

Student Body Association Report to the Board of Regents

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Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

Conference Calls

This spring semester the SBA Officers continued to hold conference calls to keep track of what each campus was doing. Having the capability to instantly communicate with officers from the other campuses, the collective Student Body Association was able to cooperate in ways that had never before been possible; to plan and conduct events in a way that brings all the campuses closer together. During the calls, the officers themselves were also able to form a more well acquainted relationship with their counterparts from the other campuses. Our first conference call for the semester, was held on February 23rd, and was used to introduce new and continuing officers, which gave us the opportunity to know who we were working with for the semester. Our second conference call, on March 16th, was used to finalize 25th Anniversary plans for each campus; and our our final conference call, on April 13th, consisted of follow ups and reports from each campus on their 25th Celebrations and Founding Day Events.

Student Events/Activities

National Campus and Career & Technical Education Center

At one SBA meeting, the officers at National Campus discussed the amount of assistance and general goodwill of the community that the College enjoys. The students who arrive from the sister campuses are welcomed as members of the local communities around the campus and beyond. As a show of appreciation and gratitude, the students organized a community service day, on March 10th, where the students spent time cleaning up public areas. The locations that were selected were the Spanish wall, the causeway at Dekehtik, and Nett point. Students from all four state groups came to help, as well as members of six other extracurricular groups; they all spent a whole day cleaning their assigned areas. After the whole event, there was a small workshop held by the Student Activities Specialist talking about the dangers of improper waste disposal and pollution build up. The students learned the importance of environmental cleanliness and learned more about issues that the island has with pollution.

April was the international month for Sexual Assault Awareness. In order to increase awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault as an issue in the islands, the SBA arranged to hold a tabling event complete with pamphlets and information for students on ways to prevent sexual assault and harassment. There was also a pledge that students could sign affirming that when encountering an instance of sexual assault, they would report it. Students who signed the pledge were given a lanyard as an encouragement for participation. A lanyard would be useful to students because the SBA officers at National campus are putting forth a memo that would start requiring students on our campus to wear their IDs at all times. To follow up on our Sexual Assault Awareness Events, we also held a movie showing on Monday, April 23rd. We showcased the film, *Difret*; based on a true story, the film follows the story of one girl in Ethiopia as she struggles to overcome gender discrimination and sexual assault. Following the film, we held an open panel discussion with members of the community, including representatives from the Australian Embassy and Public Health. This event was open to students at both National and CTEC campuses.

Both the Student Body Association from the National and CTEC campuses are planning to host another end of the semester celebration. This event, a luau, is meant to congratulate students for all the hard work they have put forth this semester both in and out of the classroom, as well as, assisting with the 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

Chuuk Campus

During the month of April, Chuuk campus held two major events, one being the College Fair and the other being the annual Health Fair. During the College Fair, held on Monday, April 11th, there were an estimated 180 plus high school students who came to visit Chuuk Campus to learn more about the programs offered. A number of our current students at Chuuk Campus assisted throughout the day as student volunteers, acting as tour guides and mentors. They greeted students as they arrived, provided them with their acceptance packages and guided students around the campus. Overall, the event was very well received, as students, faculty and staff worked together to host our new and prospective students.

On Wednesday, April 25th, we held our Health Fair activity, which focused on the theme, "Health For All." In collaboration with the Department of Health Services, along with the Health Science, Physical Science and Walking for Fitness Classes, participants were provided with a variety of information and tips on how to lead a health life. Presentations included topics such as: the impact of unhealthy food, the importance of physical exercise, as well as, the importance of dental health care, among others. This was a great event that provided our students in health related fields, with the opportunity to apply and share the knowledge that they have been learning in their classrooms.

Founding Day

National Campus and Career & Technical Education Center

The theme for the 25th Founding Day Anniversary was, “Student Success is Our Success.” National and CTEC started on April 2nd with the parade beginning at Spanish wall and ending at the Pohnpei State Track and Field. The floats were comprised of the 6 cultural groups along with a CTEC float, academic program floats and student clubs, faculty, and alumni floats. When we got to the venue, we started the track races, which were followed by traditional performances performed by the cultural groups. We closed our program for that day with the awarding ceremony, providing trophies and prizes for the winners of our sporting competitions along with the winners for the parade float competition. All the scores were tallied to see which cultural group’s Prince and Princess was going to be crowned King and Queen. Kosrae Student Organization’s Prince and Princess was ultimately crowned King and Queen for Founding Day. On April 3rd, we then had our Traditional Canoe and Canoe House Dedication Ceremony followed by a Forum Lecture done by Father Fran Hezel; this lecture was on the importance of furthering education. Following this, April 4th started with the Anniversary Convocation followed by a Photo Exhibit by Floyd Takeuchi and ended with the film screening of the movie Island Soldier at Pohnpei Cinemas.

Chuuk Campus

Chuuk started their Founding Day Celebrations on March 24th with their Campus Clean-Up and beautification. Also later that day they did their Fishing Derby, the top 3 winners were Dean Kind Kanto, Security Supervisor Clayton Candido, and Faculty Member Dr. Danilo Mamangon. The next week on March 26th, the campus had their treasure hunt, which was facilitated by the Math department. The first place winner was Northern Namoneas Region. Following this, on the next day Chuuk held a cooking competition, as well as, a volleyball and table tennis tournament. On this day an estimated 160 people joined and watch the events. Finally Chuuk Campus held their opening ceremony on March 28th, complete with guest speakers and cultural performances. On the same day they also had their spring formal where they announced their King and Queen based on the fundraising efforts; Southern Namoneas Region was crowned, raising a total of \$2,215.87. In all, the clubs at Chuuk Campus raised a total of \$4,635.48.

Yap Campus and FSM Fisheries & Maritime Institute

Yap Campus and FMI held their founding day events on the 29th and 30th of March. They had a large event that had the two campuses split into four different teams to compete in the day’s various events. The high schools of Yap were also invited to join the games in order to

give their students a glimpse into the events that are held at the College. The games that were played included tug-of-war, dodgeball, an eating contest, and several others. At the end of day, the yellow team came out victorious. On the second day of their celebration, Yap and FMI participated in a parade, followed by cultural performances, guest speakers and the awarding of prizes for students who participated in the sporting competitions, as well as, the essay writing contest.

Kosrae Campus

Kosrae campus started their Founding Day on March 22nd with their cultural parade, which included a total estimate of 111 participants. Kosrae Campus also held a float competition with first place awarded to Utwe Village. On the second day of their celebration, March 23rd, Kosrae Campus held their Invocation Ceremony and Coronation Ceremony for the Founding Day King and Queen. The winners for Founding Day King and Queen were determined by the amount that each team was able to fundraising. This year Malem village won, having raised \$1,800. In all, the clubs at Kosrae Campus raised a total of over \$5,000.