COSGA REPORT 2015

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Theme of COSGA 2015

Ever Onward!

• Defining your vision
• Improve continuously
• Forge your legacy
What we did!

• Keynote speakers
• Workshops
• Round tables
• Networking
• Night life events
Workshops attended

• Social injustice
• The “Hokie” Effect
• The Big Event
• Student empowerment
• Carpool
• Changing of the guard
• Why the office is pink and why it’s important
• Fish aides
What we learned from other SGA’s

• We have similar issues
• We all had great input for each other
• We should use our funds wisely and effectively.
• Open Forums need to happen
• Reaching out to student orgs and Greek life can help get the word out about SGA.
• We need to make sure we all understand our roles as senators and representatives.
The Big Event

• TAMU College Station – more than 20,000 student volunteers.
• Giving back to the community
• Year round planning
• Momentum 2020
• In most schools SGA runs The Big Event
• On our campus Student Volunteer Volunteer Connection organizes it.
• Partnership with SVC
Social Justice

- Everyone deserves equal economic, political, and social rights and opportunities.
- Social injustice - judging based upon exterior qualities; such as gender.
- 2 individuals created a diversity week to promote equality on campus.
- We have the Islander Cultural Alliance that we could pair with to promote social justice at one of their events.
- Ways to reach out and get others to follow:
  - Talk to students and identify the issues.
  - Organize and delegate what needs to be done to complete the vision.
  - Work with school officials and students to create unity.
“Why the office is pink and why it is important?”

• Rowan University
  – 2 Female executives
  – Pink office decorations.

• Judgments or assumptions should not be made of a person because of an outside exterior.

• Look past the gender barrier and see people for the leaders that they are.
Student Empowerment

• This senate consisted of 42 members, 2 for every major. As well as an executive board.
• They went to the Board of Trustees and presented cases on behalf of students in dealing with university issues.
• They also went to the general public to show various issues when the university
Changing of the Guard

• SGA as an empire
• Strong emphasis on mentoring
• Promotes that your legacy is passed on and allows for new ideas to be added
Fish Aides

• A program used by College Station to involve the freshman in SGA
• It’s designed to create great successors within SGA
• They have two retreats for the fall and the spring to outline expectations and facilitate bonding
What’s the Point?

• Point system- On an organizational level
• Blue status/ Gold status/ Top 20 Organizations
• Committee consists of 6-8 people
• Senate requirements:
  – Attend ALL meetings
  – Serve an at least one committee
  – Complete 1 weekly office hour
  – Attend biweekly meeting with VP
  – Submit a written report each semester of what they completed
Virginia Tech’s The “Hokie” Effect

• Selling T-shirts to generate revenue for SGA, while raising School spirit.
• T-shirt’s are worn to the football and basketball game that is predicted to have the largest outcome in attendance.
• Also sold during orientations in the summer.
• Gets student involvement and spreads awareness about Student Government!
• Committee that works on it year round.
  • Slogan contest
  • Logo contest
How we can use this

• Short sleeves, Long sleeves, and Both
• We can start off with a T-SHIRT Swap
• Spirit Day (spirit and traditions committee)
• Then begin the process in planning the first Islander Effect T-shirt and Game.
• Let it grow
• School spirit Everywhere
New ideas, what can be done!

• The Islander Effect
  – spirit day once a week
• Partnering with organizations and building relationships
• Retreat planning and training sessions for legislature.
What we are implementing starting now!

• Communication
  – Between students and faculty
  – Fully understanding roles and responsibilities

• Public relations
  – Social media, letters to students, open forums

• School spirit

• Structure
  – Vision and legacy
Advisor Input
Closing remarks

• Thank you for listening about what we learned at COSGA, we hope that you take some of this information and apply it to your own visions and ideas for the future of Student Government Association.