



Regis University Student Government Association

Senate Meeting Minutes

[February 23, 2026], 7 PM | Claver 315

Call to Order

A Senate Session for Regis University's Student Government Association Senate was held on (2/23) at (Claver 315) and was presided over by (Via Clise), with (Chloe Castaneda) as secretary.

Attendance

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

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

Advisors: Adi Espinoza

Guests in Attendance: Regis Ramblers (2 students)

Members not in Attendance: Gracie Lai, Genevieve Harris, Johnny Estrada, Sofia Carbajal

Quorum?

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

24 total Senators out of _28_.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 9th 2026 is motioned by Mariah and seconded by Yamna. Motion is approved. (24 approvals)

Cabinet Reports:

VPR: Campus safety day, transition docs, committee managements

VPI: Club Closet is finalized, working on Safety Day

VPSJD: World Social Justice Day was a success, Janelle got back to Evelyn about what the school's ICE initiatives are

Director of Sustainability: Collaborating with Alex to work on World Safety Day

VPA: Discover your pathway February 27th, 9:30-12:45 (40 tables major/minor), Deans and Donuts happened and was a success

Student Body President: Dave law award, transition docs

Chief Financial Officer: Working on budget, cords and stoles

Director of Marketing: club/org closet signage, work on various posts (elections, etc.)

Director of IT: working on website maintenance.

Senator Reports:

Angel: SOMOS is working with a non-profit local to denver, more info on this coming soon

Diego: working on some legislation, meeting with USRA tmr (2/24)

Helen: Brainstorming events for Indigenous Students Day

Nick: Working on Grad Bach, Senior Survivor, Working on more legislation, poker night planning is in the works

Bradley: Preparing for event (Among Us In Real Life) that's on 2/26 at 8-10pm --> Please come talk to Bradley if interested in playing or helping with the games

Ryan Y: N/A

Jennie: Free Headshot day (aiming for mid-march)

Grace: N/A

Madden: Traveling Toms (was today), working with Regis

Ella: N/A

Patricia: helped with Traveling Toms

Elliot: Brainstorming event with Hispanic orgs and would like help

Yamna: International event night (March 26th or 25th)

Sharmila: N/A

Chris: Met with Dr. Knorr about some transfer student issues, looking at possibly looking to get an Instagram started for transfer students

Kimberly: N/A

Vincent: N/A

Val: Cat Cafe will be after break (finalized date coming soon)

Mariah: Event in Walkers this Thursday (2/26)

Committee Reports

Academic Life Committee: Cat Cafe is somewhat finalized

Appropriations Committee: Lots of budget requests for stoles/cords

Class Senators: Traveling Toms, and Freaky Friday event thats happening before the Ramblers perform, Class Competitions

Cura Personalis Period: Stickers came in today, tabling happened during WSJD, working on WHM week

Marketing Committee: Trying to host “Cookies for Concern” biweekly, trying to figure out how to get students engaged through Campus Groups, discussions around suggestion box

Social Justice and Diversity Committee: First meeting went well, hosted WSJD, and having a meeting this Thursday (2/24)

Student Experience: Focusing on Safety Day (Tuesday March 10th)

Sustainability Committee: Planning Earth Week, Pollinator beautification

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Regis Ramblers Budget Request:

- Musical Theater Group (has been here for 30 years)
- The club is open to all students
- All students who want to be part of a production are encompassed and encouraged to participate
- Have recently been working with GLOBAL Inclusive Program
- This year's show is Freaky Friday from March 26th to the 29th and tickets are out now
- Budget Request from RUSGA is \$5,000
- If all shows are sold out, they would earn about \$6,500
- Have designed t-shirts to help raise money that will be sold during the shows
- New Cost --> Rehearsal tracks (help with memorizing lines)
- Questions:
 - What specifically will RUSGA be giving their money to? --> Estimated to set construction, Pipe/drapes/stage, sound tech, and construction
 - Have you sold out every show in the past? --> For the past two years, yes, they have and plan to have every night of this show sold out
 - Does the rollover include the RUSGA appropriations? --> No, it would just be from ticket sales
 - The rough estimate came out to be \$4,100
 - Club Funding would be used for this

