

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

RUSGA: Semester Updates



DAVE LAW AWARD NOMINATION

Rangers! We want to hear from you! Know a faculty or staff member that does so much for the Regis Community? Nominate them for the Dave Law Award! Faculty & Staff members under consideration for the award must have a history of dedication and compassion for Regis Students. A Dave Law recipient recognizes the value in promoting student-led projects and continuously commits themselves to enhancing Regis's Jesuit mission through advocacy and service that incorporates student voices.



FROM YOUR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT HAILEY KREILING

This semester, RUSGA has been working hard to serve the student body! Over the summer with the assistance of the Constitution Revision Committee, the RUSGA Constitution was revised to adequately reflect the structure and function of Student Government at Regis. I have been working with our RUSGA advisors and Dr. Bucher, the Provost to begin RU Speaks, an initiative that gives students an open forum to convey concerns, constructive criticism and student needs from different departments and offices on campus. This gives RUSGA the ability to adequately represent student needs to the administration (while also addressing problems as they arise)! I have been meeting with the President, Dr. Aceves, and Provost, Dr. Bucher regularly to work with them regarding student needs, and concerns, while keeping them in the loop on projects RUSGA has been working on to serve the student body! As we head into winter break, we will continue working on behalf of the student body, ready to hit the ground running when we're back in the Spring. RUSGA wishes the entire student body a restful break and happy holiday season!



HONORARY DOCTORATE NOMINATION

Help our admin & trustees choose who will receive the honorary doctorate at commencement this year. Nominate by filling out this form!



EXECUTIVE CABINET UPDATES

Alex Zamora, VP of Involvement: I am happy to announce that Ranger Week Committee and the planning associated with Ranger Week is underway! I'm focused on assembling a strong team of students across campus to set up a detailed plan to make sure the planning process is going smoothly! The goal is by the time spring arrives that we will have an unforgettable Ranger Week filled with exciting events that everyone at Regis can enjoy. It's all about creating a week of fun and camaraderie that brings the community together, and I'm excited to see it come to life! I've also piloted a new program called RU Ready to Get Involved. This initiative provides students the ability to engage, even if they may be unsure about getting involved on campus. The goal is to have these students participate in an on-campus event, giving them firsthand experience of what it's like to be actively involved in campus life. After the event, students can decide they want to get more involved, we'll take the time to dive into their interests and passions, and help them find a club or organization that best aligns with what excites them. As VPI, I want to make the process of getting involved on campus approachable and tailored to each student!

Yelene Martin, VP of Social Justice and Diversity: I'm excited to be serving the student body again this year! Social Justice Week (SJW) was held in October, and it was a success! This event aimed to bring back a beloved Regis tradition, featuring different daily activities, one of which was Affinity Day. Affinity Day showcased all the wonderful affinity clubs through food and games, highlighting the diversity and culture on campus. Overall, SJW focused on various themes that encouraged education and advocacy on a range of important topics. I work closely with all the affinity clubs and encourage engagement with them as they organize amazing events on campus throughout the year. I have also continued to collaborate with different departments and individuals at Regis, advocating for better resources for marginalized groups. Lastly, I'm chairing the Social Justice and Diversity Committee and am excited to continue working on both ongoing and new projects.

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Kaylee Stouder, VP of Representation: I am happy to announce your student senate for the 24-25 school year is in full swing! We have a senate comprised of 23 amazing new student leaders, which is the biggest it has been since before covid! During the senate summit, your newly elected student leaders were able to team building, network, brainstorm, and build goals for themselves for this school year. Through the semester, the Student Senate has approved a handful of major travel budgets for clubs and organizations! One of my biggest projects this semester has been to create a platform to track the progress and impact of senators. Using GivePulse, throughout the course of this semester, has allowed us to do this! I plan to release a report on just how impactful our legislative body has been in the spring semester. As we transition onto next semester, I am planning Winter senator training to ensure our legislative body is able to be more organized and productive than ever! I am currently working on a RUSGA open house that will take place in the spring semester! Don't know where our office is? It's in the student center basement; come visit us during our office hours!

Julia Salter, VP of Academic Life: I have been working alongside the academic clubs, and participating in collaboration that can benefit the entire student body! We hope to provide more support for clubs and orgs this year and create more opportunities for students to actively engage. Faculty engagement has been another important initiative this semester that I hope to continue working on throughout the year. Connecting with resources like the Learning Commons, the Counseling Center, the Center for Career Development, and so many others which allows me to understand how to make opportunities for success equitable for all students. I have put on at three academic workshops this semester, and will have more coming in the spring!



COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Housing Committee, Chaired by Hailey Kreiling:

Serving the residential students on campus by continuing to convey their needs to Housing & ResLife to find solutions that benefit all residential students.

Period Bill Committee, Chaired by Kaylee Stouder:

Brings you free period products to campus & is currently working on expanding to more bathrooms on campus, and period positivity events.

Class Committee, Chaired by Kaylee Stouder:

Has put on the Campus Wide Goose Chase, designed, produced, and distributed class t-shirts, and started planning class competitions that will take place in late spring semester. The committee has been hard at work building connections with their respective classes.

Sustainability Committee, Chaired by Via Clise: If you're interested in improving sustainability across campus while gaining valuable leadership experience, join the RUSGA Sustainability Senate Committee! Reach out to oclise@regis.edu if interested!

Social Justice and Diversity Committee, Chaired by Yelene Martin:

The Social Justice and Diversity Committee also has some open positions. If you're interested, please email rusgavpsjd@regis.edu. Also, join an affinity club, they are a great way to get involved on campus & meet new people!

Student Involvement Committee, Chaired by Alex Zamora:

Looking to join the student involvement, Ranger Week, or Ranger Day committee? Email rusgavpi@regis.edu for more information!

Appropriations Committee, Chaired by Mauricio Gray:

The Appropriations Committee's mission is to ensure that clubs and organizations get the funds they need for successful and fun programs/events. Currently, editing the guideline is our biggest project in addition to staying on top of budget requests from your club leaders.

Academic Life Committee, Chaired by Julia Salter:

The academic life committee has been working alongside the chair to create and plan academic workshops for the Spring semester! Stay tuned!!

FROM EXTENDED CABINET

Aleena Gillette, Chief of Staff:

This semester, I have been focused on setting up a standardized Qualtrics system for all events that collect student feedback. This has allowed RUSGA to create action plans that accurately respond to and represent student voices. Through these efforts, we have been able to directly present recommendations for improvement to offices such as the Student Housing Office and Campus Safety.

Via Clise, Director of Sustainability:

Through this semester, I collaborated with colleagues to create and implement a formalized structure for our university's Laudato Si' group. This enables us to better tackle our Laudato Si' action plan goals and to help benefit the student body! I've worked with Yelene, VPSJD, Alex, VPI, and the Sustainability Committee to put on the "RU Sustainable" fair, Halloween and winter clothing swaps. I hope to continue to bring Sustainable Holidays to the Regis community! Additionally, I am working with Yelene Martin (VPSJD) to run a clothing donation drive across campus early Spring semester. Sustainability Committee has been working on two major projects; the Bird House Bill, and the Independent Water Audit. The Bird House Bill is spearheaded by Caden Postiglione, Emma Pappas, Sam Matterson and myself, with support from Riona McGuire and Grace Tesar. At the moment, we are choosing the style of birdhouse and connecting with Physical Plant for Implementation. The Independent Water Quality Audit is led by Sam Matterson, Grace Tesar, and myself. We are ordering kits to test the filtered water stations to compile a report to bring to Physical Plant.