

09/16/2026 SGA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 09/16/2026] 2:10

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Benjamin Hartmann
- b. Vice President - Ayden Reed
- c. Secretary - Alessia Mendicino
- d. Treasurer - Julia Kotowski
- e. Chief of Staff - Tyler O'Connor
- f. Secretary of Community Engagement - Uma Advani (late-excused)
- g. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Elena Gergis
- h. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla (excused)
- i. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo
- j. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Brianna Pierre
- k. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - N/A
- l. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Ahmet Angun (excused)
- m. Secretary of Programming - Matthew Webb
- n. Secretary of Public Relations - Cole Werner
- o. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal (absent)
- p. Secretary of Sustainability - N/A
- q. Secretary of Service - Lane Evers
- r. Chief Justice - Amerie Ramos
- s. Legislative Justice - Paul Vargas (excused)
- t. Administrative Justice - Madison Ziolkowski
- u. Senate President - Gianna Marchica
- v. Senate Vice President - Peter Tunncliffe (excused)
- w. Senate Secretary - Isabella LaGuardia (excused)
- x. ASB School Senator - N/A

- y. AHE School Senator - Peter Tunncliffe (excused)
- z. SNH School Senator - Gianna Marchica
- aa. SSSW School Senator - N/A
- bb. Undergraduate and Honors School Senator - Leana Thompson (excused)
- cc. Senator-at-Large - Harold Rodriguez (excused)
- dd. Senator-at-Large - Michael Marino (excused-late)
- ee. Senator-at-Large - Julian Buitrago
- ff. Senator-at-Large - Kyra Cooke
- gg. Senator-at-Large - Brandon Ferrante
- hh. Senator-at-Large - Kristina Kostowski
- ii. Senator-at-Large - Anxhel Larti
- jj. Senator-at-Large - Christian Soberal (excused)
 - i. Present: 19
 - ii. Late:
 - iii. Excused: 11
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - iv. Absent: 1

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 Lunaape Nation.

IV. Approving Meeting Minutes

- a.  9/9/26 General Meeting Minutes
 - i. Moved: Julian
 - ii. Seconded: Kristina
 - 1. 6-0-0

V. President's Announcements

- a. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!
- b. I hope everyone had a relaxing weekend and a chance to digest recent events. What are everyone's thoughts? Jason Balsan will be coming to speak with us at 2pm to discuss more.
 - i. Ben: Again we just touched base with Jacon about what happened on Thursday and I really want to say a huge congratulations and kudos to our SGA. We kind of disseminated the bit of information we got and tried to maintain a lot of just calmness around campus. Considering we are student leaders, it's great to see everyone kind of just going into different group chats and just trying to say, hey, follow the emails, state the precaution, all that kind of stuff. So truly great work guys we executed well.
 - ii. Jason: One thing about that, information is really important. I know people have Fizz, groupchats, Snapchat, and Instagram. Please as student leaders, encourage other students to really restrain what they publish before they're really aware of what's going on. Misinformation can get people hurt. We want to make sure that the information we share is accurate. There was pretty wild stuff out there, on Fizz and other apps. A lot of it turned out to be untrue but it stirs up emotions and anxiety. It can change the response that our Public Safety, law enforcement, and others give. So please encourage- we need responsible use of these devices and communicators, and the importance of publishing only good and verified information is really helpful for us.
- c. Please encourage students to continue to use [counseling services](#) along with [UWill](#) which is a great resource for our students.
- d. It was great to have everyone at the 9/11 discussion and was such an incredible experience to listen and learn from phenomenal individuals.

- e. **The election is here!** We had a great candidates meeting and have a strong election cycle this year. We can't wait to have this campaign begin on September 17th and will end on September 27th.
- f. If you or anyone else you know are interested in joining any of our committees, encourage them so we have more participation and opportunities to build the SGA.

