hours.
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
  - i. We unfortunately did not have a Senate Meeting this past Monday due to the weather.
  - ii. For Senate: Reminder to submit your liaison reports into your folder!
  - iii. We will be having our future Senate Meetings at ASB 429!
- q. Student Trustee - Sarah Glisson

## VII. New Business

- a. Cosponsorship: What The Constitution Means To Me Aftershow (Project ARCH)
  - i. Date: Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30 PM in BC216 (Rehearsal Hall)
  - ii. Presenter: Sarah and Alex
  - iii. Asking for \$\$ for food and marketing
    - 1. Funds Requested: [\\$461.86](#)
    - 2. Marketing Requested: Social Media and Meeting
  - iv. Questions:

- v. Discussion:
- vi. Proposed:
- vii. Moved:
- viii. Second:
- ix. 0-0-0
- b. Club Approval: Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA)
  - i. [Constitution](#)
  - ii. [Club Presentation](#)
  - iii. Questions:
  - iv. Discussion:
  - v. Proposed:
  - vi. Moved:
  - vii. Second:
  - viii. 0-0-0
- c. [Senate Bill 2026-S-01: Spring 2026 Election Legislation](#)
  - i. Questions/Discussion
  - ii. Moved:
  - iii. Second:
  - iv. 0-0-0
- d. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
  - 1.
- b. This Week on Campus
  - i. Celebrating SGA Wins!

## VIII. Public Comment

- a.

## 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. The next therapy animal visit will be Monday, March 9th, from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Wellness Room (E-216). Reserve your appointment [here](#).

- ii. 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](#)
- iii. Health Promotion is starting to host Intro to Mindfulness is a four week one hour long workshop that is free for all students. The Intro to Mindfulness invites students to discover rest, self-compassion, and mindfulness. Classes meet for 75 minutes each week and will focus on learning skills to manage stress and support overall well-being. If you are interested in joining fill out this interest form! [Intro to Mindfulness Workshop Interest Form](#)
- iv. If anyone is interested in participating in the You're Not Alone social media series ,please fill out this form! Our next video will highlight the services that our health and counseling services offer as well as the services that 988 offers. Any help is greatly appreciated:) [CHCS You're Not Alone Sign Up! :\)](#)
- b. Christian - I have made a form to collect information for Admissions about offices and how they are presented on Campus Tours. I would appreciate it if as many senators could fill out this [form](#) as possible!
  - i. Anything for admissions?
- c. Joe - Anything for facilities?
- d. Michael- Anything for Student Success?
- e. Brandon - Restaurant Night is March 6th. Doors open at 4:30 PM, swipe plus + \$15. It costs \$30 in flex, ramapo dollars, cash or credit.

I am making a Google form to display the grievances that students may have with birch food or praise for items they would like to see more of. If you could fill it out and share it around I would appreciate that very much!

Alessia- Anything for Title IX?

Ayden- Anything for EOF or the Learning commons?

Kristina- Anything for OSS?
- f. ★ SGA Star of the Month!

## X. Adjournment