

# 03/26/2025 SGA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order [Wednesday, 03/26/2025 1:06]

## I. Roll Call

- a. President - Victor Oluwagbemi
- b. Vice President - Oliver Mejia
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer - Nicole Cohen
- e. Chief of Staff - Olivia Lewis
- f. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
- g. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Alan Rosenberg (late excused)
- h. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski
- i. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
- j. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life
- k. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - James Pascal
- l. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
- m. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
- n. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez (excused)
- o. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi (excused)
- p. Secretary of Service - Stefanie Viera
- q. Chief Justice - Liz Mendicino
- r. Legislative Justice - Luke Rosero
- s. Administrative Justice - Stephen Raymond (excused)
- t. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
- u. Senate Vice President - David George
- v. Senate Secretary - Nathaniel Bergren (excused)
- w. TAS School Senator - Gianna Marchica
- x. SSHS School Senator - Amanda Shortt (late excused)
- y. ASB School Senator - Juliana Campagna (excused)
- z. CA School Senator - Peter Tunnicliffe
- aa. HGS School Senator - Elaina Evers
- bb. Senator - Shanel Lopez

- cc. Senator - Julia Rowan
- dd. Senator - Matthew Zegla (late excused)
- ee. Senator - Franco Miyashiro (excused)
- ff. Senator - Benjamin Bank (late excused)
- gg. Senator - Ava Cicero-Johnson
- hh. Senator - Michael Chabot
- ii. Senator - Joseph Brubaker
- jj. Senator - Evelyn Santangelo (late excused)
- kk. Senator - Esther Crowley (excused)
- ll. Senator - Alessia Mendicino
- mm. Senator - El Sharo (excused)
- nn. Senator - Uma Advani
- oo. Senator - Julia Kotowski (excused)
  - i. Present: 26
  - ii. Late:
    - 1. *Excused: 5*
    - 2. *Unexcused: 0*
  - iii. Absent:
    - 1. *Excused: 10*
    - 2. *Unexcused: 0*

## **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. Minutes from [03/12/25](#)
  - i. Moved: Julia
  - ii. Seconded: Lane

1. 12-0-1

## V. New Member Approval

- a. Secretary - Benjamin Hartmann
  - i. Questions: n/a
  - ii. Moved: Joe
  - iii. Seconded: Peter
    1. 14-0-0

## VI. President's Announcements

- a. Welcome Olivia, our new Chief of Staff!!
- b. Relay for Life
  - i. Relay for Life, hosted by the American Cancer Society, will be this Friday in the Bradley Center from 6pm - 6am!
  - ii. Since we are tabling at the event, click [here](#) to sign up for a slot and it counts towards community service hours!
    1. Our table's theme is the **Flash!** Do your best to follow the theme by dressing up in the colors of the superhero or something else creative! Although, this is not required.
    2. Clarification: The set up shift is a bit longer than the others, but the materials for our table is being provided by ACS, so there will not be much to literally "set up"
    3. Clarification pt. 2: Our tabling will be card making! At the end of the event, ACS will take all of the cards and donate them to a hospital so they can distribute them to cancer patients.
- c. Game Night (RSA & FA)
  - i. SGA is working with RSA and FA to have another Game Night! This will be April 2nd @ 4:30 pm in Padovano Commons. GAME NIGHT with RSA, FA & SGA! Pizza, snacks and desserts will be served!
  - ii. Click [here](#) to RSVP! (you can still come if you do not RSVP but it is helpful to track numbers)
- d. Game Night pt. 2 (SGA Bonding)
  - i. Our second bonding will be held mid April! Look out for a poll about it later today!
- e. Bergen County Higher Education Addiction Prevention focus Group - Needs 1 SGA Rep
  - i. The focus group is part of a federal grant for Bergen County and the questions surround substance use on Ramapo's campus. Students are not required to use substances to participate. The focus group is not conducted by Ramapo staff or faculty. It will be conducted by a Bergen County representative from Children's Aid and Family Services (the organization that received this grant). What is mentioned in the focus group is anonymous and any identifying details will be removed.
  - ii. Anyone interested can let me know now or after general!

