

Student Body Association Report to the Board

Stated in this report are the accomplishments and proposed future activities of the COM-FSM Student Body Association. With all the activities being done, the SBA intends to promote students' engagement in all aspects of their studies here at the College. Promoting student engagement not only focuses on the students' academic success, but also ensures a great positive impact to the community we live in, whether in terms of sports or just socializing.

Continuing from our previous report (SBA Report to the Board March 2017) the SBA, with the help of the other departments and committees, hosted other various activities such as:

On April 5th the SBA Officers held a meeting to discuss upcoming activities and get individual member's feedback on specific tasks assigned to each one of them.

On April 7th 2017 the SBA from both campuses (National & Pohnpei Campus) met with all the State Organizations' officers to discuss the Officer's Leadership Retreat that will mainly focus on building leadership skills and coming up with techniques to get more and more students engaged to participate in activities not only in the college community but also the community they originated from.

On April 10th 2017 the Student Life Office and SBA hosted a Movie night (*Title: Audrie & Daisy*) that focused on promoting awareness about Sexual Assault and Family Violence. Students were arranged into groups to discuss certain topics related to Sexual Assault and family for the purpose of making the students understand thoroughly what sexual assault and family violence is about and to know the people or offices to turn to if anyone becomes a victim or wanted to help a victim. The events turned out to be successful. Special guests invited to the event were Ambassador George Fraser and his wife and Mr. Pavle Visintin of the Australian Embassy in the FSM. A number of 132 students joined the activities and incentives were given out to participants. Participants were told that the month of April is Sexual Abuse Awareness Month. Sponsorship for this activity was also provided by the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (*GCASAFV*).

On April 12th 2017, the SBA, with the help of the Student Life Office, hosted the Officers' Leadership Retreat at Nihco Marine Park. A number of 19 students participated, whereas each student represented his/her own organization. Participation consisted of members of Chuuchok, KSO, PSO, Pohnpei Campus, NuKap and PingMwoak. The main topics discussed during the retreat were ways to develop leadership skills and ways to get more students engaged in activities. The last major topic that was discussed was next year's Founding Day, which will also coincide with the 25th Anniversary of COM-FSM's Founding Day. Positive feedback was gathered after the event through a survey that was prepared by the SBA.

On April 15th 2017, the Residence Hall Students held a retreat with the help of the Live-in Staff. The main focus of this retreat was to get concerns and feedback from the RH students and also with the help of the RH students recommendations were made to assist in resolving the issues. This process enabled the RH students to work together to improve and develop better ways to stay in the Residence Hall. Surveys were done and 94% of the participants suggested that the RH students should do more of these kinds of activities to strengthen the bonds between students and staff. All of the participants

recommended having RH Staff that bond and understand the RH students according to culture, tradition and life style.

Overview

All of the activities that were proposed were accomplished with positive outcomes from them. The SBA has other planned activities before the end of the semester. The final two activities will be Forum lectures to be held on April 21st and 24th. The April 21st Forum Lecture will be about Telehealth with a guest speaker (Dr. Bruce Best) from the University of Guam and the final forum lecture will be on April 24th with the focus of bringing awareness to the College Community about Sexual Abuse. This lecture will be given by Mr. Warren Ching – Title IX Coordinator & Chief of Security at COM-FSM National Campus.

After the completion of the two proposed lectures, the College will host a Health Fair on April 26th with the assistance of Pohnpei State Health Services (PSHS), Pohnpei State EPA, Micronesia RED CROSS, and Med-Pharm. This year's health fair theme is "*Healthy Living; Practice, Promote, Motivate*", with a program that will run from 9 am to 2:30 pm. There will be free health screening and participants will be getting incentives that are to be raffled out.

Lastly, the SBA with the help of the Student Life Office will host a Masquerade Ball as the end of the semester event for the students. This event will take place on May 5th. Participants to this event will be students, faculty, and staff from both National and Pohnpei Campus.

I would like to take this time and thank the Board of Regents and the COM Administration for all of the assistance and support rendered to the SBA this semester!

Respectfully Submitted,

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