

02/09/2026 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 02/09/2026]

Meeting called to order on [02/09/2026] at 7:03 pm in A-220

I. Roll Call

- a. President Liz Mendicino (**excused**)
- b. Senate President Mihir Jariwala
- c. Senate Vice President David George
- d. Senate Secretary Hannah Golden
- e. TAS School Senator Gianna Marchica (**late-excused**)
- f. CA School Senator Peter Tunnicliffe
- g. ASB School Senator Ismael Carcamo
- h. SSHS School Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson (**excused**)
- i. HGS School Senator Tyler O'Connor-Dilello
- j. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- k. Senator Alessia Mendicino
- l. Senator Uma Advani
- m. Senator Sebastian Herrera
- n. Senator Michael Marino
- o. Senator James Nieman (**late-excused**)
- p. Senator Ayden Reed (**excused**)
- q. Senator Leana Thompson
- r. Senator Ahmet Angun
- s. Senator Christian Soberal (**excused**)
- t. Senator Kristina Kostoski
- u. Senator Brandon Ferrante
 - i. Late: 3
 - ii. Absent: 0
 - iii. Excused: 4

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 02/02/2025](#)
 - i. Moved: Uma
 - ii. Second: Peter
 - iii. 13-0-1

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Hope everyone enjoyed the Super (Benito) Bowl Weekend! 🏈 🐰
- b. 1st liaison reports are due in two weeks! (February 23rd)
- c. **Remember to fill out your information!**
 - i. We need you to fill out the [SGA Roster information sheet!](#)
 - ii. Fill out your [office hours](#) as well!
 - 1. Required to do 2 hours a week!
- d. Please send us a headshot for the SGA page on the Ramapo website!!!
 - i. If you attended media day last semester, send a photo from then, if you were not there, send a portrait photo of you.
 - ii. Send it to VP James and Liz in an email.
- e. [Upcoming Events:](#)
 - i. Valentines Treats Prep: February 11th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM (SGA Office)
 - ii. Valentine's Treats & Self-Care: February 12th 12:45 - 2:10 PM (2nd Floor SC)
 - iii. Say Yes to Mackin: February 13th 7:00 - 11:00 PM (Trustees Pavilion)
- f. Dean Van Der Wall will be joining us at the next Senate Meeting!
 - i. She has requested that everyone dress in school spirit!

1. Anything that is Ramapo, please wear!
- g. Two more Nominees will be joining us next week. Please be on time!

IV. New Business

a. Club Approval: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

- i. [Constitution](#)
- ii. [Club Presentation](#)
- iii. Questions:

1. Mihir- Is there any fees for this club?
 - a. It's a 10 dollar fee for eboard members only.
2. Tyler- Does the national convention need money to join?
 - a. Yes but we will try and get money from fundraising
3. Brandon- How will the students get to the convention?
 - a. We would be flying to India. We would be fundraising year round to get the funds to go.
4. Uma- Are you planning to collaborate with other organizations
 - a. Yes
5. Gianna - How many students are interested?
 - a. There were 25 responses - mostly freshmen and sophomores.
6. Mihir- What are your grades for your eboard?
 - a. There are a mix of sophomores and juniors on our eboard.

iv. Discussion:

1. Uma- I liked how they were planning ahead for the future. They had a plan for after they graduate.
2. Sebastian- I was excited for this club because I feel like this will be super important for Ramapo and the community
3. Gianna- As a hispanic STEM Major, I do believe that there should be help in those fields. I think it was a very organized presentation.
4. Peter- They had a great presentation and it was very digestible. I liked their 5 pillars
5. Sebastian- I was wondering if you could clarify what you met earlier

- a. Uma - The president told us how he was prepared for graduation and the club afterwards.
- v. Proposed:
- vi. Moved: Peter
- vii. Second: Tyler
- viii. 15-0-0
- b. Updates from Eboard!
 - i. Internal:
 - 1. Upcoming Spring Election
 - a. This is when all positions become vacant. The positions will open up in March.
 - 2. Major Constitutional Changes
 - a. There will be some changes in position names or removal of positions. Adding some new positions as well
 - ii. External:
 - 1. Changes to UWill Funding
 - 2. National College Engagement Survey

