



Regis University Student Government Association

Senate Meeting Minutes

[February 9, 2026], 7 PM | Claver 315

Call to Order

A Senate Session for Regis University's Student Government Association Senate was held on (2/9) at (Claver 315) and was presided over by (Via Clise), with (Adi Espinoza) 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

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

Advisors: Adi Espinoza

Guests in Attendance: SASE (3 students) Dominican Trip (6 Students)

Members not in Attendance: Elliot Benitez Salgado, Gracie Lai, Helen Abraham

Quorum?

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

24 total Senators out of _28_.

Corrections of Minutes:

- Nick time change 3:45-4:30

Officer Reports

Student Body President: Work with Phys Plant for Suggestion Box, JSGA Summit connections and ideas, Pack the House, Transition Docs, Elections Committee, Marcom photo access for Make your own yearbook with Shutterfly, Year Box contract next year

VPR: Campus safety day, transition docs, committee managements

VPSJD: HSI Student Advisory survey results and initiatives, World Social Justice Day, Feb 19th 12-2pm, open to Senators to table for social justice initiatives

VPA: Discover your pathway February 27th, 9:30-12:45 (40 tables major/minor), Women and Girls in Science with VPJD on Wednesday (2/11)

Director of Sustainability: Bird Cam installed, broken wifi working on it

VPI: Working on Club Closet supplies bought and getting ready, Ranger Week, Elections Committee, VAVP Welfest collab

Chief Financial Officer: Update to budget, Appropriations Committee meeting regularly now

Director of IT: Linktree updates, small updates on website mobile

Senator Reports:

Deigo: Event and program ideas for SJC

Angel: Somos hosting general body meeting tomorrow (2/10) at 5pm

Genevive: Starting meetings with Evelyn and SDS for Accessibility Day, Wellness and Eats Event on Thursday (2/12) in Desmet

Sharmila: Starting committee work

Chris: Chem Club event for Women and Girls in Stem on Wednesday (2/11)

Johny: N/A

Rhea: N/A

Patricia: Pack the House Event Commuter Assistance Help

Madden: Class competitions, Traveling Toms on Feb 24th

Ryan Y: N/A

Grace: Tabling for Feedback for better campus, FYE Sustainability, PreLaw True Crime movie night on Friday at 7pm

Ella: Tabling for Feedback for better campus, FYE Sustainability

Jennie: Headshot Day work underway, Working with Julia and Hannah for availability

Sofia: Tomorrow (2/10) RSNA Event for Children's Hospital patients 3-4:30 pm, 500 cards, get students there!

Bradley: Program planning Real Life Among Us tentatively set for Feb 19th or 26th for Student Athlete Mental Health --> 44% struggle with mental health and less than half seek help

Nick: Survey Responses for Grad Bash and Senior Survivor Games and start planning programs, work on Bills, Poker night was a success

Val: Denver Cat Co for Regis Students to study, and contact is underway

Vince: Petals and Post Cards Event tomorrow (2/10), Pack the House

Kim: Work with Lizeth on napping spaces, and community closet chats with library

Lizeth: Brainstorming for Earth Week, FYE Tabling, Sustainability Tabling coming soon, more RUSGA helping with Sustainability Closest

Yamna: N/A

Hire: Contact with clubs and attending meetings of religious clubs

Mariah: 2 events underway, Feb 19th from 4-6 Movie Night of Cool Runnings, Feb 24th Spades Tournament with prizes and Walkers with potential special pizza, BSA may be coming back

Committee Reports:

Academic Life Committee: Cat Cafe, All Club Org Program, Talking points for Alumni Social Hours

Appropriations Committee: Meeting regularly and getting through budget requests

Class Senators: Traveling Toms, Freaky Friday Fashion Show Ideas, Class comps

Cura Personalis Period: Restock schedule, stickers, and signage, tabling products, bracelet making

Marketing Committee: First meeting good, working on suggestion box signage, cookies for concern

Social Justice and Diversity Committee: First meeting this Thursday at 5, Social Justice Day planning, please email Evelyn with available times

