

Student Body Association Report to the Board

The College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus started off this fall semester with the biggest event. Welcoming back the students, with a Welcome Back Carnival which took place on the 8th of August, 2017. Following that event were the elections of the Student Body Association officers for all 5 campuses. SBA Officers were announced by the end of the month of August.

Having said that the officers for each respective state campuses including Fisheries Maritime Institute (FMI) were officially announced, the goal towards collaboration and improvement began. One of such goals was the retreat in which selected officers from each state campus, including FMI were to travel to the National Campus, in Pohnpei, to attend to a Student Body Organization Officers retreat. The retreat which lasted for about a week, focused on bringing all six campuses together, to be able to work together to improve and transform our College into a better one, not just for one campus but for all 6 campuses. The collaboration between officers from different states lead us this far in terms of accomplishments.

One such accomplishment would be Micro-Green Up Day held on October 27th, 2017. We the SBA Officers from all campuses discussed and agreed on college wide initiatives. Micro-Green Up Day is one of two of those college wide initiatives where the only campuses participated are National Campus, CTEC, Kosrae Campus and Chuuk Campus. The event encompassed a variety of activities such as the Trashathon where students collected non-biodegradable trash (recycled items) at each of their respective state campuses. The purpose of these college wide initiatives is to promote the sense that we are one college regardless the fact we are of different states separated by the ocean.

The other college wide initiative done by all six campuses is the Equality day. Activities of this event include poster competition and interviews regarding gender equality in the FSM. The purpose of this activity is to promote teamwork between all sister campuses and to raise awareness of the different treatment we have between gender here in the FSM.

These activities were made possible through the use of VOIP to make our all campus SBA meetings was helpful. Its use also enable all the officers from all the state campuses be able to exchange ideas and feedbacks of upcoming or past activities. This exchange of feedback was beneficial to all of us, because it allows for improvements such as ways to increase the number of students participating in upcoming college wide initiatives.

The officers of the SBA of the National Campus also had meetings with the College of Micronesia-FSM President, Dr. Daisy which we discussed the activities that were done with and provide update on our future activities. Also the SBA Officers were assigned committees to be part of. National Campus President-Executive Committee, Student Success-National Campus Secretary and CTEC (Pohnpei Campus) President, Kosrae Campus President-Facilities Committees, Finance- National Campus Vice President, Information and Communication Technology- Yap Campus President. Becoming part of these committees has allowed for a wider range of understanding how the system works here at the College of Micronesia-FSM.