

09/02/2026 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [09/02/26]

I. Roll Call

- a. President - Ben 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
- 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 (late excused)
- k. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life
- l. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Ahmet Angun
- m. Secretary of Programming - Matthew Webb
- n. Secretary of Public Relations - Cole Werner
- o. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
- p. Secretary of Sustainability
- q. Secretary of Service - Lane Evers
- r. Chief Justice - Amerie Ramos
- s. Legislative Justice
- 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

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

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.  04/22/26 General Meeting Minutes

- i. Moved:
- ii. Seconded:
 - 1. 0-0-0

V. President's Announcements

- a. Welcome back, everyone! Officially kicking off the year, and I couldn't be more excited for what's ahead.
- b. **President Jebb is coming in at 1:45pm!** We will be asking prepared questions that have already been designated. If we end early, you will have the option to take a break or stay in here and talk about initiatives and ideas for the semester.
- c. SGA/Campus 9/11 Flag Planting Assistance! Wednesday, 9/9 at 3:00 PM on the Grove.
- d. **88 new interested members!** Huge turnout from Welcome Week and our Open Houses this year. That's a big turnout and it says a lot about where this org is headed. Let's make sure we follow up with all of them so that interest turns into real involvement.
- e. 9/11 Memorial (*Next Friday*)
 - Panel discussion from 10am to 11:30am, which everyone should plan to attend.
- f. We're setting the tone early this year with a North Jersey Conference in the works. More details are coming soon, but I wanted to plant the flag now so everyone's excited and watching for updates.
- g. **Fall Senate Elections!**

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Ayden Reed
 - i. I hope everyone had a great summer break
 - ii. Today will be having our first Club Allocations meeting at 3pm in B226. Anyone who is part of Allocations will head over there after general so we can get started right away.

- b. Secretary - Alessia Mendicino
 - i. I hope everyone had a great summer break!
 - ii. Please make sure that you are signed up for [office hours](#)
 - iii. Here are the links to the forms for [Office Hours](#) and [Missed Office Hours](#)
 - 1. Please try to fill out these forms before you leave your office hours
 - 2. Please let me know if you have any questions about how to open or close the office
- c. Treasurer - Julia Kotowski
 - i. If anyone who has a designated budget has any questions about their budget, or anything related, please see me or email me
- d. Chief of Staff - Tyler O'Connor
 - i. I hope everyone had a great summer break and is having a good start to the semester
 - ii. Our first cabinet meeting will be **Wednesday the 9th at 11:30 in B-218**.
 - iii. I would also like to congratulate Matt Webb and Cole Werner for their recent confirmation. We are all excited to see all the good work you guys will do.
 - iv. One last thing: we will be hosting a co-sponsorship in the **Dining Hall this Thursday**. This will count as an event requirement and **we need volunteers** so if you are available please sign up. The event will run from **8:30 until the end of Late Night at 11**. We understand that it is short notice but this is a great opportunity to encourage first year students to get involved with the SGA!
- e. Secretary of Community Engagement - Uma Advani
 - i. Hope everyone had a great summer :) / will groupme about upcoming events daily!
 - ii. Second newsletter will go out 09/08
 - iii. **September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.** [Mental Health Resources on Campus](#)
 - iv. **Presidential speaker series next friday 09/11 10 am - 11:30 am trustees pavilion**
 - v. **Commuter students are eligible to rent a personal locker for the Fall 2026** for \$10. All lockers are located in the hallway between the B and C wing area. Lockers can be used until Dec 4th
 - vi. **All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in hazing prevention programs** run by the OFSL. They offer in-person workshops anti-hazing online course. please contact kbellini@ramapo.edu for questions
 - vii. The Center for Reading and Writing (CRW) reopened on Monday! The CRW offers writing and reading sessions and weekly workshops to students on all academic levels, across disciplines. In-person and virtual appointments can be scheduled with peer or professional consultants during the following hours: Mon.-Thurs. From 10-8 and Fri. from 10-4. Virtual appointments are also available on the weekends. To make appointments and register for workshops, visit the CRW website at www.ramapo.edu/crw/. Click on Schedule an Appointment or the Workshops

button. For more information, contact Priscilla Tovey, ptovey@ramapo.edu. Location: CRW, Learning Commons 420

