

09/09/2026 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 09/09/2026] at

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
- m. Secretary of Programming - Matthew Webb
- n. Secretary of Public Relations - Cole Werner
- o. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
- p. Secretary of Sustainability - N/A
- q. Secretary of Service - Lane Evers (excused early dismissal)
- r. Chief Justice - Amerie Ramos
- s. Legislative Justice - N/A
- t. Administrative Justice - Madison Ziolkowski
- u. Senate President - Gianna Marchica
- v. Senate Vice President - Peter Tunncliffe
- 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:
 - 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.
 - i. Moved:
 - ii. Seconded:
 - 1. 0-0-0

V. President's Announcements

- a. Phenomenal Late Night Birch tabling event! We had 64 students enter into our raffle and Delegate Program.
- b. SGA Campus 9/11 Flag Planting Assistance! TODAY, 9/9 at 3:00 PM on the Grove.
- c. **Reminder:** This Friday 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. at the Arch: *Memorial Observance: Remembering and Honoring the Victims & Survivors of 9/11*. **Followed by:** 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Trustees Pavilion: *Panel Discussion: A Living History of the Generational Impacts of 9/11*.
- d. Lookout for SGA Roster Form & please fill it out ASAP.
- e. In order to apply for scholarships, complete the General Application for the 2026/27 academic year (a new application is required each year) via the [AcademicWorks portal](#) before the **September 23, 2026** deadline. Questions can be directed to scholars@ramapo.edu.
- f. **Bring a friend to General next week!** The more public faces we get in the room, the closer we get to catering food at General meetings, let's make it happen.
- g. How's everyone doing? We're off to a great start and will continue to build off the momentum.
- h. We have a guest speaker coming at **1:45pm**, [Janelle Ferraro](#) to speak about RoadRunner Design opportunities for clubs/organizations!
- i. Be on the lookout for more opportunities for event requirements but come out & support regardless considering how impactful it is to have SGA representation at all events.
- j. **Senate Fall Election Updates!**

VI. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Ayden Reed
 - i. I hope everyone is having an amazing week! Today Club Allocations will take place in B226 at 3:30 after the flag planting!
- b. Secretary - Alessia Mendicino
 - i. Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great long weekend! I just have a couple of reminders:
 - 1. 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)
 - 2. Please make sure that you are signed up for [office hours](#)
 - 3. Please make sure that you are filling out the [Office Hours](#) and [Missed Office Hours](#) forms BEFORE you leave your office hours
 - 4. If you ever have to miss your office hours please let me know and let me know when you plan to make them up
 - 5. Please let me know if you have any questions :) (amendici@ramapo.edu)
- c. Treasurer - Julia Kotowski
 - i. We're planning some fundraisers, more details to come
 - ii. If you have a budget and purchase anything using it, please forward a copy of the receipt to me
- d. Chief of Staff - Tyler O'Connor
 - i. Hi everyone I just wanted to say thank you to the cabinet for such a great first cabinet meeting and lets keep up the great work!
 - ii. Please everyone make sure you are in the official 2026/2027 Group Me
- e. Secretary of Community Engagement - Uma Advani
 - i. Hey everyone hope everyone had an amazing Labor Day Weekend :) Here are events happening from today - Friday. The ones that are in **bold**, please make every effort to attend. The second newsletter will go out next Tuesday!
 - ii. Open office hours around campus like Dunkin, Bradley, to connect with students. Suggestion by lovely Dean Van Der Wall
 - iii. SHPE - Pitch Perfect - 09/23 - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Padavono Commons
 - iv. CHCS Words for Hope with Therapy Dogs 09/14 3 pm at the Grove

