

03/23/2026 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 03/23/2026]

Meeting called to order on [03/23/2026] at 7:04 pm in ASB-429

I. Roll Call

- a. President Liz Mendicino
- b. Senate President Mihir Jariwala
- c. Senate Vice President David George
- d. Senate Secretary Hannah Golden
- e. TAS School Senator Gianna Marchica
- f. CA School Senator Peter Tunnicliffe
- g. ASB School Senator Ismael Carcamo (Excused)
- h. SSSH School Senator Ava Cicero-Johnson (late-excused)
- i. HGS School Senator Tyler O'Connor-Dilello
- j. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- k. Senator Alessia Mendicino
- l. Senator Sebastian Herrera
- m. Senator Michael Marino
- n. Senator James Nieman (late-excused)
- o. Senator Ayden Reed
- p. Senator Leana Thompson (Excused)
- q. Senator Ahmet Angun
- r. Senator Christian Soberal (excused)
- s. Senator Kristina Kostoski
- t. Senator Brandon Ferrante
- u. Senator Julian Buitrago
- v. Senator Anxhel Larti
 - i. Late: 2
 - ii. Absent: 0
 - iii. Excused: 3

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 03/09/2026](#)
 - i. Moved: Julian
 - ii. Second: Brandon
 - iii. 14-0-1

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break! 🌸
- b. Thank you to everyone who came to SGA Bonding!
- c. We would like to work on some of your goals in the coming senate meetings!
 - i. Flesh out your initiative in the [SGA Senate Goals](#) document!
- d. [Upcoming Events](#):
 - i. Faith and Chai 3.0: Tuesday, March 24th, 6-8 PM (Friend's Hall)
 - ii. March is Self-Harm-Awareness Month Tabling: Thursday, March 26th, 1-2 PM (2nd Floor Student Center)
 - iii. ACS Relay Game Night: Friday, March 27th, 8:45-11:15 PM (Friends Hall)
 - iv. Academic Fair: Monday, March 30th, 12-2 PM (Fishbowl)
 - v. That's So Y2K: Friday, April 10th, 7-9 PM (Friend's Hall)
 - vi. NSSE Tabling: Various Dates (2nd Floor Student Center)
- e. Reminder for all those running in the SGA election:
 - i. Campaigning begins March 30th, and until then, you are NOT ALLOWED to actively campaign!
 - ii. If you would like your poster to be put up around campus, please send it to sga@ramapo.edu no later than tonight!

f. Senate-Specific Notifications:

- i. **2nd liaison reports are due in 1 week! (March 30th)**
- ii. The [Cosponsorship Form](#) is live!
- iii. If you have any time conflicts about missing Senate Meetings, please fill out the [missed meeting form](#).

IV. New Business

a. Cosponsorship: Taste of Caribbean (SOCA)

- i. Date: Thursday, April 2, 7 pm at Friend's Hall
- ii. Presenter: Ronaldson Couyoute
- iii. Asking for \$\$ for food, and marketing
 1. Funds Requested: [\\$203.82](#)
 2. Marketing Requested: Social Media
- iv. Questions:
 1. Aymet- On average how many people go to your events
 - a. Taste of Caribbean and Hallowine are our biggest events are around 100 people are expected to attend.
 2. Brandon- Will you need any volunteers
 - a. We will email you if we need volunteers but we don't think we will need volunteers.
 3. Mihir- What is the most important items
 - a. The fried rice and Roti would be a lot of help
 4. Brandon- All I saw was the chicken for pricing.
 - a. The roti and Rice are new so we don't know how much they will cost
 - b. Mihir- They listed these out for us to see but realistically they can spend on anything
 5. Mihir- Are you cospondering with anyone?
 - a. Ronaldson-We normally cosponsor with the BSU
 - i. Mihir- Any Funds?
 - No only advisement
- v. Discussion:
 1. David- Give them the whole thing because it is a popular event and the food is good.
 2. Brandon- I would say give them more because they did not have a price for the 2 dishes.

*These steps are not in order and can be interchangeable.

iii. Examples

1. [Senate Bill 2025-F-03: Online Resources in Restrooms](#)
2. [Senate Bill 2025-F-02: Resolution on Valley Health](#)
3. [Senate Bill 2025-S-03: Maintenance of Commuter Event Sign](#)

iv. Peter- I have a bill for Gender Inclusive Bathrooms. I would like you to look at it and what department should I go to?

1. Mihir- Mainly Facilities
2. Liz- I would include, Title IX, women center, Dean Van Der Wall
3. Mihir- For anything just go to Dean Van Der Wall. She is here for SGA and everyone!
4. Liz- Is there any in ASB?
 - a. Peter- No, but there were not any academic wings. So we thought maybe having it in the G wing or doing the existing bathrooms.
5. Joe- For the facilities, I would go to Mike because he is much further above everyone and would be a lot of help.

v. Joe- How do we further the bill we worked on.