Motion to approve the Regis Ramblers budget request of \$5,000 is motioned by Jennie and seconded by Madden. Motion passes unanimously. (24 approvals)

Budget Amendment Proposal

- Travel fund has ran out
- Would like to supplement \$5,000 from Bus passes (which has been approved by Aly), and \$6,000 from the Period Bill (which has been approved by the Period Committee)
- Total to be moved into the Travel Fund would be \$11,000
- Questions:
 - Since approval from both parties involved, don't see any conflict with approving
 - If the Period Committee runs out of the money they have left, where would that come out of? --> VPR budget will be used, Sponsor fund, or our unallocated funds
 - Would it only be for this year? --> Yes, this year and this year only
 - Why have travel funds ran out? --> Pretty common for travel funds to be used and go out, but have had a couple new groups come to RUSGA and ask for money.

- For next year, do we decide the budget for these clubs? --> No, next year's cabinet members set the budgets

Motion to approve moving the \$11,000 from the appropriate groups is motioned by Nick and seconded by Jennie. Motion approved unanimously. (24 approvals)

Bill GB-2: RUSGA Public Issue Response: Second Reading

- Madden: Define what "Low urgency" means (also examples would be nice)
- Bradley: Section 3 --> good faith --> don't feel like senators need to vote on high crisis events, just need to be informed about what message is being put out and further deliberation can be said during next senate session.
- Mariah: what would be a situation in which Cabinet feels a message would need to be sent out by Cabinet members --> financial misconduct, sustained reputational harm to RUSGA,
- Val: Section 5 about marketing: is one senator able to have this power, or does it have to be a group of senators --> a single senator can ask for this to be removed if Cabinet did not fulfill their role in notifying Senate of possible messaging.
- Bradley: Section 5: needs to have further disciplinary action for said people who were involved in the post
 - Adi --> there can be a meeting set with RUSGA advisors about actions taken
 - Julia --> accountability does need to be taken into account still
- Diego: Section 4: (would like section 5 to add that senators can bring the take-down of a low-urgency post to a 2/3 majority vote with the senators that have been in communication via email during the 1-2 hour time period) if action of something low-urgency would be taken, further discussion should be had in Senate.
- Mariah: if there is a high-urgency post and no senator gives feedback during the 1-2 hour period and later disagrees with the post, how will this be dealt with? --> It can be discussed during the next senate session, but taking down the post will not need to happen because ample time was given to the senators.
 - Adi: this would be only part one and two of the process to send out a post, and still need approval from higher ups (i.e. the Provost).

Motion to take 3-5 minutes to look over the Bill on an individual level is motioned by Mariah and seconded by Jennie. Motion is passed unanimously. (24 approvals)

- Nick: Clarification regarding defining "low-urgency" --> it would be easier to define what "high-urgency" situations look like and everything underneath that will follow under "low-urgency"

Motion to approve Bill-GB-2 with the stipulation that section 5 be moved just after section 2, making it the new section 3, and all other sections will follow suit, and add a sentence at the end of section 5 saying the post that was taken down can be reinstated with any changes made by senate is motioned by Mariah and seconded by Jennie. Motion is approved with 18 approvals, 1 nay, and two abstentions.

Announcements:

- Jennie is playing the movie: The Hate You Give from 7-9pm 2/24
 - Mariah is hosting event in STC this Thursday
 - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
- Adi: If you did not receive the email about voting, please come to Adi and Aly
 - Bradley: Among Us IRL game this week, so please sign up
 - Evelyn: Lunar New Year event 2/24 5-7pm
 - Magis House hosing hospitality on Thursday 2/26
 - Alex: Safety Day will be Tuesday March 10th
 - Adi: March 9th Senate Applications open!!

Motion to adjourn is motioned by Nick and seconded by Ryan Yee at 8:32 pm. Motion approved unanimously. (24 approvals)