- f. Guests Coming to General:
  - i. President Cindy Jebb visit - [04/09/2025 from 1:30-2:30 pm](#) - Discussion Questions for her - [here](#)
- b. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Symposium
  - i. SGA is having a table at the SAAM opening and symposium next Wednesday, April 2, from 2-4pm
  - ii. As such, we will be ending general early that day so that we all can attend as long as your schedules permit!
- c. Questions: N/A

## VII. Cabinet Reports

- a. Vice President Oliver Mejia
  - i. Club Process -
    1. Meeting today in A103 at 3:15 pm!
    2. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a club, please email [sgaclubs@ramapo.edu](mailto:sgaclubs@ramapo.edu)
    3. Allocations are available! - fill out [this form](#) if you are interested
- b. Secretary - Benjamin Hartmann
  - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer - Nicole Cohen
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Chief of Staff - Olivia Lewis
  - i. Nothing to Report
- e. Secretary of Academic Affairs - Katelynn Haury
  - i. The April 1st Academic Affairs Committee meeting will be MOVED to April 8th at 2:30 pm in the SGA Office
- f. Secretary of Commuter Affairs - Alan Rosenberg
  - i. Next Commuter Affairs Meeting is Thursday Mar 27 1-2 PM A106
- g. Secretary of Delegate Affairs - Sophia Kopreski
  - i. The next Delegate Affairs meeting will be Thursday, April 3rd from 4-5pm. However, instead of a normal meeting, all delegates will be required to attend at least the first hour of Project ARCH's Freedom of Speech Fair in Friends Hall. Those who have class will be excused.
- h. Secretary of Diversity & Inclusion - Chantalle Reyes
  - i. The next Diversity and Inclusion committee meeting will be on Monday, March 31st from 12-1 pm. Will be discussing promotion for NAACP membership sign-up if you're interested in joining.
- a. Secretary of Fraternity and Sorority Life

- i.
- i. Secretary of Governmental Affairs - James Pascal
  - i. Nothing to report
- j. Secretary of Programming - Afrona Tozluku
  - i. The SGA Inauguration/Club Awards Banquet:
    - 1. It will be held Saturday, May 4th from 6-8 pm in the Pavillion
    - 2. To attend you MUST RSVP by April 4th at 11 AM using this form

—> <https://forms.gle/huOSbaeMW8WpxmEw7> <—

In the form please provide any dietary restrictions you may have

- 3. The Club and Organization Award Nominations form opens today March 26th at midnight - Please let any clubs you are in know about the opening of the form and encourage them to submit a nomination. The form will be up on the SGA Archway you can also use this link once it is open <https://cglink.me/2fF/s60428>. The form closes on April 16th at midnight.
- k. Secretary of Public Relations - Kaitlyn Kroeber
  - i. Nothing to report
- l. Secretary of Residential Affairs - Melissa Alvarez-Vazquez
  - i. Housing time selections will be emailed out today, please be on the lookout for that email.
    - 1. Housing selection as of right now will be April 1-8th (this can change)
  - ii. If you missed steps 1-2 there is alternative housing applications which are April 15th
    - 1. Meaning if you had not given the 500 deposit you have until May 15th to do so and you will be given your housing during the summer
  - iii. If you have any questions at all email [reslife@ramapo.edu](mailto:reslife@ramapo.edu) or [malvare7@ramapo.edu](mailto:malvare7@ramapo.edu)
- m. Secretary of Sustainability - Kristen Senesi
  - i. Nothing to Report
- n. Secretary of Service - Stefanie Viera
  - i. Please start submitting your hours! You have to submit 4 hours to me by the end of the semester. You can track your service hours for this semester here:  
[SGA 2024-2025 Community Service Hours](#).
    - 1. Let me know if you have any trouble accessing it!
  - ii. Reminder: our Service Trip will be with the New Jersey Botanical Gardens on Saturday, April 5th.
  - iii. Upcoming CCEC Service Trips
    - 1. March 28th: Technology Tutoring | Mahwah Senior Center | 11:45 am - 2:15 pm

- iv. My office hours (Tuesdays 3-5PM) are open to anyone who has any questions on how to get their service requirements complete and anyone interested in discussing the Secretary of Service position.
- o. Chief Justice - Liz Mendicino
  - i. Be prepared to have all requirements in BY MAY 1ST.
- p. Senate President - Mihir Jariwala
  - i. We approved 3 cosponsorships!
    - 1. One with SOCA, one with Ramapo Green, and one with the CPA's!
  - ii. We approved the Quantitative Finance Club!
  - iii. We went over liaison reports.
  - iv. Everything we have discussed can be found in the [minutes](#).
- q. Questions/Comments:
  - i. Rick: Great job to Nate on the minutes!

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Reports from SGA Members on College-Wide Committees
  - i.
  - ii.