1. Mihir- I will talk to you after.

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. David - Anything for ITS?
 - i. Peter- Kudos for computer adapters working in H204
- c. Alessia- Anything for Title IX?
 - i. My Liaison Kat wanted me to share this website ([Digital Accessibility at Ramapo College](#)) with everyone! It serves as a central hub dedicated to digital accessibility and provides training, guidance, tools and resources to help create and maintain accessible content.
 - ii. I will be meeting with Kat and Alex, who is the Social Media & Content Strategist at Ramapo, this week. We are discussing the possibility of

co-sponsoring with the SGA on a workshop for student leaders on Social Media Accessibility in light of the ADA Title II updates taking effect in April. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with this initiative :)

- d. Peter - QotW: “She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails.” – Elizabeth Edwards
- i. Visual Arts at Ramapo:
 1. Senior Thesis Exhibition Opening, April 29, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; [Kresge and Pascal Galleries](#) (free and open to the public)
 2. 2026 6th Annual VFX/ANIMATION Conference, April 30, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Adler Theater (Free and open to the public)
 3. Expert’s Panel, May 1, 7:00 p.m-8:30 p.m.; Sharp Theater, \$20 general admission, \$10 students
 4. Alumni Networking Reception, May 1, 8:30-10:00 p.m.; Berrie Center Lobby, \$10
 - ii. Theatre at Ramapo:
 1. Nine, based on the book by Arthur Kopit, directed by Lester Mayers at the Sharp Theater; April 10 – 11, 16 – 18 at 8 p.m. and April 12 at 2 p.m.; RCNJ Students \$5, General Admission \$15 [Buy Tickets](#)
 - iii. Music at Ramapo:
 1. Ramapo Jazz Ensemble Gig, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Booyah! 180 Route 17 South Mahwah, NJ 07430, (Open to the Public!)
 2. Ramapo CantaNOVA & Choral Concert, April 26 at 4 p.m.; 341 Ramapo Valley Rd, Ponds Church, Oakland, NJ (Adults \$10, Students Free!) [Buy tickets](#)
 3. Concert Band, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.; H-Wing Auditorium (free and open to the public)
 4. Songwriting Class Concert, April 29 at 12:15 p.m.; Adler Theater (free and open to the public)
 5. Jazz Concert, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.; the H-Wing Auditorium (free and open to the public)
 - iv. Communication Arts:
 1. Scholar’s Day, April 13 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Trustees Pavilion

- v. Anything for the School of AHE?
- e. Tyler- Anything for HGS?
 - i. HGS is holding an alumni panel welcoming all students to network and listen to a group of alumni working in a variety of fields including county and state government, education, and a lot more. It will be Tuesday March 31 at 6pm in the Alumni Lounges!
 - ii. Tuesday March 24th (TOMORROW) at 6PM Professor Sidorsky along with CCEC is hosting a Political Advocacy Panel in Padovano Commons. This is an important event and gives great insight into political advocacy by people who have worked in every level of the government (local, state, federal) so come enjoy some desserts and a great conversation!
 - 1. Peter- Professor Ira Spar class was poor.
 - a. Tyler- Is it SSHS or HGS?
 - i. Peter- History class so yea it is HGS.
- f. Julian- Anything for Roukema Center for International Education?
 - i. Peter- If I wanted to take a semester abroad would I go to you
 - 1. Julian- I am meeting with them this week, so I will ask them about it.
 - 2. Sebastian- I went aboard for a semester and basically they will sign off on classes you sign up for to make sure you are getting a similar education that you'd get at Ramapo.
- g. Ayden- Anything for EOF, Learning Commons or Academic Policy Council?
 - i. Mihir- How do they want us to approach the snack fairy?
 - 1. Ayden- When I brought this up she wanted to do it again this year. So I will ask for more detail at my next meeting.
- h. Anxhel - Anything for CSI?
 - i. Met with Eddie Seavers before Spring Break, we discussed about some upcoming events at Ramapo:
 - 1. Spring Concert Performer Reveal on March 25th at Friends Hall (SC-219) @ 01:00 PM
 - a. I asked Eddie if he could reveal the performers to the SGA but he declined to comment
 - b. Told me that he will need a lot of help from the SGA for the concert, so keep an eye out for volunteer sign ups.
 - 2. 2 other trips this semester:

- a. Trip to NY sirens PWHL
 - b. Death Becomes Her trip to Broadway
 - c. Get your tickets at CSI office ASAP
- ii. We also discussed:
 1. Health services and CSI have worked together to increase the amount of bus trips to local urgent care facilities
 2. There is a also a large uptick in the amount of people using the Roadrunner bus
 - a. Used to be 109 daily riders, now up to 140 which is great.
 - iii. Liz- Point of Clarification- General will be at 1:15pm so everyone can go to the concert.
- i. Joe - Anything for facilities?
 - i. Brandon- I used the bathroom in asb and the soap was hand sanitizer, but the bathroom downstairs was soap. So I was just wondering if they would fix that.
 1. Please fill out a work form
 - ii. Peter- The automatic doors by the berry center are not working.
 1. Liz- If there ever is a button not working put in a work order immediately.
 - iii. Joe- Please if something is broken, just fill out a work order. Also just like the elevators, the doors are out serviced, so they will take a while.
 - iv. Liz- I want to talk to you and lismary about the wash machines in the CPAs and Village. The RAs are in a battle to get them fixed and no one is actually contacting the company. I think if you both work together something will get done.
 1. Joe- I think that is a good idea. But facilities have told me multiple times it is a reslife thing.
 - a. Liz- I get that but I think working together will put pressure on reslife.
 - v. Peter- You are not supposed to do a work order by yourself, you have to get an RA to help you fill it out.
 - j. Brandon - Anything for dining services?
 - k. Kristina - Anything for OSS?
 - l. Gianna - Any questions, comments, concerns, or kudos for TAS?
 - m. Liz- Please fill out the SGA star form!



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VII. Adjournment

a. **Time: 8:06 pm**

i. **Moved: Ayden**

ii. **Second: Tyler**