



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 4.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: APRIL 25, 2018

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEESFROM: THOMAS C. LEITZEL 

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION – STUDENT LIFE, ACTIVITIES, SERVICES AND ATHLETICS

SGA leadership and other clubs and organizations will introduce members and share accomplishments and high points of the academic year. Our academic and athletic teams are included.

SGA Clubs and Organizations - This has been a student driven, fun filled year as the students have celebrated old traditions and started new ones as well. The events and activities of the year were set forth by the SGA E-Board (Executive Board) during the fall of 2017.

- **Rotaract (Tina Gottus)** - Rotaract assisted the local Rotary clubs with their fundraisers from the wild game dinner, the apple sale, and the blueberry festival. The “are you smarter than a Rotarian” event that allows local middle school advanced students to compete against Rotarians was moved to the college this year exposing future students to our campus. The questions for this event was developed and judged by Rotaract Club.
- **Anime and Gaming Club (Lisa Johnson-Decarie)** - During the year we participated in bi-monthly SGA meetings, Club Rush, attended pep rallies, participated in the Sebring Holiday Parade and College Week as well as both End of Semester Parties As a club we sold chocolate bars and held a gaming competition for the whole Student Body.
- **IHI (Kathleen Cappel)** - The students in Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Chapter are engaged in fundraising to send at least two students to an IHI Forum next December in Orlando. They are also have started Facebook page and would continue to recruitment of healthcare students from all disciplines to engage in the club and take on leader roles in the Chapter for the next year. They have also discussed community outreach projects.
- **Basketball Club (Rob Hampton)** – The Basketball Club has met and played basketball twice a week for the entirety of the school year. They participated in Club Rush & College Week as well as putting on an Intramural Basketball Tournament for the Student Body.
- **Veterans Club (Rob Hampton)** – The Veterans Club has held monthly clubs meetings, as well as attending bi-weekly SGA Meetings. They have participated in many SGA Sponsored Events such as Club Rush, Pep Rally, & College Week. They have also organized a camping trip for the group.
- **Honors Ambassadors (Charlotte Pressler)** - Honors Ambassadors, including members of the Honors Program from Arcadia, Avon Park, and Sebring are stepping into their role as future community leaders this year. Our members assisted with MOFAC's Pygmy Fringe Tree Festival on March 9th. In April we partnered with Kristie Vazquez, the City of Sebring CRA Director, at two downtown Sebring events, the Sebring Soda Festival on April 6th and 7th, and the Family Friday on April 13th. Our Ambassadors provided her with a SWOT analysis, and reflected on what more could be done to help Sebring achieve a vibrant city center.

- **African American Association (Felecia Dozier)** – AAA has held monthly clubs meetings, as well as attending bi-weekly SGA Meetings. They have participated in many SGA Sponsored Events such as Club Rush, Pep Rally, & College Week. They also put together an informational campaign for Black History Month that concluded with a Luncheon and a guest speaker.
- **DeSoto County Panther Ambassadors (Asena Mott)** - Our Ambassadors participated in the DeSoto Family Fun Day with face painting, mask-making, and origami. They created and displayed a card in Christmas Card Lane, and passed out SFSC bags and candy at the Christmas Parade. They assisted with our annual Art Show by setting up, parking cars, and cleaning up. They served food for Leadership Desoto's Vintage Vegas event, and will be serving food at our upcoming Lineman Rodeo. Students plan to celebrate at the end of the year with a trip to the Tampa Aquarium.
- **Student Practical Nurses Association (Helen Shoemaker)** - The Practical Nursing Club participated in both Club Rush events, Christmas parades, and the commencement. 19 members gave blood at the blood bank in February. Members visited the Wound care center, Highlands County Jail, Renal Center, Highlands County Health Department, Hospice House, and Radiology Oncology Center.
- **Phi Theta Kappa (Sonji Nicholas & Michelle Macbeth)** – PTK was very active on campus, as well as off. In addition to maintaining their exemplary studies, PTK students participated in monthly club meetings, bi-weekly SGA meetings, as well as various events, such as: Club Rush, Pep Rally, College Week, and End of Semester Parties. They also attended several conferences off-campus, with some of their students receiving awards.
- **Dental Student Association (Bob Sconyers)** – The Dental Students have attended lunches with Phillips Sonicare, as well as Vision Classes to learn about Dentistry. They have also worked at various clinics, both in and out of county. Last they have assisted with the Healthy Smiles Event at Disney.
- **Hardee Campus Ambassadors (Katrina Blandin)** – The Hardee Ambassadors have acted as the governing body on the Hardee Campus by putting on events such as leadership sessions and Club Rush. They have been instrumental in increasing student participation at one of our satellite locations.
- **Phi Beta Lambda (Adam Martin)** – PBL has held monthly clubs meetings, as well as attending bi-weekly SGA Meetings. They have participated in many SGA Sponsored Events such as Club Rush, Pep Rally, & College Week. They were also very involved in the Christmas Parades. They have also had a very successful year competing at the Regional and State Level Competitions.
- **Campus Christian Club (Michelle Devane)** - The Campus Christian Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club joined forces this year. The club members and their sponsor met bi-monthly. Student speakers took turn presenting a message during the meetings. Lunch was provided by the sponsor. Four club members attended the State Collegiate Conference at the Lake Yale Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida, for a three day leadership conference. Club members collected non-perishables and water bottles for victims of Hurricane Harvey and participated in the See You at the Pole event. Prior to Winter Break, club members created "Buckets of Christmas Cheer" filled with candy, a bible verse, and note of appreciation to every SFSC department office.
- **College Republicans (Lyndsey Lynch)** – The College Republicans has held monthly clubs meetings, as well as attending bi-weekly SGA Meetings. They have participated in many SGA Sponsored Events such as Club Rush, Pep Rally, & College Week. They were also very involved in the Christmas Parades.
- **Latin American Student Organization (Tasha Morales)** - LSO was instrumental throughout the year helping build a culturally sensitive campus by participating in a focus group per our President's request, assisted with SGA activities, contributed to Latin Heritage Month, and helped fundraise money for their club trip to Busch Gardens.
- **Student Nurses Association (Dawn Pisarski)** - Student Nurses Association (SNA) had an active year. SNA members attended the Florida Nursing Students Association Convention held in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Students were able to attend classes and network with student nurses from across Florida and host a fundraising table. Students have been active with several fundraising and community service events.