- viii. First-Gen and EOF: Cookout for the Culture 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm today moved to Friends Hall!
 - ix. Women's Center + LGBTQ+ Services - Quiet Together: Silent Book Club & Silent Space. A weekly evening space to read, study, work, or rest. women@ramapo.edu or call (201) 684-7468.
 - x. Scholarship Write-In: Susan Auger from the Center for Reading and Writing, Dr. Rebecca Root and Daynah Stockwell for helpful tips and guidance. Location: LC101 Date: Thursday, Sep. 03, 2026 Time: 01:00 pm
 - xi. Hillel is having an Ice Cream Social at 5 pm outside Trustee's Pavilion
 - xii. 2026 SOPHOMORES ADVANCING IN LEADERSHIP (SAIL) APPLICATIONS ARE LIVE! You can apply to the SAIL program via this link: <https://cqlink.me/2fF/s60768>. Applications close at 12pm on Monday, September 21st. Email jnesmith@ramapo.edu with questions.
 - xiii. LGBTQ+ and Women's Center Zines and Za at 6 pm. tomorrow (Zines = MagaZINES/ za = pizZA)
 - xiv. CPB hosting 4v4 basketball tournament at Aux Gym in Bradley at 10 pm
 - xv. Six on Broadway - tickets on sale on Sept. 21. One ticket → \$50, two tickets → \$110. payment has to be made in CSI via cash or check. Tickets include round-trip coach bus transportation, which leaves at 4 pm. Location: Bradley Center/Off Campus, Date: Monday, Sep. 21, 2026, Time: 07:00 pm
 - xvi. OLU hosting Chisme con OLU GBM this Friday at 1:30 pm in alumni lounges
 - xvii. IFC Hoops and Eats this Friday at 6 pm in Laurel Courts
 - xviii. CPB Carnival @ 9 pm Friday at the Grove!
 - xix. Saturday 9 pm Friends Hall CPB is hosting dorm decor
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Elena Gergis
- i. Hi everyone! This is my first year with the SGA, and I'm really excited to be here!
 - ii. Ramapo academic schools tabling at the library
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
- i. I hope everyone had a great summer! I won't be in attendance at general meetings this semester as I will be at my internship. Still, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/concerns.
 - ii. The first committee meeting will be announced soon.
 - iii. I have my first meeting with the legendary Jack Nesmith tomorrow. If you have any points I should bring up in our meeting, please let me know.
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo
- i. Hey everyone! Hope everyone's week has been amazing so far! I just wanted to thank everyone who was at the involvement fair hyping up the delegate program. You guys are all amazing.
 - ii. Additionally, my first committee meeting is Thursday September 3rd 1-2 pm in A223.
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Brianna Pierre

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- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - N/A
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- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Ahmet Angun
 - i. Hello everyone, hope you've all had an amazing summer. I'm still figuring out the fine details of the committee, but I'd highly encourage (and appreciate) if you guys signed up, I have a lot of things planned involving surrounding schools in the tri state area as well as interesting ways to discuss and explain different policy issues that present themselves throughout the year. Thank you, and let's all have an engaging and fun semester.
- k. Secretary of Programming - Matthew Webb
 - i. I hope all of you had a great summer. Just wanted to say thank you to all who have helped with Oktoberfest thus far.
- l. Secretary of Public Relations - Cole Werner
 - i. Good Afternoon everyone, hope you've all had a great summer. I am planning on filming a video promoting the election after general, if you are interested, please see me afterward. Thank you
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - i. Hello everyone! I hope you are all doing well. For this week's report I want to let you know that over this summer I have been meeting with Anne and Steph from Reslife and Megan from Counseling services to finish up my Mental health QR code initiative and make sure it is done effectively and successfully.
 - ii. Just a quick refresher, It is an initiative where there will be a laminated QR code sticker in residence halls, linked to a page with on campus resources, including a small description, office hours and room numbers..etc. I thought this would be very impactful given how many great resources we have and go overlooked or unnoticed especially when being new to the school.
 - iii. There are many situations where students may be afraid to ask for help and can hesitate to reach out. I thought what better way to resolve this than by making it easier to access!
 - iv. Sadly we were not able to finish it before the start of this semester like we planned but I am going to meet with Dean Van der wall and Ben to discuss what new time is most appropriate for this to be best executed.
 - v. And who would be in charge of this website!
- n. Secretary of Sustainability - N/A
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- o. Secretary of Service - Elaina Evers

