

Good morning, All,

I want to begin by sharing how grateful I am to be back on campus and again serving with the Student Government Association. I look forward to collaborating with you all and continuing to improve the FHSU experience for students.

Over the summer, Vice President Austin Ruff and I continued to map out our initiatives for the year with our Executive Staff whom we selected in May.

Vice President Ruff and I have selected the following to serve with the Stanley/Ruff Administration:

Treasurer David Schulte

Legislative Affairs Director Ella Burrows

Community Relations Director Emma Day

Director of Marketing and Communications Jayden Siebert

VP Ruff and I's first agenda item for the academic year is to increase the internal effectiveness of the SGA. This will be accomplished with increased communication, organization, intentionality, and leadership. We hope to see this reflected in the participation in our annual elections, open forums, funding processes, and service promotion.

We believe this initiative will provide a basis to create a culture of empowerment with the executive staff, student senators, and the students involved in our civic engagement activities like higher education day and the Big Event. We will be utilizing social media, our space in the FWCSS, and our Thursday meetings to inform the student body and encourage students to speak freely about their concerns.

We have changed the position of Administrative Assistant to Director of Communications and Marketing to better suit our needs and efforts towards this initiative.

Another focus for this year will be an increase in university and community partnerships. The SGA is grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and learn from faculty and staff and community members alike. This past May, the Senate adjust our bylaws for the Community Relations Director to have a greater emphasis on work within the community.

SGA is also grateful for the relationship with University Administration. We are looking to continue with transparent communication so that we can better address issues and proactively address student concerns.

Our last focus for the year is recycling and sustainability campus initiatives. We plan to continue the conversation rekindled by President Faber. We are eager to approach the conversation with a learning posture while also expressing the significance of this concern among students.

Student Advisory Council Retreat will be at the end of this month at the University of Kansas. At the retreat, VP Ruff and I will learn more about our roles at the KBOR level and outline goals for

the year with the other KBOR university student representatives. Our first Senate meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 1st at 7 pm.

I am looking forward to an excellent year back as a Tiger and am excited to see what we can accomplish. Thank you.