

04/06/2026 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 04/06/2026]

Meeting called to order on [04/06/2026] at 7:07 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 (excused)
- j. Senator Joseph Brubaker
- k. Senator Alessia Mendicino (excused)
- l. Senator Sebastian Herrera
- m. Senator Michael Marino
- n. Senator James Nieman (late-excused)
- o. Senator Ayden Reed
- p. Senator Leana Thompson
- q. Senator Ahmet Angun
- r. Senator Christian Soberal (excused)
- s. Senator Kristina Kostoski (excused)
- t. Senator Brandon Ferrante (late-excused)
- u. Senator Julian Buitrago
- v. Senator Anxhel Larti
 - i. Late:
 - ii. Absent:

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 03/30/2026](#)
 - i. Moved: joe
 - ii. Second: ayden
 - iii. 12-0-0

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. Happy April! 🌸
 - i. This month is both Sexual Assault Awareness Month and EOF Month!
Highly encouraged to attend any events relating to these topics!
- b. Congratulations to our Senator Ayden for his speech at the EOF Proclamation as well as being a recipient of the EOF First Year Award!
- c. Happy belated birthday to Senator Sebastian, and myself! 🎉
- d. Sign Ups (Mandatory and Voluntary):
 - i. [Spring Concert](#): Friday, May 1st
 1. This is mandatory and a required part of your position!
 - ii. [SGA Banquet/Club Awards](#): Sunday, May 3rd, 6 PM - 8 PM
 1. Please RSVP whether or not you can attend!
 - iii. [Trip to Trenton](#): Tuesday, April 14th, 7 AM - 5 PM
 - iv. [SGA Service Trip to MEVO](#): Sunday, April 26th
 - v. [Relay for Life](#): Friday, April 24th, 6 AM - 6 PM
 1. \$25 entry (proceeds go to cancer research)
- e. The State of the Student Address (1 PM) and the SGA Constitutional Convention (4 PM) will be taking place on Friday, April 17th.
 - i. Student Address is highly encouraged, Constitutional Convention is mandatory!

f. [Upcoming Events:](#)

- i. That's So Y2K: Friday, April 10th, 7-9 PM (Friend's Hall)
- ii. Asian Expo: Wednesday, April 8th, 7:30-11 PM (Friend's Hall)

g. Senate-Specific Notifications:

- i. **Final liaison reports are due in 3 weeks! (April 27th)**
- 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: Coping In Uncertain Times (CCEC and W.I.N.)

- i. Date: Monday, April 20th, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- ii. Presenter: Sarah Glisson
- iii. Asking for \$\$ for food and marketing
 1. Funds Requested: [\\$211.99](#)
 2. Marketing Requested: Social Media, Meeting
- iv. Questions:
 1. Julian- How many people do you think will come?
 - a. Around 50 to 60
 2. Sebastian- what are the books for?
 - a. Books are for giving them away as prizes
 3. Mihir- Out of all the items what would be the most important
 - a. Pizza, salad, Beverages
 4. Sebastian- Are you asking for volunteers
 - a. If you want too, but we are asking just to attend
 5. Mihir- What are you going to do if someone gets triggered?
 - a. To become a peer educator we go through a program and also megan will be there for any problems that arrive
- v. Discussion:
 1. Joe- 175
 2. Sebastian- What is the tip for?
 - a. Mihir- For whoever they are getting the food from.
- vi. Proposed:
- vii. Moved: Gianna
- viii. Second: Peter
- ix. 12-0-1

- b. Cosponsorship: Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)
 - i. Date: Friday, April 24th, 6 PM - 6 AM at Bradley Center
 - ii. Presenter: Krystal Ibrahim
 - iii. Asking for \$\$ for prizes and marketing
 - 1. Funds Requested: [Varies](#)
 - 2. Marketing Requested: Social Media, Meeting
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Ahmet- What are your top 3 most important
 - a. Anything you can afford? If you want to donate money for the bigger prizes that would be greatly appreciated
 - 2. Brandon- What is TBD for?
 - a. It is other clubs who will possibly donate money for.
 - 3. Peter- Are the prizes here also what your club is attributing too
 - a. No, we have a separate form for just our club.
 - v. Discussion:
 - 1. Brandon- they were talking about how the TV is the most popular so we could give money towards that
 - 2. Peter- I would say the opposite and give them more smaller prizes
 - 3. Sebastian- I agree with peter I think smaller prizes get more people allowing
 - 4. James- As a commuter the events with bigger prizes have a bigger show up but I also understand that having smaller prizes so more people can win. So I think there should be a middle ground.
 - a. Liz- We should look at money more because they can use that money on anything.
 - 5. Ahmet- I think we should give them more money because it is a big event and it has a good cause.
 - 6. Brandon- If we gave them a TV, Air Fryer and like the beats. That is only 175 and that is not too bad.
 - 7. Brandon- In the events I went too no one would put in the smaller so I think we should think of prices of the bigger items.
 - 8. James- I would say something a little higher than the most expensive price
 - 9. Gianna- I think 175 to 200 is a good price range.

