

04/20/2026 Senate Meeting Minutes

[Monday, 04/20/2026]

Meeting called to order on [04/20/2026] at 7:06 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
- 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 Sebastian Herrera (excused)
- 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
- t. Senator Brandon Ferrante
- u. Senator Julian Buitrago
- v. Senator Anxhel Larti
 - i. Late: 1
 - 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 04/13/2026](#)

- i. Moved: Ayden
- ii. Second: Brandon
- iii. 14-0-2

III. Senate President's Announcements

a. Celebrating our Senators: 🥳

- i. Thank you all for a successful election! Some of the best turnout we have seen in years!
- ii. Phenomenal discussion and voting process for the Alternate Student Trustee position!
- iii. Congrats to all those who presented their work at the Honor's Symposium!
- iv. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Constitutional Convention!
- v. Amazing job to all those who volunteered at Admitted Students Day! Great turnout even with the rain!

b. Cabinet and Judicial Applications have opened!

- i. Can be found on Archway!

c. Be sure to fill out the [SGA Superlatives](#) as soon as you can!

d. [Relay for Life](#): Friday, April 24th, 6 AM - 6 PM

- i. \$25 entry (proceeds go to cancer research)
- ii. **Click the button that says "Join This Team"**
- iii. Liz- Does not count as a volunteer requirement but it does count as an event requirement.

e. [Upcoming Events:](#)

- i. Earth Day Fair: Tuesday, April 21st, 12:50 - 3:10 (Grove)
- ii. Relay for Life: Friday, April 24th, 6 PM - 6 AM (Bradley Center)

f. Senate-Specific Notifications:

- i. **Final liaison reports are due in 1 week! (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. Club Approval: Greek Culture Club

- i. [Constitution](#)
- ii. [Club Presentation](#)
- iii. Questions:
 1. Ahmet- How many members do you have
 - a. We have 8 right now but I know there are a lot of people interested
 2. Julian- How do you plan on getting more people in your club
 - a. Tabling will be a big thing, but also getting the word out like I have been talking about this for a while.
 3. Anxhel- In terms of eboard what grades are you in?
 - a. The president and vice president are freshmen and the treasurer is a junior.
 4. Ismael- How would you fund all your events?
 - a. Bake sales.
 5. Ahmet- Have you considered working with other people on campus?
 - a. Yes, I am currently working with the other greek clubs but I want to branch out to other culture clubs.
 6. Brandon- I know you have your meeting from 6 to 8 but that is late, so what day will it be on?
 - a. It will be held hopefully on Thursdays since that seems like a day that people are here later already.
- iv. Discussion:
 1. Brandon- I liked how well thought out this club was and how every event was tied to a holiday.

2. Tyler- Cultures are a big thing on campus and we should welcome more. Especially with good food and events.
 - a. Mihir- Even if they have a lot of events it does not mean they have to do all of them if the budget is tight. It is good to see that they are passionate.
3. Ahmet- I like how they are working with the churches because they help out a lot. And also the president is a freshman, so she will be here for the long run.
 - v. Proposed:
 - vi. Moved: Tyler
 - vii. Second: Peter
 - viii. 16-0-0
- b. Club Approval: K-pop Club
 - i. [Constitution](#)
 - ii. [Club Presentation](#)
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Julian- How many people are interested?
 - a. I know we have a lot of interest, I wanna say over 20 people.
 2. Ismael- How would you get more people interested in your club?
 - a. Through our events and involvement fair people will see that.
 3. Ismael- Will you have any budget or is it just fundraising?
 - a. Yes we would definitely have a budget.
 4. Mihir- What are the grades for your eboard?
 - a. We are all freshmen.
 5. Ismael- For your kpop karaoke, how would that work?
 - a. We would have a sign up sheet and go by order of who signs up first.
 6. Mihir- Who is your advisor?
 - a. Rebecca Lunn.
 - iv. Discussion:

1. Ismael- I like how they said it is not just about the songs it is about the culture.
 2. Brandon- I asked about how they were going to the american dream mall and stuff like that and they had it all thought out which is good.
 3. Mihir- they are a very unique club because there is no korean club and unlike the other asian clubs this focuses on a korean culture.
 - v. Proposed:
 - vi. Moved: Ahmet
 - vii. Second: Peter
 - viii. 16-0-2
- c. [Transitional Documents](#)
- i. Be sure to fill out for your respective liaison in the coming weeks!
 - ii. The previous transitional document can be found in the drive:
 1. SGA Official Drive → Transitional/Procedural Documents

