



Regis University Student Government Association

Senate Meeting Minutes

[January 26, 2026], 7 PM | Claver 315

Call to Order

A Senate Session for Regis University's Student Government Association Senate was held on (1/26) at (Claver 315) and was presided over by (Via Clise), with (Chloe Castaneda) as secretary.

Attendance

Cabinet Members in Attendance: Via Clise, Chloe Castaneda, Alex Walker, Julian Mendoza, Ellis Langham, Easton Baier, Hannah Seamon, Evelyn Dang, Sam Matterson

Senate Members in Attendance: Angel Verdin, Bradley Petrie, Chris Luna, Diego Rodriguez, Ella Weed, Elliot Benitez Salgado, Genevieve Harris, Grace Schultz, Gracie Lai, Helen Abraham, Hire Bullo, Jennie Maestas, Johnny Estrada, Kimberly Lopez Rabelo, Lizeth Galdamez, Madden Clark, Mariah Williams, Nick Navarrete, Patricia Gonzales, Ryan Yee, Sharmila Bc, Sofia Carbajal, Val Vo, Vince Nguyen, Yamna Bouhrane

Advisors: Adi Espinoza,

Guests in Attendance: Spain Immersion Group (16 students, 1 faculty)

Members not in Attendance: Rhea Belanger, Ryan Cao

Quorum?

A quorum **was**/was not established.

26 total Senators out of 28.

Motion to approve minutes of December 1st moved by [Diego] and second by [Nick]. Motion passed unanimously (26 approvals).

Officer Reports:

Student Body President: Working with JSGA (Julia and Evelyn going to the event next week) to plan the event, Heard from Board of Trustees, Presidential search committee

VPR: Training senators, cleaning through RUSGA Office, Transition Documents, Forming committees

VPSJD: reached out to new committee, Event 1/27 “Conversations & Comradarie”, Went to HSI student advisory meeting

VPA: Alumni Mixer across different disciplines (March 26th, from 5-7pm in Walkers), helping Clubs and Orgs with their individual events, looking into private study spaces

DoS: Birdhouse installation (1/28), getting into the “Trust The Tap” Initiative

VPI: Offering students resources for ICE round ups, Planning ranger week

Director of Marketing: Getting staff support and MARCOM to let student led events get onto the TVs, Working on a marketing committee, transition documents

Director of IT: Working on RUSGA history/archives, working on accessibility in our website

COS: Crisis communication plan

Senator Reports:

Commuter Student Rep: working with appropriations

3rd Year Class Rep: working towards class competitions

Senator at large 2 Rep: none

Anderson College of Business Rep: None

Intersectional/Diversity Rep: working on list of areas where Regis can improve

1st Gen Rep: none

Disability Justice Rep: none

Women’s Identity Rep: none

Transfer Student Rep: none

O’Connell Hall Rep: none

Senator at large 1 Rep: Working on Free headshot day for students

Interfaith Rep: none

Rueckert Hartman Rep: special event coming! RSNA Children cards event

2nd Year Class Rep: talked with committee about class competitions

Athletics Rep: Working on physical health goodie bags

4th Year Class Rep: Grad bash survey/Regis Survivor Game, Poker night (Feb 5th STC basement @ 6pm)

Desmet Hall Rep: none

Hispanic Demographic Rep: none

Regis College Rep: Put up whiteboards in the dorms last week to help with student study sessions, hoping to reserve the Kitten Cafe for event

Asian/Pacific Islander Rep: none

International Student Rep: working on International Night event, Safety Kits

Sustainability Rep: Working on posters for “Trust the Tap”

Black/African Demographic Rep: none

Indigenous Demographic Rep: none

Committees Reports:

Academic Life Committee: Met with Jake because library hours were cut short, getting a list of buildings that are open late at night (hoping to get into Loyola, three white boards in the student center and every residence building has at least one,

Appropriations: Submit budget requests early!!

Class Senators: Talent Show, Class competitions

Cura Personalis Period: Lots of free period products to give away (so need to table)

Marketing Committee: Getting a time for everyone

Social Justice and Diversity Committee: Setting a time for everyone to meet, focusing more on social justice aspect this semester, Feb 20th is World Social Justice Day

Student Experience: Have meetings scheduled, safety kits coming into works, nap spaces

Sustainability Committee: Trust the Tap Initiative revitalization, Pollinator garden revamp

No Old Business!!

