

The 2020-2021 Student Government Association accomplished many great things and focused on assisting students as we all worked through an interesting time in higher education this year. In late August, we reconvened senate meetings for the school year and started hosting our regular weekly meetings over zoom. By October we were able to transition to in-person meetings, while also providing a virtual attendance option.

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

- We monitored student concerns pertaining to COVID-19 and campus safety measures.
- We continued to award assistance to students that have exhausted all other financial options through the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.
- We strived to invite administrators and individuals across campus to join our senate meetings as guest speakers and provide insight to decisions and University operations.
- The Virtual Student Senate discussed how to make transitions smoother between administrations.
- We continued to provide Free Legal Counseling to students at least once a month through virtual platforms.
- We assisted student organizations in moving around allocated funds to be utilized for virtual conference registration, virtual speakers, etc.
- Passed legislation which allowed for the use of rollover from Spring 2020 by student organizations. This allowed groups to fully fund virtual events and increased student engagement.

As we transitioned into spring and successfully returned from winter break, SGA continued to prioritize student relations.

- We hosted a virtual Higher Education Day and met with Kansas legislators to advocate for higher education funding.
- We researched in depth the positive and negative effects of a student holding a voting position on the Kansas Board of Regents. This proposition was heard by the Kansas House Higher Education Committee.
- We allocated over half a million dollars to student organizations to use for various speakers, activities and trips for the next fiscal year.
- We hosted the 10th annual Big Event, which included participation from our virtual students all across the nation and globe!
- We heard concerns about diversity, inclusion and equity from campus groups. These discussions have led to the creation of a new SGA standing committee and committees across campus to address instances of injustice.

The 2020-2021 Student Government Association wrapped up the year on May 6th and has sworn in the new SGA President, Mark Farber, and Vice President, Ryan Stanley. I want to thank everyone that worked alongside SGA to continue prioritizing students throughout the pandemic and challenges faced this year. I am blessed to have been able to serve the university that means to me. I look forward to witnessing and hopefully assisting in the future successes of SGA and FHSU in years to come.

Go Tigers!

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2020-2021 Student Body President