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Ayden Reed
 - i. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Today we will be having a Club Allocations meeting at 3:00 in B226.
- b. Secretary - Alessia Mendicino
 - i. A couple of reminders:
 - 1. Please make sure that you are filling out the [Office Hours](#) and [Missed Office Hours](#) forms before you leave your office hours
 - 2. If you ever have to miss your office hours please let me know and let me know when you plan to make them up
 - 3. If you ever have to miss/be late to General please let me know by, at the latest, Tuesday night (however if an emergency ever comes up please just communicate that with me)
 - 4. Please let me know if you have any questions :) (amendici@ramapo.edu)
- c. Treasurer - Julia Kotowski
 - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Chief of Staff - Tyler O'Connor
 - i. Hello everyone first and foremost our next cabinet meeting will be on September 23
 - ii. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the art contest. We had some amazing submissions which we will show in a little bit.
- e. Secretary of Community Engagement - Uma
 - i. Thank you everyone for coming to the National Hispanicx and Latin Heritage Month Proclamation
 - ii. I hope everyone is doing okay after the recent events, remember we are a family and we are always here to talk to anyone if they would like. Help is available. Utilize [counseling services on campus](#) and [uwill](#) . Remember to take care of yourselves:)

- iii. This week is National Volunteer Education Week. Please try to attend as many events that our CCEC will be hosting this week as you can to support their organization
- iv. SGA Connect starts today from 5- 7 p.m. in the office; it will be every Wednesday.
- v. Moving SGA office hours around campus to better support students. Thoughts?
- vi. SHPE Pitch Perfect 5 pm Padovono Commons
- vii. NSO Events: resume-building seminar 09/21, NSO Study Night #1 09/22.
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Elena Gergis
 - i. Nothing to report.
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
 - i. Upcoming commuter events:
 - 1. Commuter Focus Group: Monday, September 21st at 1 PM in B-225. Food will be served!
 - 2. Throwback Snacks: Thursday, October 1st at 1 PM in J. Lee's
 - 3. Trunk or Treat: Will take place on Tuesday, October 27th this year. Information about registering a car will be coming soon.
 - ii. The commuter sign is back on display in the Berrie Center. If you or someone you know is interested in advertising on the sign or digitally on some of the TVs on campus, reach out to me!
 - iii. Thank you to everyone who came to the first Commuter Affairs Committee meeting. The next one is scheduled for Friday the 25th from 1-1:40 PM in A-100. If you have any food suggestions, please let me know!
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo
 - i. I sent out the shadowing Google form for any delegates who are interested in shadowing cabinet members. My next committee meeting will be October 1st 1-2 in A223.
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Brianna Pierre
 - i. Hey everyone, I don't really have anything to report. I got to meet up with Costin today about scheduling our meeting and that's really it. I also want to say everything was very traumatic and I wanted to share-in on Jason's remark on how the conclusion went and how everyone came out and supported each other because it really made it seem like we were all there for each other.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - N/A
 - i.
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Ahmet Angun

- i. I had my first meeting with Professor O'Connor, and our first cabinet meeting is next Wednesday at 12 in the SGA office!
- k. Secretary of Programming - Matthew Webb
 - i. I will be meeting with Kriselle tomorrow about Oktoberfest so if you have any ideas that you wish to see at Oktoberfest let me know please. Also, Please Please submit your sweatshirt size in the google sheet I have linked in the group me. If you don't fill it out then there is no guarantee you will get one in your size.
- l. Secretary of Public Relations - Cole Werner
 - i. Nothing to Report
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - i. Nothing to report.
- n. Secretary of Sustainability - N/A
 - i.
- o. Secretary of Service - Lane Evers
 - i.  SGA Service Hours Tracker 26-27
 - ii. Submitting Service Hours: Each of you need at least 4 service hours per semester! To submit them, there is a service hour form that you can fill out either digitally or physically. Digital copies are in the Community Service SGA folder and physical copies are in the mailboxes (to the right once you walk into the office). Please fill out all the fields, get a signature from the club/person that was running the event and put it in my mailbox! If you have a digital copy, email it to me at eevers@ramapo.edu
 - iii. The Fall 26 Service trip is already in the works! Please fill out the form here: [Fall 26 Service Trip](#)
 - 1. Please have this filled out by September 23! You have one week.
 - iv. For more Service Events/Trips: [Service Calendar](#)
 - 1. If you are interested please sign up on Archway!
 - v. If you have any questions about service hours please email me or visit me during my office hours on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm!
- p. Chief Justice - Amerie Ramos
 - i. nothing to report
- q. Senate President - Gianna Marchica
 - i. Happy Wednesday! Here is the Senate Meeting Agenda.  Senate Meeting Agenda 09/14/2026
 - ii. Recap of Senate: We voted in Legislative Justice Paul Vargas as well as approved all revisions for the Fall 2026 Election Timeline
 - iii. I hope everyone is doing well after Thursday's events.