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.
 - i. 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! Visit this website for more info! [Counseling Services](#) Website. Always feel free to reach out to Uma, your life matters :)
- b. Uma - 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](#)

- 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 Student Center by the bookstore!
- iii. ORDER YOUR ROADRUNNER READY KIT BY 2/13! Make sure you're Roadrunner Ready with the "Roadrunner Ready Kit" – your go-to FREE, biweekly safer sex material delivery/pickup program! Choose your preferred materials on the order form and we'll discreetly deliver them to the ORL mailroom or have your essentials ready for pickup. All Roadrunner Ready Kits are customizable ([Roadrunner Ready Kit Order Form](#))
- iv. Always feel free to reach out to me, your life matters:) uadvani@ramapo.edu or groupme message me! :p
- v. If you have anything for CHCS please email me! uadvani@ramapo.edu
- c. 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. If you have any questions for the OVP, Women's Center or the Comprehensive Academic Planning Implementation Team?
 1. Uma- Kudos to healthy relationship week and staff at the women's center. They are really nice to me!
- d. Ayden - Sorry I couldn't be here today but hope everyone is having a great day! Anything for EOF or Learning commons?

- e. Ava – Out sick... anything for Public Safety or SSHS? Email/message me :)
- f. 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.
 - i. Anything for Title IX?
 - 1. Peter- What is the change?
 - a. Alessia- More formatting changes so more people can read it. The changes are listed in the link.
- g. Joe - Anything for Facilities
- h. Ismael ~ Anything for the ASB
- i. Sebastian- I wanted to know if there is anything you want for the gym?
 - i. Peter- I would like the cable machine maintenance to be kept up. I would also love a hack Squat machine.
 - ii. David- I got an injury and went to get a bandaid and they didn't have any.
 - iii. Gianna- the trainers are only for recognized sports and they should have someone for cheer because it is a sport.
 - iv. Uma- Can we talk about opening the main door by the parking lot?
 - 1. Gianna- those are supposed to be closed unless there is an event.
 - 2. Uma- there was an event for roller skating and they didn't have it open. We'll figure it out after the Senate.
 - v. Tyler- Get a trap bar.
- j. 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
 - 1. Joe- Sustainability committee wants to figure out how to stop the birding strikes. We wanted to see if we could have students paint murals on the windows so the birds stop hitting them.
 - a. Mihir- To add we want to just put decals on the windows but they are expensive so the school board is not going to buy them. So our alternative is to block windows with murals.

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- i. Peter- I like this idea, I think the fishbowl has some right now. We would need a lot of ladders though because they are hitting the top ones more. So this would be a safety issue concerning students falling. I do think this is a great idea but I don't know if they'll allow it.
- ii. Gianna- Are there any high priorities areas?
 - 1. Peter- the windows by the arch are the most important ones.
- iii. Joe- Another big issue is having a high grade paint to have it stick on the windows.
- iv. Peter- Spray paint is the best option we have. It is the least expensive idea, but all of the murals would be up within the next 2 years though.
 - 1. Joe- we could use stencils with the spray paint
 - 2. Peter- that would be a great idea and we'd only need like 10 cans.
- v. James - Why would it be a 2 year thing?
 - 1. Peter- It would require a lot of funding and it's up to Goldstein to see what he thinks. It is also a lot of work to get students involved and facilities to approve the windows being spray painted.
- vi. Sebastian- Would this be a summer thing?
 - 1. Peter- It would probably be a fall thing.
 - 2. Joe- This would have to be an early fall because migration.
- vii. Joe- I know you want to bring this to Goldstein, but I think Kaitlyn O'Connor is leading the bird strikes and with Goldstein I think there are a lot of people involved already.



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viii. Mihir- We can definitely help you after you meet with Goldstein and after you decide what materials we are using.

k. Gianna - Any questions, comments, concerns, or kudos for TAS?

i. Anything for the Academic Policy Council?

l. Tyler- I am meeting with the Dean of HGS. Does anyone have any questions?

VII. Adjournment

a. **Time: 8:06**

i. **Moved: Joe**

ii. **Second: Peter**