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.
- b. Ayden- Anything for EOF, Learning Commons, Academic Policy Council?
 - i. Mihir- Will you be meeting with the provost?
 1. Ayden- Yes, I will be meeting with him
 - a. Peter- when will that be?
 - i. Ayden- At 10 am.
- c. Peter - QotW: “You're off to Great Places! / Today is your day! / Your mountain is waiting. / So...get on your way!” –Dr. Suess, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
 - 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. 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)
- iii. Anything for the School of AHE?
- d. Ava (SSHS and Public Safety) – Anything for SSHS or Public Safety?
 - i. Peter- Kudos to public safety. They helped me out on Sunday.
 - ii. Leana- The visitor parking passes for mackin and bishoff weren't there. So we went to the public safety office and they couldn't print it out, so we had to walk to the village.
 1. Ava- I will talk to them about that.
 - iii. Brandon- The people who walk around the pond and are getting close to the water and it's dangerous. Like the students are messing with the animals.
 1. Peter- It is not public safety jobs to tell them what not to do. I think they can spread awareness.
 2. Joe- I mean people are just roaming around campus anyways.
 - a. Mihir- There is fencing already that is the most they can do.
 3. Liz- there is a concern about the fishing line and how the geese are getting stuck in them.
 - a. Mihir- So the fence is just ineffective because it's not protecting the animals and not stopping students.
 4. Brandon- The cars are there but there are no people in it. I also think they should just bring awareness to the animals so they are deterred from going down there.

- a. Peter- I feel like this is a student issue and not a public safety issue because students are going down there no matter what they do.
- 5. Joe- A future initiative of getting signage to hopefully sign.
- 6. James- I think they should not change the fencing.
 - a. Mihir- I dont think that's the plan, I think it was more the signage.
- e. Joe - Anything for facilities?
- f. Tyler- Join the italian program for a game of bocce ball and pizza on Thursday at 4:30 outside! Support the students in the Italian program!!
 - i. Joe- Where is it located?
 - 1. Tyler- TBD- somewhere outside.
- g. Brandon - Dining Services:
 - i. Possible sundae night (Friday night or weekend?) Entailing multiple sundae things (actual candy, better ice cream, etc.)
 - ii. Extended breakfast – late night(?) OR extended time (Monday or Wednesday?)
 - iii. Turning parfait into once a week item at minimum, (Wednesday)
 - iv. April 21st Earth Day at birch (1 - 3pm)
 - v. April 29th Cone Crush event
 - vi. Flex frenzy is still going on!
 - vii. Any input from past events you would like me to bring up? Meeting is this week most likely tomorrow (Tuesday)
 - viii. Anything else for Dining Services?
 - 1. Peter- For sundae night we have it on a sunday night.
 - a. Brandon- I am worried about who will show up since it is a weekend.
 - i. Peter- I think this will make students come on weekends.
 - ii. Mihir- I think it is worth it to try it.
 - iii. Brandon- Yeah and candy is cheap so I think this will work out.
 - 2. Peter- Kudos on the international culture food week.
- h. Alessia- Anything for Title IX?
- i. David - Anything for ITS?

- i. Ismael- we train professors to use AI?
 - 1. Yeah, we are trying to make professors use canvas.
- ii. Joe- Can you get the professors trained to work technically?
 - 1. Liz- They do have the training.
- iii. Ismael- Can someone check on the monitors in the training labs?
 - 1. David- Fill out a help desk ticket.
- j. Anxhel - Anything for CSI?
 - i. Ismael- Kudos to them on Sunday for Admitted Students Day!
- k. Kristina - Anything for OSS?
- l. Julian - Anything for Roukema Center?
 - i. January session 2027 for study abroad is still available, contact Kat Lamana or Roukema for more information. Super ideal for seniors to have that last opportunity before you graduate, still open to other undergrads except freshmen. The deadline is October 1st.
 - 1. Peter- Kudos for being so transparent and reliable.
- m. Ahmet- Anything for Financial aid? MAKE SURE YOU GET VERIFICATION DOCS IN
- n. Mihir - Outside Senate next week? Fun Senate the week after?
 - i. Everyone- YES!
 - ii. Mihir- Maybe manhunt
- o. ★ SGA Star of the Month! [April Form](#)
 - i. **In addition, physical *Star of the Year* forms are due by THIS Wednesday!**
 - 1. Liz- Due by 8pm!

VII. Adjournment

a. Time: 8:10

- i. **Moved: Ayden**



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ii. **Second: Leana**