1. President Jebb put out a statement as well as SGA through Instagram.
 - a. Gianna: Did anyone not receive President Jebb's email? I know some people, including myself, did not receive it.
 - b. Rick: You need to go to IT if you are not receiving campus wide emails.
 - c. Jason: Right now work is being done to fix that.
2. If anyone needs to talk or needs support, counseling services are open and available for you. Please don't be afraid to reach out.
- iv. Please check your emails regularly and be responsive in the GroupMe!
- v. LIAISON REPORTS DUE 9/28 at 6:00-6:30 pm before the meeting
- r. Student Trustee - Olivia Ha

i. [Google Form Link](#)

1. Hello everyone! After introducing myself properly at our meeting today, please take a look at the attached Google Form link above.
2. I created this Google Form to foster stronger communication between myself, our wonderful Board of Trustees, and of course—the rest of our student body (this certainly includes all of you in the SGA!).
3. As the school year progresses, I would greatly appreciate it if you could refer to this Google Form with any (and all!) comments, thoughts, and concerns you would like to (and feel comfortable with) sharing with me. And, of course, the studenttrustee@ramapo.edu email is another excellent way to reach out with larger requests for information.
 - a. Rick: So Olivia, if there's a student who is going to be here for at least two more years, and they're interested in finding out how to be an Alternate Student Trustee would you be willing to talk with them at some point?
 - b. Olivia: Yeah, of course! For that we're planning on the process in the spring but I would love for them to be like, hey, I'm interested, then I'll keep their name and information just until the spring.

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
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b. This Week on Campus

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c. Guests: Jason Balsan

- i. Jason: I'm here to discuss the events of Thursday night, September 10th, or any other concerts that you have. But I figured I'd start with a very basic overview of what happened and then we can kind of go from your questions. Alright, so just before 6pm on Thursday night, the 10th of September, Public Safety received a phone call indicating that there was someone on campus with a firearm. We responded to the location right out the Berrie Center and conducted a very quick preliminary investigation. We were able to identify one or two other students that, although they didn't see anyone with a firearm, indicated that they did see something that might lead them to believe that someone might have a firearm; they saw some folks hurriedly leave the area. We initiated immediate camera review because at that point the witness couldn't really make a definitive statement that they, in fact, saw a gun. We started a panel review. We started a witness search, so we entered the Berrie center, we entered some of the other immediate locations, trying to find additional witnesses. We couldn't find anything. At that point we had already initiated a response by the Mahwah Police, so as not to delay the emergency response we consulted with the Mahwah Police. We began an additional round of basic investigation- it sounds like it's a lot but it only took 2 or 3 or 4 minutes. At which point they received a 911 call. So now those 2 calls kind of elevate it from an unconfirmed sort of, we're trying to figure it out, to multiple calls. That escalates the situation. That's when we immediately initiate a lockdown. That happened just before 6pm. Police department units from the Mahwah Police Department, including tactical teams, the Paramus Police Department. It was Mahwah, Upper Saddle River, and the Ramsey Police, all respondents to campus to render aid with Mahwah Police taking the tactical elements onto campus to begin a clearing operation of the entire campus. That began just after 6pm, so roughly 5:88 is when we initiated lockdown, just after 6pm- so within 4 or 5 minutes of them arriving- we immediately began; within 4 or 5 minutes of that alert we began sweeping the buildings to clear them. About two hours later, we rendered the campus safe, and all clear, and we lifted the lockdown. During that time, we were able to determine- in the intermediate time between the lockdown and the end of the lockdown- through additional investigation, through additional interviews with the initial witnesses, we were able to determine that the call for the person with the firearm on campus was unfounded. That is a legal term that means that it's very

