

The 2019-2020 Student Government Association accomplished many great things for our students and improved the organization to better serve in the future years to come. In early September, it was decided to move up elections for both on campus Student Senate and the Virtual Student Senate. This brought excitement and allowed more time for Freshman/KAMS/AMS Senators and our Virtual Senators to get oriented and prepare for the year to come.

Throughout the rest of the fall semester, we accomplished several things.

- We worked with several people to completely reform our allocations system which therefore, made it easier for student organizations to request and easier for us to do our job.
- We hosted a town hall which brought light to several things that we focused on this academic year.
- We worked with Chartwells on accountability of the dining experience for our students and found great success in working with their leadership and Student Affairs.
- We worked with Faculty Senate on the Student Success Days Policy. We started this process in early September and worked closely with Senators and FS Leadership to come together and pass a policy in January that was fair for both sides. It was great to see SGA and Faculty Senate work together and watch our relationship strengthen. I am so proud and happy to know that the future relationship of SGA and Faculty Senate will be a positive one.
- We expanded our Free Legal Counseling to provide advice to gender-non-conforming people as they seek changes in legal documentation in relation to gender markers and name changes. As well as this, we created an inclusion & diversity task force that we believe will work with campus entities to address and work together on these topics.
- We established communication between our SGA and our FHSU students in China in hopes to better understand how we can represent them.
- The Virtual Student Senate worked extremely hard in the fall to address online students issues as well as begin discussion on a social channel for online students. The Virtual Student Senate played a large role in the passage of the Student Success Days Policy.

The Spring brought its challenges, but that did not stop SGA from doing great things.

- We hosted our own Higher Education Day in Topeka to represent FHSU and advocate for our students. Also, we had a bill introduced in the KS House regarding affirmative consent.
- We worked with shared governance groups, The Foundation, and administration to cancel afternoon classes on April 24th for the largest Big Event in SGA's history. Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented us from doing this, but we are hoping for a great turnout next spring!
- The Virtual Student Senate reformed their bylaws to improve functionality for future years. As well as this, they moved forward on discussion of a social channel and will be working with entities next year to continue this progress.
- Through working with The Foundation and Student Affairs, we are overseeing awarding assistance to students through the Student Emergency Assistance Fund during COVID-19.

The 2019-2020 Student Government Association wrapped up the year on April 30th with the swearing in of new SGA President Haley Reiter and Vice President Bryson Homman. I want to thank everyone this year who has worked with SGA to improve the experience of our 16,000 students. It was truly a blessing to watch and experience the great things that FHSU has to offer. I have no doubt in my mind that SGA will do great things next year!

Go Tigers!

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2019-2020 Student Body President