

The 2021-2022 Student Government Association Senators and Executive staff were able to focus on and accomplish many things throughout the year. FHSU had the exciting opportunity to be the chair of all the Kansas Board of Regent Committees of corresponding position titles across each regent campus. In this regard, I acted as the chair of the Student' Advisory Committee. Our main goals for the year were to focus on Student Health Insurance, Increased Interaction with Legislators, and Mental Health across our campuses. Within these goals we were able to make great strides that will begin serving students in future years. As many of you may know Regent campuses often schedule a higher education day in the spring semester where they discuss political issues with legislators to advocate for students. This year each of the regent schools collaborated to discuss the same agenda points. This day provided an excellent way to advocate for higher education and I was able to develop a plan for an annual meeting with the Governor for the SAC to discuss the Governor's proposal in early December before it is released.

Specific to FHSU campus we accomplished the following:

- We monitored student concerns by utilizing the open forum time of our senate meeting.
- We continued to award assistance to students that have exhausted all other financial options through the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.
 - We also ran a fundraiser for the Student Emergency Assistance Fund during Oktoberfest where we raised several thousand dollars
- 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 smoother transitions as well as presented legislation to faculty senate in support of timely grading for homework, midterms, and finals for virtual classes.
- We continued to provide Free Legal Counseling to students at least once.
- We assisted student organizations in moving allocated funds to be utilized for conference registration, virtual speakers, etc.
- We worked with students and student organizations to receive funding for conference registration, virtual speakers, and equipment through the Appropriations Process.
- We worked diligently to streamline and simplify the funding process to make this easier for student organizations.
- We also were able to fund many programs through the Education Opportunity Fund.

Specifically, this semester we worked on the following:

- We hosted Higher Education Day and met with Kansas legislators and the Governor to advocate for higher education funding.
- We allocated just short of a million dollars to student organizations to use for various speakers, activities and trips for the next fiscal year providing a major boost for engagement.
- We hosted the 11th annual Big Event, in which over 200 students volunteered for different community service projects that were submitted by student organizations and community entities across the Hays area.
- We heard concerns about diversity, inclusion, and equity from several campus groups. These led to discussion with administration on how to best combat these areas of concern. Many of the

concerns were solved or are currently being worked on and resolutions were passed in support of the concern.

- We have also been a major advocate in discussing FHSU's sustainability moving into the next several years and have discussed a plan to make sure that continuity of the sustainability agenda proceeds throughout the years.

The 2021-2022 Student Government Association wrapped up the year on May 5th and sworn in the new SGA President Ryan Stanley (the previous Vice President) and Vice President Austin Ruff. I want to thank all of you for prioritizing student needs and working to make sure that each FHSU student feels welcomed and loved in the Tiger family. I am blessed to have been able to serve this university and can't even begin to express how much of an impact FHSU has had on me and my personal growth. I look forward to witnessing future successes of SGA and FHSU in years to come.

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2021-2022 Student Body President