unlikely to have ever happened. So the determination was there was no imminent threat, the campus was not in any danger at that point. At an abundance of caution, we initiated lockdown and search because at that point we only had two or three witnesses that said they saw something. Over the course of the night we initiated some emergency protocols, the lockdown was lifted just after 8pm, by 10pm we had our mental health counselors on campus to provide support to students that may need it. Residence Life initiated what they call a 'all hands' where they open the residence hall offices in all the residential communities as a place for students to congregate, to unwind, to decompress, and to seek assistance if they happen to need it. And those offices stayed open late and into the early morning in most cases. Additionally, we published a message. The President released a message college-wide indicating that, while there was immediate need to initiate the lockdown as a result of a report of someone with a firearm, that the report was found to be unfounded, that campus was safe and that we were going to resume usual operations the following day. Public Safety is done in conjunction and collaboration with the facilities department, an overview of every bit of feedback that we got led to the building of physical security. We've done a comprehensive review of all of those kinds of feedback that we received from students and families. In only one case did we find that the information provided was accurate and was related to a door lock in a particular classroom, that door lock was fixed immediately. Overall, the response was positive; folks got the message, they locked down, they stayed sheltered in place. They remained in lockdown until either A, the police or public safety got to them, or they received the information that the lockdown was lifted. So the community did exactly what we wanted them to do. Everyone did a remarkable job and they did it really fast. I know 2 hours seems like a long time, it was probably really stressful, so I have to thank you again for sticking with us and for listening and following the messages that we were providing. One of things that we adjusted, that I think was helpful based on the feedback we are receiving, is that we updated you regularly. I think one of the big pitfalls of this is balancing the need for information with the amount of information that we actually have. And non-scientifically, some of the research I've done, college and universities fall into this pit sometimes when they are not messaging. Even if they have nothing else new to say, it's important to say we're still here and we're working on it. And that's something we adjusted from our usual communications plan. We were sending messages every 15 or 20 minutes even if it was something simple in order to keep you engaged and informed. The professionalism of the staff and faculty, the attention of the

students, and the work Public Safety and police departments did was exceptional across the board. We can always learn, we can always get better, and we're still in the midst of the process right now. But overall the system worked as designed. So any questions on the actual event or anything else?

- ii. Gianna: I have a couple of questions and I'm sure a lot of people have the same ones. I know we talked about in the past having mandated ALICE training, is this something that we're gonna be pushed for more after this?
- iii. Jason: ALICE is a trademark named product we as an institution are moving away from ALICE because it's really prohibitively expensive. If we wanted to give out ALICE training and certify everyone for the ALICE requirements it would, first of all, probably impede on some of your academic pursuits. Because there's an academic component that you're supposed to do online and then go to a class all day and get certified to essentially Run, Hide, Fight which is a free product offered by the government. While we won't offer ALICE, we do offer Run, Hide, Fight which is the same thing. ALICE just adds letters that are hard to remember to an already stressful situation which can trigger the paradox of choice. I'm a certified ALICE instructor and I have to think about what the letters mean sometimes which slows you down. That was Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape. You're doing all of that in Run, Hide, Fight, it's fewer things to remember and it's available everywhere. As a certified instructor in this realm, we teach it. And you can request that training online on the Public Safety website. We offer seminars from time to time where we just generally invite the public to attend and we also do by appointment with different divisions and departments where we will come down to your office, classroom, or club space and we will walk through it with you in those environments. Because what might work in Laurel Hall may not work in the science labs. So we want to make sure that you're getting situational ideas to use in the event of an emergency.
- iv. Uma: You said earlier that someone filled out a form and that's what started everything that happened on Thursday night. How do you guys plan to filter it out if that makes sense, so like the fact that it remained unfounded, like how do you plan to be better about reports.
- v. Jason: I may have mumbled through that, it wasn't a form, it was actually a call. How do we navigate through the ones that might not be real? We have to make really good choices. The unfortunate reality is that the playbook- as I just mentioned with Run, Hide, Fight- is not always precise, it's very imprecise. We take advantage of the information that we have, and we make the

