

09/28/2026 Senate Meeting Agenda

[Monday, 09/28/2026]

Meeting called to order on [09/28/2026] at XX:XX pm in ASB420

I. Roll Call

- a. President Ben Hartmann
- b. Senate President Gianna Marchica
- c. Senate Vice President Peter Tunnickliffe
- d. Senate Secretary Isabella LaGuardia
- e. SNH School Senator Gianna Marchica
- f. AHE School Senator Peter Tunnickliffe
- g. ASB School Senator
- h. SSSW School Senator
- i. Undergraduate and Honors School Senator Leana Thompson
- j. Senator Julian Buitrago (excused)
- k. Senator Kyra Cooke
- l. Senator Brandon Ferrante
- m. Senator Kristina Kostoski
- n. Senator Anxhel Larti
- o. Senator Christian Soberal
- p. Senator Harold Rodriguez
- q. Senator Michael Marino

i. Late: 0

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 9/21/2026](#)

- i. Questions/Discussion:
- ii. Moved:
- iii. Second:
 - 1. 0-0-0

III. Senate President's Announcements

- a. I hope everyone is having a great Monday!
 - i. Please make sure we are completing our requirements and being on top of things
 - ii. PLEASE VOTE!!

IV. New Business

a. Reworking ENACTUS Cosponsorship Financial Assistance:

Last week we approved the ENACTUS Cosponsorship for \$223.49. Considering our Budget for the year is \$1,000.00, Gianna and I believe that we should reconsider the amount we give them so that we are able to help as many other clubs as possible.

The purpose of our budget being lowered is so other clubs can stop coming to SGA as a secondary budget for their events and instead rely more on allocations.

Presentation: [ENACTUS](#)

- 1. Proposals:
- 2. Finalized:

b. Appointment - Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life

- i. Appointee: Katherine Argueta
- ii. Questions/Discussion:
- iii. Moved:

- iv. Second:
- v. 0-0-0
- c. Liaison Reports
 - i. **Please write your name, liaison, and summary points from your report below!**
 - ii. Gianna (Dean Van Der Wall and SNH) - I had my meeting with Dean Van Der Wall on Thursday September 17th. We discussed the following:
 - 1. Dean Van Der Wall oversees many departments within the college and an addition to this extensive list is Athletics, since March 1st.
 - 2. She has confirmed that all coaches at RCNJ have been through mandatory Mental Health First Aid Training.
 - 3. She is considering requiring athletic teams to attend hazing workshops but is still figuring out the logistics and such.
 - 4. The Lodge Fitness Center is offline as it needs roof beam repairs and other maintenance work.
 - 5. Bradley Center Main Arena is to hopefully reopen and be done by October 3rd.
 - 6. She encourages the SGA to speak more about Valley Health and their resources and benefits. She also stated representatives would be willing to come to General to answer any questions and offer more information on what they do.
 - 7. I was unable to meet with Dean Chan from SNH but will have something set up soon!
 - iii. Christian (Women's Center) - Had a great first meeting with Megan!
 - 1. Women's Center would like to have an SGA tabling plus volunteers for PrideFest in October
 - 2. Megan is also in charge of WRPR now, she would like to know if we would be interested in a monthly Senate talk show where we discuss what we've been up to.
 - 3. The Women's Center is currently in the process of working on their own campus-wide initiative that would benefit from SGA support. Details to come.
 - 4. There's been a large increase in programming from the Women's Center, they used their budget completely for the first time last year.

5. Take Back the Night March on October 22nd. We need to show up to this; **it is extremely important that we have SGA presence here.**
 6. DAM + QTHM Opening Proclamation is THIS Thursday at 1pm in the Grove. It is also extremely important that we have a SGA presence here.
- iv. Julian (Athletics) - Hey guys, hope all is well. I met with Kate Levin last Friday (9/25/26) at 2:30 pm. The meeting went well and we discussed potentially having the SGA and Athletics collaborate in regards to promoting events and games. She told me that athletics is more than welcome to help promote SGA events and hopes SGA could potentially do the same?
1. As for the weight room, I don't have any exact questions or answers to particular issues in the weight room yet. She will contact me tomorrow after her meeting regarding that. She told me to say: "If anyone sees anything broken or about to be broken, they have to report it to the person working the fitness center desk. If no one is working the desk, Kate will let me know how to get it reported."
 2. As for the main gym, its opening is unknown as of right now. But construction is on schedule, I was not told a date as to when this construction will end.
 3. Lastly she wanted me to promote the Greek tailgate this Wednesday, it's with Fraternity and Sorority life starting at 5:15pm. There will be food and music, anyone can go. There is a Men's soccer game afterwards.
- v. Peter (AHE) - I met with Dean Goldstein, and we discussed two things. Get more people at the open houses to represent AHE and what's next for the Creative Music Technology MFA program. Daniel Fishkin is working on a proposal for a Creative Music Production Certificate program, and that's all I can share.
- vi. Kristina (OSS) - I had a brief but productive meeting with Dr. David Nast last Thursday where we discussed the following events for October.