### **IX. Public Comment**

- a. Jack:
  - i. Final Project LEAD Session coming up! Music & Motivational Leadership.
  - ii. Commuter Appreciation Week: Starts 3/31
  - iii. Monday: Commuter Lot Rides at 10am
  - iv. Tuesday: Commuter Breakfast at 9am
  - v. Wednesday: Commuter Grab & Go Goodie Bags at 11am
  - vi. Thursday: Empanada Day at 1pm
- b. Rick: Next Monday at 1pm we will be ending Women's history month & honoring the 50th anniversary of the Women's Center.
- c. Eddie: We need volunteers for the Admitted students day on Sunday, at least 5!
  - i. Interested:
    - 1. Livvy
    - 2. Evelyn
    - 3. Gianna
    - 4. Liz

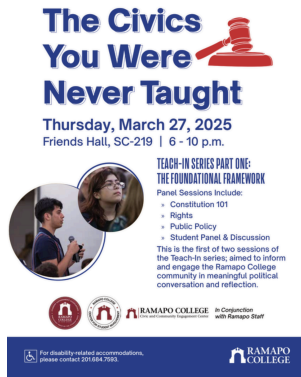
### **X. Open Forum**

- a. Michael - First farm volunteer day for Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (MEVO) is this Sunday 3/30! Come help out, it's a 3-minute drive from campus, you'll learn how food is grown sustainably, and you'll get some sun and exercise. The people there are the nicest on the

planet and they work really hard. Come get some service hours, volunteer days are every Sunday throughout the rest of the semester. Sign up [here!](#)

- b. Joe - Just have some announcements from my meeting with Eddie i had before break
  - i. Concert announcement is tomorrow
  - ii. Admitted students day and Housing days need volunteers please sign up asap
  - iii. Greek week is the week of April 14th, at the end of the week there will be food trucks at baseball and softball games, these are day games and are both home games
  - iv. Commuter appreciation week is next week, Empanada day is on April 3rd in Friends Hall
  - v. Note for any first years, these next six weeks have a lot to get involved in so try to get involved and try to get other freshmen involved!!
- c. Ava - We are excited to invite you to our Legal Profession Panel, hosted by **the Law School Prep Club in collaboration with Phi Alpha Delta and the Law & Society Program**. This event will feature a panel of Ramapo alumni (attorneys) who have built careers in the legal field, sharing their experiences and insights into law school, private practice, and beyond. It will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Student Alumni Lounge (SC 157). This is a fantastic opportunity to hear directly from professionals, ask questions, and gain valuable advice about different legal career paths. Whether you're considering law school, exploring legal careers, or just curious, we encourage you to join us!
- d. Chantalle- **The Vagina Monologues** by The Women's Center **Tuesday April 1st 7pm in the Adler Theatre**
  - i. Join us for a play written by playwright and activist V, that addresses women's sexuality and the social stigma of rape and abuse. All are welcome to sign up to preform monologues regardless of gender identity. Stop by the women's center if you want to participate and attend the rehearsal Thursday at 7 and Tuesday at 6.
- e. Peter: I will be meeting with Dean Goldstein Friday.
  - i. Does anyone have any questions, comments, kudos or concerns for the CA school
  - ii. "I'm not going to limit myself just because people won't accept the fact that I can do something else."— Dolly Parton
- f. Lane: (1) Any questions, comments or kudos for HGS? I have my liaison meeting on Friday. (2) There is a zoom event tomorrow at 10:15 am called "Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Contemporary Germany" Sign up on Archway for the link! (3) If you want to be apart of the Dean's Advisory Board, send me an email at [eevers@ramapo.edu](mailto:eevers@ramapo.edu)
- a. Uma: Any questions, comments, or kudos for the Center for Student Success? I have my liaison meeting on Friday.
- g. Liz: HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Secretary of Governmental Affairs James for being awarded the Governor's Hispanic Fellowship for this summer!!!!

- h. Sophia, Liz, Victor & Oliver : TOMORROW (March 27 from 6-10pm) Ramapo College, in conjunction with Ramapo faculty, CSI, and SGA, will present a teach-in event titled “The Civics You Were Never Taught.” The event will consist of three panels covering the Constitution, Rights, and a Student Focus Groups & Discussion. The event will be located in Friends Hall and SC-219 and we will be serving food and refreshments.



- i.
- i. Katelynn: Enactus will be hosting a clothing swap with Trade-Up Clothing Swaps THIS TUESDAY April 1st from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in Friends Hall. Bring your friends and come get clothing sustainably!! We also have stickers :)
- j. ★ March SGA Star of the Month!
- i. [SGA Star Form](#)

## XI. Adjournment