best decision we have with the information we have at the time. So just because it ends up unfounded, doesn't mean that in the moment we didn't have real reason to believe that, in the interest of safety, we should lock down. If one person tells you they heard that there's a dinosaur outside, would you go look? It is very unlikely that there's going to be a dinosaur outside but most people are going to check. Statistically, it's very unlikely that there's a shooter on campus if we haven't heard gunshots and we haven't had additional calls. If 15 of us said there's dinosaurs outside, how many of us would go look? Everyone, right? If all of us say there's a dinosaur outside, it starts to build credibility. There's procedurally, in law enforcement security, these checklists you have to go through in every situation to try to confirm as best as possible that you have what you have. And one of them is just to go look and see, and then we start the process from there. Let's talk to the witness, let's talk to the person who initially called, let's see if we hear or see anything. And that process unrolls as you gather more information. Procedurally, we don't want to discourage folks from reporting. If you see something, say something; it's really important. We don't want you to feel embarrassed that you get it wrong. It's kind of, like, step on that a little bit might be the unintended consequence of why we may get fewer reports and one of the ones we don't get is the real one. So report and then let us figure it out; and that was the process, we just had to figure it out.

- vi. Uma: My sorority sister was in class during the lockdown and the professor didn't stop teaching or follow the protocol that everyone else was following. Because everyone was messaging in our group chat, like let's stay safe, but her professor kept teaching. I guess it's good to continue normalcy but for safety sake...
- vii. Jason: I would encourage your sorority sister to email me with the information on that class. The class title, the meeting time, and the location, and let us sort it out.
- viii. Uma: Would faculty get further training just because like if, god forbid, something similar happens again in the future and like everybody's being safe, you know, and one person isn't. That could be the impact at the end of the day.
- ix. Jason: So similar to what I mentioned on the training side, you can request training directly or participate in the seminar that we offer a couple times a year. We offer the same to faculty and staff throughout the year. More importantly, I think you want to get to the bottom of what actually happened so I would encourage your sorority sister to email me the details: class meeting, class title, and the location and we'll look into it. The bottom line is the instructions are very plainly

outlined in the message, so you don't need any training. Because it says if you are on campus: go into a room, lock the door, turn off the lights, turn off your phone.

- x. Uma: Yeah because the professor still had the projector on, and was still presenting slides, and still teaching.
- xi. Jason I don't want to speak specifically until I have had the opportunity to review this particular incident, because there's a thousand reasons why that may have happened. If you're in class and the professor keeps going, take that into account, maybe they're not paying attention to their phone because they're teaching. But you have your phone and just received the alert so you can tell your professor that Public Safety messaged that there's a lockdown. And that might be the difference between a couple of minutes going by before the lockdown happens in that classroom and us doing it right now. If you're doing it in good faith and based on good information and the instructor gives you a hard time, email me. We'll discuss it with the instructor. But please have them refer that information to me as quickly as you can.
- xii. Elena: Obviously this incident brought to our attention the importance of safety. And for transparency, I'm going to speak from my perspective as a commuter who uses the train and the shuttle. Is there any way to maybe do an ID check before getting on the shuttle? Because I feel like that's a security risk because anyone coming to and from the station at Garden State Plaza can just get on at this point.
- xiii. Jason: So the simple answer is yes. The more simple answer is, anyone that uses the shuttles are required to have a Ramapo ID or be accompanied by their Ramapo host. So there's already a mechanism in place for that, randoms shouldn't be getting on the bus. If you ever feel unsafe or you're not sure you can always call Public Safety. Doesn't matter if you're at Garden State Plaza, getting on the bus, or at the train station. You can call us and we can get it sorted out.
- xiv. Kristina: I was in a classroom in ASB and the door didn't lock. I was wondering if that just specific to that classroom or if any other classrooms had that problem because we were scared the whole time, like everyone realized that someone could easily have gotten in.
- xv. Jason: What door was it?
- xvi. Kristiana: ASB 523.
- xvii. Jason: That door was checked and it actually works. So I don't know what's going on. Facilities is looking at every complaint that we have on doors, they only found one that actually didn't lock. So I don't know if it was a matter of how the door closed or how the handle-