Student Experience: meeting this week, and Campus Safety Day planning

Sustainability Committee: FYE First Friday, almost done with Trust the Tap

No Old Business

New Business

SASE Travel Request:

- West Regional Conference Proposal
- Who is going on the trip and mission and values
- Main goal of trip – designed for Asian students in STEM, job connections and connecting with other SASE chapters
- Magis --> access to STEM spaces for groups who typically can not and build community and connection
- Laudato si' --> Hands on learning, cultural sharing, sustainability practices
- Itinerary – Arrival Day **for Adi: Air BnB Form** , Whole day at conference
- Costs – 7 students, pay 15% of AirBnB, Fundraising Efforts
- Debrief meeting available in April
- Questions:
 - Did the group account for food/ groceries --> yes, those will be out of pocket
 - Pricing on what hotels would be? --> \$140 per person/night
 - Air B&B would be close to where you all need to go? --> Yes, it's a 10-15 minute walk
 - Have you all thought about driving to New Mexico? --> yes, but it's a 7 ½ hr drive and we would need another adult to drive us
 - What is student to advisor count? --> 7 students, 1 advisor

Motion to approve the travel request of \$3,500 for SASE is moved by Jennie and seconded by Mariah. Motion is passed unanimously (24 approvals).

Dominican Sojourn Travel Request

- Feb 27th to March 8th
- Homestays with local Families, Service Learning Focused
- Do not have a full-itinerary but this was the intention of the advisory (Pablo Burson)
- Mission and Values – Meaningful service and immersion aligned with diversity, humanity, and the common good
- 10 students are going, asking for \$5,000
- Questions:
 - Is there going to be a presentation or such to benefit the Regis community? --> our experiences are going to show through us
 - Fundraising plans? --> Mainly individual fundraising
 - \$140 per student for ground transportation and \$360 for food per student
 - How was ground transportation calculated? --> transportation to village from airport, but most things will be in walking distance
 - The second half of the trip, what is housing going to look like --> staying with host families
 - Most of their request is going to food --> is that considered “associated expenses” --> food is an essential need, so yes
 - Concerns around how the group is going to bring back their experience to the Regis Community
 - Itinerary is only shielded from the students so they can fully be immersed in the experience (Via)
 - Want a stipulation that there is a presentation after the trip

Motion to approve the travel request of \$5,000 for the Dominican Sojourn with the stipulation that there be a follow-up presentation that is available to the student body is moved by Jennie and seconded by Genavieve. Motion passes unanimously (24 approvals)

Bill GB-2: RUSGA Public Issue Response Reading

- To ensure student Senate has an equal voice in all official RUSGA statements
- Low-urgency public announcement (whether that is via email, poster, etc.) to address any and all on-campus concerns
- Exec. Cab will convene to determine the necessity of the statement, draft of a statement (if any is needed), and the non-urgent draft must be shared with the student Senate for input/edits during regular senate official business.
- 2/3 majority vote is needed to approve the statement

- If a high stakes emergency statement has been approved through the proper channels and staff, approval from Senate is not required. However, the drafted statement must be sent via the VPR email address to the Senate body within 1-2 hours for quick editing before it is sent out to the rest of the Regis population.
 - During the reasonable opportunity period, if a senator disapproves of the statement, a 2/3 majority vote of the responding senators will be needed to continue the release of a statement.
 - In the case of a tie, RUSGA VPR will be the deciding vote
- If RUSGA Cabinet members send out a low-urgency statement without the approval of the Senate, or without giving reasonable response time, a senator can request the DOM (director of marketing) take down any social media post.

Bill GB-3: Guiding Principles Reading

- Ensures RUSGA operates through Jesuit values and principles
- Ensures all Senate and Cabinet members abide by the Regis Jesuit values
- RUSGA is committed to being a nonpartisan collective

Canva Access

- Must act with confidentiality when in your leadership positions
- IF SENATORS HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR COMMENTS ABOUT RUSGA OPERATIONS, YOU MUST COME TALK TO ALY & ADI