



## **Regis University Student Government Association**

### **Senate Meeting Minutes**

**[September 29, 2025], 7 PM | Claver 315**

#### Call to Order

A Senate Session for Regis University's Student Government Association Senate was held on (9/29) at (Claver 315) and was presided over by (Via Clise), with (Chloe Castaneda) as secretary.

#### Attendance

Senate Members in Attendance: Angel Verdin, Axel Manjarrez Perea, Bradley Petrie, Diego Rodriguez, Dillon Le, Elliot Benitez Salgado, Hilary Olivares, Jennie Maestas, Kennedi Duke, Kimberly Lopez Rabelo, Lizeth Galdamez, Marisa Martinez, Nick Navarrete, Patricia Gonzales, Rhea Belanger, Ryan Cao, Ryan Yee, Sofia Carbajal, Val Vo, Vince Nguyen, Yanna Bouhrane

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

Advisors: Aly Granholm, Adi Espinoza

Guests in Attendance: 0

Members not in Attendance: Sam Matterson, Addisyn Shuffield, Luc Angello, Magdalena Tapia, Oummie Boukari-Seydou, Tatyana Garcia

#### Quorum?

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

\_21\_ total Senators out of \_26\_.

### Officer Reports

President: Maintaining Cabinet necessities

Vice President of Representation: VAVP Consent Carnival (Oct. 8 3-5pm)

Vice President of Involvement: Working on World Mental Health Day (This Thursday 11-1pm)

Vice President of Social Justice & Diversity: Working with USRA to get students involved, planning social justice week

Vice President of Academic Life: N/A

Chief of Staff: Calendar updates for the rest of the semester

Chief Financial Officer: Finalizing Update

Director of Marketing: Maintaining Instagram

Director of IT: Updating Website Bios

Director of Sustainability: N/A

### Senator Reports

(Similar to Officer & Committee Templates, but only with present Senators. Be sure to include both name and position title.)

Nick (Senior Class Senator) --> Getting ready for Senior trip to Black Hawk

### Committee Reports

- Committee Formations need to be assigned for Academic life, Appropriations, Class Senators, Cura Personalis Period, Social Justice & Diversity, Student Experience, Sustainability
  - Time was given for all present senators to ask questions and email Via Clise about which committees they'd like to attend

### New Business

- Bradley Petrie (student athlete senator)
  - wants to promote teams to produce 1-2 social events for student body each semester
  - Support student –athlete-led Media Day for the Unified College Social Club

- Also wants to ensure students on campus give feedback to those in Senate on how/what they're doing
- Patricia Gonzales (2<sup>nd</sup> year class senator)
  - Wants to support students in deciding their major (via 1-on-1 discussions)
  - Wanting to connect more commuter students to on-campus activities (i.e. Pen Pal program, Speed-dating activity)
- Rhea Belanger (queer student senator)
  - Setting more events for queer students
  - Tabling events
  - Educational events about the queer community
  - Utilizing the queer support group
- Axel Perea (transfer student senator)
  - Mental health (access to resources for students)
  - Immigrant students (making them feel seen, accepted, and cared for)
- Angel Verdin (interface student senator)
  - Community building (partner with COBE, ProBo, UMIN)
  - Student Support (1<sup>st</sup> steps --> helps first gen students ask questions about anything and everything)
- Valerie Vo (Regis College Senator)
  - Amplify student voices (encourage students to get involved in decision making processes)
  - Strengthen communication b/w students and faculty
- Diego Rodriguez (intersectional diversity senator)
  - Increase participation & mutual aid
  - Make resources more accessible
- Vincent Nguyen (Desmet Hall senator)
  - Strengthen representation
  - Advocate for accessible feedback systems (i.e. club collaborations, mental health services)
- Ryan Cao (West Hall senator)
  - Resident advocacy (getting to know each other and foster a community of care and endearment)
- Sofia Carbajal (Rueckert Heartman senator)
  - Expansion of access to internships, mentorships, and shadowing opportunities
  - Student wellness (stress-relief opportunities)
- Hilary Olivares (third year class senator)
  - Community & belonging (creating a more engaged student body)
  - Internship opportunities (access to them)
- Marisa Martinez (RV senator)

- Engage with more students
- accessibility

Motion: (To appoint all new senators ). Moved by (Jennie Maestas) and seconded by (Elliot Benitez). The motion (**carried**) with (21 in agreeance) in favor and (0 in disagreement) against.

#### Alex Walker VPI Presentation

- Wants to incorporate more outreach, club/org marketing, and student engagement
- Foster collaboration & inclusive involvement opportunities

Motion: (To appoint Alex Walker as new VPI ). Moved by (Ryan Cao) and seconded by (Vincent Nguyen). The motion (**carried**) with (21 in agreeance) in favor and (0 in disagreement) against.

#### Budget

- Budget is finalized for the year, so please take a look
- Senator funding --> all senators except class senators receive funding, and can request budgets via VPR budget

Motion: (To approve the budget). Moved by (Nick Navarrete) and seconded by (Vincent Nguyen). The motion (**carried**) with (21 in agreeance) in favor and (0 in disagreement) against.

#### Announcements

- World Mental Health Day --> Thursday (come support!)
- Romero House Hospitality Night --> Wednesday (come support!)
  - October 16<sup>th</sup> Women & Gender studies event
    - Poker Night!! (next week)
  - Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> is Mid-Autumn Festival.
  - Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Consent Carnival

#### Adjournment

(Nick Navarrete) moved that the meeting be adjourned. (Ryan Cao) seconded, and this was agreed upon at (8:34pm).