New Business

New Senator Presentation/Swearing In

- Genevieve Harris: Disability and Inclusivity Senator
 - Main topics: accessibility on campus/and in classrooms, Disability awareness, Connection and Inclusion, Representation
- Sharmila BC: Women’s Voice Senator
 - Main topics: Safety and well-being of female students, peer-support network on campus for students
- Chris Luna: Transfer Student Senator
 - Main topics: Fostering Community, Providing a forum
- Gracie: Asian/Pacific Islander Senator
 - Main topics: Inclusion/Community, Act as a bridge of communication
- Hire Bullo: Interfaith Senator

- Main topics: Creating spaces for all faith traditions, Unity of hearts and minds, Putting religiously affiliated clubs into community with each other
- Grace: Senator at Large 2
 - Main Topics: Expanding mental health access, Career Readiness
- Mariah Williams: Black/African Diaspora Senator
 - Main topics: Creating more cultural programming, Uplifting Black voices/Black Experiences, Reviving student-led media programs
- Ella Weed: Anderson College of Business and Computing Senator:
 - Main topics: Career Readiness, Boost support for student orgs, Build long lasting relationships with Student life/Career center, faculty, and local businesses
- Helen Abraham: Indigenous Population Senator
 - Address the commuter population at large, build a space to create community with other Indigenous students
- Johnny Estrada: O'Connell Senator
 - Main topics: Convenience, Comfort, Hospitality, Openness
- Madden Clark: Third-Year Senator
 - Main topics: Engaging student populations, creating a supportive organization, informing others of opportunities

*Motion to approve all new Senator appointments is moved by Nick, and seconded by Diego.
Motion is passed unanimously. (26 approvals)*

Immersion Trip to Spain

- Cordoba, Spain
- Everyone was able to apply to the immersion trip, not just the people taking Spanish classes
- Total cost is \$3,500 (total for 16 students)
- Requesting \$5,000
- Do have other forms of income: Regis Gives: \$2,000
- Questions:
 - Plane tickets are two way? Yes
 - What is RUSGA's money being allocated to? Mostly to travel expenses
 - What was the selection process? Everyone was able to apply, the only requirement was to be able to have a basic understanding of the Spanish Language. However, there is a Spanish class that is taking the trip to Spain
 - What are the cultural activities in the budget request? Most of those will be staying with the host families, going to monuments, massacre sights, and other culturally significant places

- What is the cost of the hotel for each student? \$87.50 each night. Staying there for two nights.
- What is the research aspect? The students going on the trip will be answering a survey pre- and post-trip. The main point is to see how impactful studying abroad actually is.
- When is that presentation going to be? The beginning of next academic year
- How many Seniors are going on the Trip? One Senior
- Is this the first time going on the trip? How do you plan to keep this trip going? → Yes, this is the first year this trip is happening. The rest of the students will be the ones advocating and marketing the trip to others for next year.
- Would you aim to keep visiting the same places? Yes
- Would cultural activities fall under Conference fees? → “Other associated expenses”

Motion to approve the requested \$5,000 to the Spain Immersion Trip is motioned by Nick and passed unanimously. (26 approvals)

Announcements:

- Nick → 1/27 2:30-4 pm in STC basement there will be bills discussed to be brought to the senate for crisis communication and non-partisanship
- Jennie → Headshot event (will be making a gc)
- Vince → Housing office is collaborating on Feb. 5th for Pack the House at 7pm
- Ella → Starting a subcommittee in Academic Life (please join)
- Julia → Homeboy Industries (gang violence prevention) is looking for volunteers over the Spring Break
- Audi → Please, all senators, come to Pack the House!!
 - Also have women’s basketball game at 5pm
 - Regis Face paint in every residence hall from 5-7pm
 - Please complete your senate evaluations from last semester!
- Via → Ordered all quarter zips
 - Will be doing an informal debrief after today’s session

Motion to adjourn is motioned by Yamna and seconded by Gracie. Motion approved unanimously at 8:30pm.