- xviii. Kristiana: We didn't have a professor or anyone to check because there were just 30 students in there, we were just alone in there, and nobody could get it so we put garbage cans and stuff to barricade the door.
- xix. Jason: That's absolutely what you should do. Whether or not the door locks, whether it opens in or out, there are things you can do to protect yourself and that's part of Run, Hide, and Fight. We post some of that stuff directly to the Public Safety website and showcase what to do. There are like 8,000 doors on campus, inevitably one or two might be in need of repair at any one point during the semester. As soon as they're noticed, Public Safety submits work orders or Facilities submits their own work orders and they fix them. If you're ever in a room and you notice that very clearly the door looks like it's busted, you can let us know. But what I don't want is for folks to assume that stuff has been recorded, let us know. To the point I was making earlier, we don't want to discourage anyone from reporting an unsafe condition. And something as simple as a door lock or handle can present an unsafe condition if you need that door handle or lock to work. Through the last couple of days we were able to receive feedback from students, faculty, and staff on doors and there was only one that needed immediate repair and that was done I think at 8:30 in the morning the following day, so that 9/11 morning. But everything that we received from the past 5 or 6 days we've been checking on.
- xx. Anxhel: I heard a lot of concerns from students about how transparent some classrooms are and how there's nothing you can do to block the windows, especially in the library. I understand it's hard to find solutions for those but is there anything we can do about that?
- xxi. Jason: Those concerns are something that we've been tracking for a while. I conduct an internal physical security assessment and it takes months to do because I have to visit every building and look at every window. It is a situation that we are aware of. We're looking at solutions, what may work in one building might not work in another because there's a need in that building. It can be something as simple as putting film over the window so you can't see inside, it may be more complicated like putting in blinds or shades. But it's something that we're evaluating; in some cases we have already done some renovations. There are rooms on campus that may still be a big pane of glass of windows that we've either added shades to or film upon, that process continues. So that's something we've been tracking, we are aware of it, and we're getting through that process to make sure that wherever there's big glass and people inside, we're protecting you as best we can.

- xxii. Gianna; When you say film, do you mean it's bulletproof? Or are any of the windows just not bulletproof?
- xxiii. Jason: Bulletproof is a really nebulous term. If you're near glass, I would assume that it's not, that's for everyone's safety. There are applications that can be made to the glass that make them blast resistant; is essentially the industry term. We're exploring those options also. Essentially, the film may not stop a bullet but it does overwhelmingly in explosions, bombing attacks, anywhere where glass is going to fragment. The overwhelming number of injuries and deaths are attributed to flying glass, as long as you're not directly struck by a bullet. We are looking at ways to mitigate the flying glass also. Sometimes it is as simple as putting a film on it, that may not work to mitigate but it's part of this evaluation that we're doing in all spaces that have significant panes of glass. One of the things that you can do in situations like that is barricade the glass. For example if you were in one of the study rooms you could put stuff in front of the glass so that if the glass were shattered, it doesn't come down on top of you. It obscures anything inside and it also protects you on some level from some of that shattering glass. This isn't just about how we deal with this on campus, unfortunately this is the world we live in the United States. If you're at a restaurant, or a movie theater, or at the mall, there are glass windows. Unfortunately, these things happen out there too so take a lot of what you're learning here and apply them everywhere you go.
- xxiv. Elena: I don't know if there's a solution for this, but I've had like multiple friends, a lot of them were stuck in the bathrooms and the toilets, because they are automatic, kept on going off. What can students do about that if they do have to hide in one of the stalls?
- xxv. Jason: You gotta do your best. Facilities right now are looking at some of those things; those automatic flushes and the automatic lights. So in New Jersey for energy savings we have to have in public buildings these things that turn the lights on and off when you go in and out of the room. Those are automatic. In some cases, in some rooms we don't control the sensors to turn the lights back on. If you're still the lights turn off, if you move and the lights turn back on. So we're researching right now within that system if we can bypass and make the lights turn off, similar to the toilet. I don't have an answer for you, I'm not a specialist in the facilities areas. We're looking into it though, it's something that we're tracking. The important part is that you're in there and you're locking down, especially locking the door, barricading, and making yourself as small as possible.