1. October 1st at 1:00 in the Arch: Disability Awareness Month & Queer and Trans History Month Proclamation. Stay for conversation and apple cider donuts
 2. October 5th at 1:00 in Friends Hall: Leading the Way with the Seeing Eye which is the world's oldest guide dog school.
 3. October 15th at 1:00 in Friends Hall: Doing Life with a Disability: A Ramapo Student Panel. Pizza will be served.
 4. October 29th from 10:00 - 3:00 PM at Berrie Center Lounge: OSS Arts Expo. Light refreshments will be served.
 5. He also asked for the description of the office during open houses/tours to be corrected to have more detail and correct information. This is something we will work on.
- vii. Kyra (Title IX) - Hi everyone! I had my first meeting with Kat McGee on Tuesday and there were a couple of things that she wanted to make us aware of:
1. Violence awareness week October 19-22, Take Back the Night 10/22, would love to have SGA volunteers and presence
 2. Tablings dates TBD, would like to have SGA members volunteer to help run tables (if possible)
 3. Campus Climate Survey - sent out during spring semester to ask questions about the wellbeing of the student body, would like SGA to help with pushing out survey via social media
 4. Past events - Wellness fair 9/22, aromatherapy, learn about the office, red zone
- viii. Harold (EOF) - I had multiple meetings with EOF throughout the month with Natalie Quiñones these are a few things we found most important to share with the SGA:
1. Free CPR classes for 12 EOF students per semester with the RCEMS, an initiative Kalyani (RCEMS President), myself, and EOF have been working on throughout the summer to make sure EOF students are receiving the help they need to become the professionals of tomorrow. (Spring will be for Nursing students only).
 2. EOF had their Town Hall on Sep 21, 2026 explaining the requirements for EOF students, due to a lot of waitlisted students

wanting to join EOF, EOF is becoming a lot more stern with their requirements.

3. “EOF Crew” this is an initiative started by Ms. Q and Ms.

Christine Millien to bring the EOF Community together. This will be a group of people running events and workshops to make the "extension of family" closer.

4. EOF Podcast, EOF will start a podcast to help students struggling know that they aren't alone and that we all have similar struggles, good opportunity for SGA to have an episode to explain who we are, etc.

- ix. Anxhel (CSS) - Hi everyone! I met with John Yao from the Center for Student Success on September 25th from 3:30–4:00, and there were a few updates he wanted SGA to be aware of:

1. CSS is developing a 5-module Canvas certification program for faculty advisors to improve advising for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
2. Ramapo's first-year retention rate is around 87%, but retention across the following three years is closer to 70%, so improving advising and student support is a major focus.
3. CSS is working on an advisement feedback survey and may want SGA's help developing questions and encouraging students to complete it.
4. Going forward, students can bring advising-related concerns to me, and I can communicate those concerns directly to John and CSS.
5. Attending Academic Advisement Council meetings to represent the SGA will be a big part of the role so I'll keep you all updated on advising initiatives

- x. Brandon (P. Safe) - I met with Jason Balsan on September 23rd at 12 p.m., We had discussed multiple things in which I will list below:

1. Emphasize the importance of being aware, proactive, diligent, and act quick when these situations happen.
2. Any situations/incidents that happen such as doorknobs and other miscellaneous issues can be reported on the website. If there are any specific issues that you are unsure of or they are outside working hours, it is always a good idea to call public safety.

3. Parking permits have all been caught up with, if you had any resignations late (as of the week of September 21st to current day or have issues with it)
4. Will work on making this much faster and more convenient for student access.
5. Take back the night october 22nd 6pm - public safety participates with this as well and will help with escorting. Working with OVP and Title IX.

V. Public Comment

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VI. Open Forum

- a. 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.
- b. Peter - QotW: "Failure is an event, never a person; an attitude, not an outcome; a temporary inconvenience; a stepping stone. Our response to it determines just how helpful it can be." –Zig Ziglar
 - i. OPEN HOUSES: 10/04/2026 & 10/25/2026 – 10am-1pm
 1. If any of you know anyone from AHE who would be interested in showing up to the open houses to talk with interested students and engage, I need about 12 students.
 - ii. Remember to put your liaison reports in the drive!
 1. SGA Official Drive → Senator files → Liaisons → Fall 2026
 - iii. Any questions, comments, kudos, or concerns for AHE?
- c. Julian - Any comments/concerns/kudos for athletics please put into this spread sheet. Thank you! [📄 26-27 Athletics Comments/Concerns/Kudos Form](#)
- d. Christian - Anything for the Women's Center
- e. Brandon - anything for Public Safety
- f. Anxhel - Anything for CSS?



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VII. Adjournment

a. Time: XX:XX

i. Moved:

ii. Second:

iii. 0-0-0