- v. If you are interested in sharing your story from any mental health/substance use/suicide disorder for the CHCS Glow for Hope Event on 09/24 9 pm - 11 pm, please email studentwellness@ramapo.edu The Center for Student Wellness, CPB and more, provides students a space to share their journey to promote hope and help-seeking.
- vi. SAIL Applications due 09/21 [link](#). JUMP applications due 09.21 [link](#)
- vii. ***CHCS - World Suicide Prevention Day: Opening Proclamation - tomorrow at 1:30 pm - Grove (rain location: Friends Hall) ***
- viii. **Office of the President - A Living History of the Generational Impacts of 09/11 - Friday at 10:00 am - Pav**
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Elena Gergis
 - i. Hey everyone! I hope you all had a restful Labor Day weekend :)
 - ii. I'll be meeting with Dr. Middleton (the Provost/VP of Learning) in two weeks on September 22nd, so if you have anything you'd like me to mention, please don't hesitate to reach out
 - iii. If you're still looking for a committee to sign up for, I encourage you all to sign up for mine. I'm currently in the process of figuring out a meeting time. I have some really exciting things planned for the coming months that will require involvement from all four academic schools, and I would love to have as many people as possible involved in planning them!
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Matthew Zegla
 - i. Upcoming commuter events:
 - 1. Commuter Kahoot: Tomorrow at 1 PM in J. Lee's
 - 2. Commuter Focus Group: Monday, September 21st at 1 PM in B-225. Food will be served!
 - 3. Throwback Snacks: Thursday, October 1st at 1 PM in J. Lee's
 - 4. 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. The first Commuter Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for this Friday from 1-1:40 PM in A-100. I will be ordering food from Mr. Crispy's. If you plan on coming, please let me know by tomorrow at 11 AM so that I can order enough food for everyone.
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Evelyn Santangelo

- i. Had a great first meeting last week! Working on the shadowing program to get more delegates involved in the SGA by learning some of our positions we have.
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Brianna Pierre
 - i.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life - N/A
 - i.
- j. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - Ahmet Angun
 - i. Hope everyone had a great long weekend and a great Labor Day. After discussing with some members of the committee, we'll continue to operate our meetings on an as needed basis, and our first committee meeting should follow soon after me and Professor O'Connor have our first meeting to discuss upcoming events and initiatives we have planned for the semester.
 - 1. If any of you have any questions or concerns about joining the committee or questions you'd like for me to bring up to Professor O'Connor and the committee, please come see me after general.
- k. Secretary of Programming - Matthew Webb
 - i. Expanded Vegetarian options for Oktoberfest and gluten free potato buns will be offered
- l. Secretary of Public Relations - Cole Werner
 - i. Hello everyone, hope everybody had a great weekend, we just made a post for the SGA instagram, please make sure to like, repost, and share with friends, and if anyone have any ideas for posts/stories, please let me know afterwards, thank you
- m. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Lismary Pascal
 - i.
- n. Secretary of Sustainability - N/A
 - i.
- o. Secretary of Service - Elaina 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 two weeks.
- 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!
- vi.
- p. Chief Justice - Amerie Ramos
 - i. Nothing to report
- q. Senate President - Gianna Marchica
 - i. Fall Senate Election revisions are underway.
 - ii. There was no Senate Meeting Monday due to Labor Day! See everyone Monday September 14 at 7:00!
- r. Student Trustee - Olivia Ha

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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VIII. Public Comment

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IX. Open Forum

- a. Gianna - Please help support RCDT's road to Nationals with our Annual Car Wash, this Saturday September 12th from 10-2! If anyone could volunteer to help out we would really appreciate it, if not please come support anyway and get your car or vehicle washed! Tickets are \$10 and you can pay in person at the Car Wash!!!
- b. Brandon - Public Safety
 - i. Public Safety announcement: Upcoming lockdown drill sometime in October Additional information will be shared in advance.

- ii. Critical Incident Training: The college continues to make and plan active shooter training to ensure students and faculty are well versed if this scenario were to happen. Training is available to all students and employees through this form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezCrX9I34JLcU6E0iH9oz0U93AnqfQdKXPsw_OA7PCVYIzXg/viewform with this video to help aid students:
<https://web.ramapo.edu/emergency/videos/> (also available through the college's intranet).
- iii. Emergency Preparedness Plan: Familiarize yourself with Ramapo College's emergency preparedness resources including our evacuation, shelter-in-place, and lockdown procedures.
- iv. ReGroup App: A free mobile safety app that allows users to stay connected to RCNJ Alerts, quickly contact Public Safety, submit tips, and request a virtual safety escort. We strongly encourage all community members to download and activate the free app.

X. Adjournment