- i. Hi everyone! I'm Lane Evers, the Secretary of Service for this year! Really looking forward to working with everyone!
- 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](#)
- 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. I hope everyone had a great summer! Now that the semester is in full swing, please start knocking your requirements out early on.
 - 1. Check CCEC's Archway page for upcoming service opportunities:
 - a. https://archway.ramapo.edu/feeds?type=club&type_id=34159&tab=events
 - 2.  26/27 Upcoming Event Sign Ups
- q. Senate President - Gianna Marchica
 - i. Happy First General of the Semester! I hope it is going well for everyone
 - ii. Here is the Senate Meeting Minute from our first Senate  [Senate Meeting Agenda 08/31/2026](#)
 - iii. We appointed our Senate Secretary, Isabella!
 - iv. We approved the Fall 2026 Senate Election Legislation Bill
 -  [Senate Bill 2026-F-01: Fall 2026 Senate Election Legislation_SGA](#)
- r. Student Trustee - Olivia Ha

VII. New Business

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
 - 1. Matthew - Comprehensive Facilities Plan Committee:
 - a. The committee met last Thursday, August 27th. Here is a brief list of what was discussed (apologies for the length):

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- i. **Linden Hall Renovation:** Scheduled to be completed by Fall 2027. The Laurel Parking Deck will also get some deferred maintenance completed as well.
- ii. **New Adler Anatomy Labs:** Work was completed this summer and they are now open to classes. Some additional minor work will be done over the next few weeks.
- iii. **Overlook Bridge Renovation:** Scheduled to be completed before Thanksgiving. Pedestrians are advised to follow the College's detour to go to and from the building.
- iv. **Spiritual Center Renovation:** Completed and fully open and operational
- v. **Parking Lot Renovations:** Lots A-C were repaved this summer. Lot D, the Overlook parking lot, and some main roads will be done next summer.
- vi. **Classroom FFE (Furniture, Furnishing, Equipment) Refresh:** An ongoing project. The College is replacing desks, projectors, audio speakers, etc in classrooms. Some rooms also got some new carpeting and a paint job (D-215 is a great example in case anyone is curious). The goal is to put around \$150k-\$200k each year into this project.
- vii. **Updated Campus Signage Project:** The most visible outdoor signage work will be done over the next few months. Should be completed by the summer/next fall. Indoor signage will come at a later date (deferred).
- viii. **CPA Stairs:** Completed. Handrails were installed earlier this week.
- ix. **Tree Planting Project:** An ongoing project. Some new trees will be planted near the main parking lot in the spring. Trees will also be planted on other locations on campus.
- x. The Alumni Lounge lobby as well as the Mackin/Bischoff lobbies got some new flooring.
- xi. **Deferred Projects:**
 - Core 2 and 5 elevators
 - Indoor signage and wayfinding

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- Alumni Lounge permanent audio/visual setup
- Bradley Center video walls (main gym and game room)
- CPA laundry building replacement

b. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions OR if you want to join the committee.

b. This Week on Campus

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VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Matthew: Hey guys, to help jog your memories, during summer training, I hosted an activity where everyone answered questions in a circle. I've been talking with Ben about doing it again as a bonding session. We have recently settled on a day/time to host it. It's scheduled for Friday, October 9th, at 6 pm. If you're interested in attending, please like the message I wrote in our GroupMe on Monday night. Ben also pinned the message as well. Thanks!

X. Adjournment