- **Radiography Club (Junior Gray)** - SFSC's Radiography Club currently consists of 23 members. It has been a busy year with classes and clinical rotations as well as being actively involved in Student Government Association events, such as, Latin Heritage Month, College Week, Black History Month and monthly meetings. Currently, our second-year members are preparing for both their pinning and graduation ceremonies as well as their National Registry examination, while the first-year members are currently working on an interactive presentation they will be presenting at the Caring Seminar scheduled Thursday, April 26, in the University Center.
- **Brain Bowl (Lena Phelps & David Zoerb)** - During the 2017-2018 year, the Brain Bowl team gained many new players from the Highlands and DeSoto campuses. The team competed in tournaments at Valencia College, State College of Florida, College of Central Florida and Santa Fe College, then won a bid to go to the National Tournament in Chicago where the team finished with 6 wins and 5 losses. Two players ranked in the top 50 -- Team captain Mathew Daniel ranked 19th and player Juan Perez ranked 32nd. The students are now preparing for semi-annual the Battle of Brains against the FASTeam consisting of faculty and staff on April 19th.
- **Art Club (Karla Respress)** - The Art Club continued its tradition of off campus field trips, this year to the Chihuly Museum, The Moran Glassblowing Hot Shop, The Saint Petersburg Clay Company, The Polk Museum of Art, and Bok Tower Garden. This year the Art Club Members also enjoyed attending events at the Performing Arts Center, creating art on Open Studio Fridays, pit firing pottery, making their own pen and ink during a MOFAC workshop, and sponsoring the People's Choice Award at the Annual Juried Student Art Show.
- **Jac Pac (Kendra Wellnitz)** - This academic year 2017-2018 has been a busy one. The Jac Pac has thrown Birthday parties monthly for the residents including food and party décor. We had representation at college week. We have also had Health and wellness awareness meetings every two months.
- **Volleyball Club (Ricardo Pantoja)** - A successful year for our first year, promoting camaraderie and teamwork by playing volleyball weekly.

Athletic Teams

Panther Student Athletes from Baseball, Softball, Cross Country, and Volleyball teams will be presented by respective coaches and will introduce themselves. Coach Hitt, Athletic Director, will also share some season highlights.

Student Government

Besides the very active clubs, the Student Government of SFSC planned and carried out wonderful events this year which inspired learning and fun. These included: Welcome Back, *an event designed to Welcome Students to Campus at the beginning of each semester, the Students passed out waters, planners, and maps, then made sure all new or returning Students knew their way to Class*, End of Semester Party in the Fall and Spring with the Fall consisting of a Casino Night, and the Spring will be a Pool Party with a Bar-B-Q; Panther Pride Pep Rally done in both the Fall and the Spring, *a pep rally designed to boost athletic involvement throughout the year*; student forum with Dr. Leitzel; a Student Leadership Workshop Series *designed to provide quality speakers and workshops to aid students and sharpen their leadership skills*; FCSSGA state leadership conferences including the Rally in Tally; intramural basketball, football, & soccer; College Week, *a weeklong series of events that was participated in by over 20 teams comprised of students & faculty/staff that leads to an overall champion*; fall and spring Club Rush to encourage student participation in organizations; a Halloween/Karaoke Themed Fall Fest Party with food, games, music, dancing, & a costume party; a Women's Self-Defense Class & an Active Shooter Class, *to give students the necessary information to be able to protect themselves*; a Latin American Heritage Month & a Black History Month Program that each concluded with a Luncheon; and general SGA meetings every other Wednesday. Student Leaders were also very active in the Campus-Wide orientation, GPS. They assisted in many different areas within GPS, but mainly provided a Student led session that covered everything from college expectations to how to get involved with the Student Government Association. On top of GPS, the Student Leaders were active on several committees on Campus, as well as several College Wide Recruiting Events, such as College for a Day. //