

Good afternoon, all! If we haven't met during my 5 *short* years at FHSU, my name is Ryan Stanley. I had the privilege of leading the Student Government Association this year in the President role after serving as Vice President last year. I more than enjoyed the experience and am excited to share a glimpse of what we accomplished this year.

In the Fall, I shared that Vice President Ruff and I's intentions for the year were to cultivate a communicative and open culture with the hopes of empowering the members of SGA to do big things. The combination of simplifying our processes and fostering a culture of open communication has made our office in the Fischli Wills Center for Student Success building approachable and open to collaborations. This year we co-sponsored engagement events with the SACAD, Center for Empowering Victims of Gender-Based Violence, Kansas Appleseed, The Department of Criminal Justice, and Health and Wellness Services, to name a few.

With our annual Student Government activities, we have seen an increase in positive feedback. Students feel more comfortable walking into the office and asking questions and communicating their needs compared to recent years. Our student organization funding process, fees process, educational opportunity fund process, and waiver processes are the best I have seen. And this is largely in part thanks to my Cabinet: David Schulte, Ella Burrows, Emma Day, Jayden Siebert, and Austin Ruff who have represented an approachable and willing-to-help attitude all year. If you have them in class, please congratulate them on their significant work.

We are especially proud of our work better equipping our senators to address needs and discuss relevant campus issues through our orientation process and our first annual senator retreat, where our senators connected over Winter Break to discuss action plans for our biggest campus issues and also heard from a local business professional on leadership potential.

Here are a few numbers that demonstrate the impactful work we have been a part of:

Our trunk or treat had 8 student organizations and 70+ kiddos from the community participate.

Our big event featured more than 220 volunteers working with 15 community and university partners.

On February 15th, we took 16 students to meet with 22 different legislators regarding the support of FHSU and higher education.

We hosted an open forum each semester with an average attendance of 50 students.

Our administration took the initiative to better represent our students with diverse backgrounds; first by adding a senate seat for the purpose of representing international students, and second by adding a Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to next year's SGA Cabinet.

We are grateful for our close relationship with the administration who kept us informed and always were willing to listen to our concerns with great consideration and questions.

It is both bitter and sweet to be stepping away from my 5 years of membership with the SGA, but I have great faith that next year's administration will continue the good and improve upon the improvable.

To close, on behalf of the students, thank you all for the work you do. Thank you for the decisions you've made that were student-success oriented. Thank you for the extra miles you have walked to help students out and thank you for believing in the good work that FHSU does. Thank you.