- xxvi. Ben: Thank you on behalf of the SGA, considering the fact that you're doing boots on the ground work during the time of uncertainty and I think that we're very grateful for all the work that you and Public Safety do. And one of our lovely secretaries, Matt Zegla, just wanted to say a huge thank you to PSafe for their work and professionalism during the lockdown. When everything went down, they sprung to action immediately to ensure everyone's safety. Their courage and heroism doesn't go unnoticed. So thank you for keeping our campus safe every day.
- xxvii. Jason: It was really a team effort. We have amazing Professional staff and we go through all of these scenarios multiple times a year to make sure that when it does happen we get it right. It warmed my heart to see colleagues on the professional staff side, student staff, everyone coming together to do the right thing. And I think that it was really even more heartwarming to me- I don't know if Rick and Jack were on campus afterwards- at the 9 or 10 o'clock hour if you went outside there were tons of people out talking to each other, congregating, hanging out, the Birch was live there was music going in there. People were getting together and reestablishing community. It's so important that we remember the value of that. You go through a stressful situation, you gotta look to each other and check on each other. Make sure we're okay. I think that, at the end, once we knew campus was safe, was really the most heartwarming part. So a big team effort, we can't do it unless you all actively participate and follow the instructions that we're giving you; and it was a wonderful job so thank you all also.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Jack: Can you hear me okay? Just two really quick announcements. Just a friendly reminder that the Sophomores Advancing in Leadership, also known as SAIL, and Juniors United Motivational Program, also known as JUMP, those applications are closing this upcoming Monday. You still have a little bit of time but get them done. Encourage your friends to apply as well and tell them they can ask me any questions. They can also stop by my office when I'm around if they want to talk in-person about the program. There's been a bunch of student leaders who have done it. We get some cool swag and talk about some great leadership topics. I would love to see as many members from the Ramapo community join. The second announcement I was to bring in, if anybody wants to talk about some free food and leadership development tomorrow, A101 at 1 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon, we're doing a Project L.E.A.D.: Brand New Day. We're talking about leadership and helping you whether you're a returning student leader, or new student leader, or still trying to figure out what your leadership style is. There'll be free food, I got pizza, wings, and french fries. There will be free food. It is a free professional

development, you don't have to stay the entire time if you've got a little bit of time, that's totally fine. But I would love to see folks there. A quick public service announcement, is we're doing really good work in JLees. We know the popcorn shakers have been popular, we did find a cinnamon toast crunch popcorn shaker that will be here very soon, we will be advertising that heavily. Any questions?

IX. Open Forum

a. Elena

- i. Please come support the art galleries on campus! There's a new exhibit open in the Berrie Center's Pascal and Kresge galleries, and be sure to visit the Rodman Gallery in the first floor B wing (which is home to our world renowned collection of Haitian)
 1. Ben: Do you know what time the gallery is open?
 2. Elena: I don't know off the top of my head but I do have the schedule so if anyone wants to know just talk to me right after and I can give you that. And it's also on the website, but that's kind of annoying to check the website so you can just ask me later.

b. Tyler

i. Art contest submissions

1. Submission number 1
 - a.  Art Submission 1
2. Submission number 2
 - a.  Art Submission 2
3. Submission number 3
 - a.  Art Submission 3

- i. Tyler: I don't know if I mentioned it or not. The first two, the first one gets put on the front of the shirt, the second one gets put on the back of the shirt, and the third one gets hung up in the office. And then, at the end, they all get hung up in the office.

ii. Vote:

1. Submission 1: First Place
2. Submission: 3: Second Place

3. Submission 2: Third place

- a. Tyler: Guys, if you don't mind, just let me know how you thought about this competition idea because this is something me, Matt, and Harold came up with. We kind of wanted to test run it with Oktoberfest, and if you think we should do it again for another event please just give us your feedback, try to streamline it, and thank you.
- c. Gianna - [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. Anything for SNH and Dean Van Der Wall??
- d. Kristina - Anything for OSS?
 - i. Ben: Kudos to Nicolette.
 - ii. Ben: One more thing to say about the gallery. It's open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1-5pm and then Wednesday, 1-7pm. Let's all pop out, let's all show love.

X. Adjournment 2:56

- a. Moved: Julian
- b. Second: Anxhel
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