10. David- I think this event is a good event to give them more money because it is going to a good cause and it is huge.
11. Ayden- How do they do the prizes
 - a. Mihir- They give away prizes by hour
12. Peter- I propose 200
13. James- are there any important events that we should save more money for
 - a. David- I can't think of anything that comes up in the next weeks
 - b. Mihir- No one holds events in late april
14. Ava- I propose 225
15. Sebastian- I propose 260
16. Mihir- It is good that we give them this money to give back to our community and it allows for other clubs to give them money for the smaller prizes
17. Mihir- What prizes do we want to recommend them to get?
 - a. Ahmet- I think the apple watch and then any other smaller prices
- vi. Proposed:
- vii. Moved: Ahmet
- viii. Second: Sebastian
- ix. 13-0-2
- c. [Remaining Liaison Reports](#)
 - i. **Please write your name, liaison, and summary points from your report below!**
 1. Ahmet - Financial Aid: Really sorry for the late liaison report guys, I met with Mr. O'Neill on April 1st, and there were a couple things he wanted me to make clear for the student body. The most urgent being that the deadline for the FAFSA is April 15th, this is an extremely important deadline, especially for those of the students who receive state grants and aid. Another important reminder he wanted to make clear was that sophomores' financial aid packages won't be prepared until late may early June since it entirely depends on their grades. In 24-25, the NJTAG got **8,951,188** paid to the school, Federal Pell grants were **11,503,835**,

and private scholarships were over **7 million dollars**. I'd love to give kudos to Mr. O'Neill, it's always a pleasure speaking with him and I appreciate his continued support for the student body. Every time I enter his office he's speaking with prospective students or current students and their families trying to find ways to make school more affordable.

2. Ismael - I had my meeting with Dean Petkus on Thursday April 2nd 2026,
 - a. If any student has any questions about starting a business they should contact Dr Rick Nunez for more information, he can serve as a guide to those young entrepreneurs.
 - i. Enactus is more of a social non-profit point of contact
 - b. I asked the dean if there is a way to promote more resources around the ASB but as much as they promote it, it is the students responsibility to to look for those resources that are all around the School of Business, they usually show up in the TV's around the school. In other words just look up LITERALLY.
 - c. I also asked about a 2nd vending machine due to some complaints of the lack of time given between long classes, especially night classes to go from the 5th floor to the basement. Apparently there is a vending machine on the 2nd floor by the pantry, I'll have to search for it because I haven't seen anything on the second floor.
- ii. Alternate Student Trustee Vote
 1. April 15th, at 2:00 PM (during General)
 2. 3 candidates will be presenting!
 3. As a Senate, we need to provide questions for the candidates (same questions for all candidates)
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 - b. [Document for Current Questions](#)
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 3. Get your questions in by Thursday!

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. Ayden- Thank you to everyone who came to the EOF proclamation and it truly meant a lot. Anything for EOF, Learning Commons, Academic Policy Council?
 - i. Leana- Kudos to ayden
 - ii. Ahmet- kudos to EOF
- c. Julian- Anything for Roukema Center?
 - i. Peter- kudos to Megan, I was with her to figure out how to travel aboard in Japan. Also, the second thing would be an opportunity for us to travel aboard to Japan.
 1. I can definitely ask
- d. Mihir - Come join RCNJ Sunrise at our (informal) Environmental Gala happening THIS Wednesday, April 8th, from 4-6 PM in the Padovano Commons. This event will be a social gathering for all the different majors, minors, and concentrations of environmentalism, and for those interested in these topics, where students and faculty can enjoy great food, games, potential prizes, and of course, each other's company!
- e. Ava – Anything for Public Safety or SSHS?
 - i. Also, there is a Law and Society event that PAD is cosponsoring. Janay Davidson will be visiting us on April 9th to talk about her legal journey and her work at Legal Aid. It is located in ASB 225 from 1-2 this Thursday.
 - ii. Liz- Their hours are not accurate because they do not post when they are on lunch.

- f. Ismael - if there are any questions or concerns for the ASB, please send me a message or email:
1. Icarcamo@ramapo.edu
 2. My Group Me 🍷 get home safe
- g. Joe - Anything for facilities?
- i. Peter- I was in C wing and it was freezing cold
 - ii. Gianna- Yea now it a little too cold
 - iii. Joe- They heard the massive complaints and switched it too full AC
 - iv. Joe- ASB is a new HC system so things should be all good
- h. Peter - QotW: “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.” –Gandalf
- 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 CantaNOVA & Choral Concert, April 26 at 4 p.m.; 341 Ramapo Valley Rd, Ponds Church, Oakland, NJ (Adults \$10, Students Free!) [Buy tickets](#)
 2. Concert Band, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.; H-Wing Auditorium (free and open to the public)
 3. Songwriting Class Concert, April 29 at 12:15 p.m.; Adler Theater (free and open to the public)
 4. 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?

- i. Anxhel - I'm meeting with Eddie Seavers tomorrow, anything for CSI?
 - i. Peter- when are the posters coming out
 1. Liz- CSI does not do that, its Roadrunner designs
 2. Peter- who does roadrunner designs belong with
 3. Liz- Marketing
 4. Peter- Do CSI work with roadrunner designs
 5. Liz- No
 - j. Brandon - Sorry for lack of information about Restaurant night, I am not being told as much as I am asking
 - i. Anything for Dining Services?
 1. Peter- Kudos to Ryan
 2. David- Kudos to Harold

VII. Adjournment

- a. **Time: 8:20**
 - i. **Moved: Brandon**
 - ii. **Second: Peter**