

2017-2018 Report of the CEHS Student Advisory Board

CEHS Educational Programming

Peer Network Program

Peer Network Program was launched after being developed by a small group of SAB members (mostly executive members). It ran successfully throughout the first 9 weeks of the fall semester. Approximately 45 students participated in the program. After the completion of the initial program a larger committee was formed to help revise and develop the Peer Network Program for Fall 2018. The committee has revamped the Mentor Guide with more information about CEHS and UNL and had a successful mentor training on April 15th. Event planning and mentor guide finalization steps are in progress during Summer 2018, but the majority of the program is set and ready for the fall. Advisors will hand out information at NSE and there will be a booth at Big Red Welcome in the Fall.

CEHS Community Impact

Our advisory board executive team developed a goal to provide more opportunities for our students to get involved within the college. The idea of a service-oriented organization for students of every CEHS major arose. The organization's bylaws were written by SAB members and initial officers were selected from our members. These steps allowed Community Impact to become an official RSO through the Student Involvement office by spring semester. Eleven students have joined the organization. However, executive members of Community Impact were the only ones in attendance at meetings. The organization will maintain status through next fall with the hope that presence at club fairs will increase participation.

Student and Faculty of the Month Awards

In an effort to recognize the outstanding students, faculty, and staff that our college has, Student and Faculty of the Month Awards were created. Nominations are due by the 25 of the month on the SAB website (<https://cehs.unl.edu/ab/nominations/>) and awardees are determined shortly after by board members. The first awards were given in March of 2018. We are excited to continue this into 2018-2019 academic year.

Student Satisfaction Survey

A student feedback survey was dispersed in early March by the advising office. Advisory Board provided input on questions and potential prizes to encourage participation. The results will be compiled and courses of action will be explored in the coming academic year.

Engagement with CEHS Students

One of the goals of our organization is to engage with students within the College of Education and Human Sciences. We worked towards this goal by hosting various events throughout the past year:

Welcome Week

N/A

Fall Dead Week Event:

From December 5-7, the SAB hosted a Dead Week event for members to gain extended study hours in the Pixel Lab and destress with food, drinks, and activities. This event was held from 7 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Members were able to help create the event, volunteer, and also interact with members of our college. This event was advertised through Ben Bannon's emails, posters hung up around the college, and through social media.

Valentine's Day:

On February 12 the SAB hosted a Valentine's Event to hand out cookies to members of our college. This event was held in Henzlik Hall outside of the Pixel Lab, the Barkley Center, and the Home Economic building. Various members helped create the event and volunteered their time to hand out cookies. Through this event, we were able to interact with members of our college. Leftover cookies we had were put on a tray and set in the advising center and the Dean's office.

Spring Dead Week Event:

On Tuesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 26, SAB members hosted extended study hours in the Pixel Lab from 7 p.m. until midnight. During those study hours, we were able to provide food and activities for our members. This also gave SAB the opportunity to interact with members of our college, prepare for our exams, and collaborate with other groups of our college by holding the Tuesday even with SEAN. This event was advertised using the TV monitors, using social media, and hanging posters around our college buildings.

SAB and Faculty Relations

Academic Honesty

During the fall semester, hearings regarding academic misconduct within the college were held. Each hearing had an executive member present. Following these hearings, three members of the executive team discussed ways to promote academic honesty with professors. Our team emphasized use of the digital learning commons (testing center) for online exams, providing examples of proper citations, and providing students with a sense of potential success (some classes feel "impossible," as some students put it).

Advisor Appreciation Lunch

During the Spring Semester the SAB hosted a luncheon for our advisors before priority registration began. This event allowed our members to gain insight on ideas the advisors have for this college, along with showing our appreciation for everything our advisors do for this college. It also gave us the opportunity to get to know the advisors in our college better.

CEHS Community Outreach

Tie Blankets for Salvation Army

Our Welcome Week service event of tying blankets for the Salvation Army, carried into the academic year. At various events, we continued to provide the fabric for the blankets to be tied. In total, four adult-sized blankets were made and donated by CEHS students.

Lincoln CAN

The UNL Chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America invited our college to participate in the Center for Civic Engagement's Lincoln CAN event. This event encouraged groups to collect canned food to be donated to the Food Bank of Lincoln. Our advisory board placed donation boxes in City and East Campus. We asked both students and faculty to participate. Our donations were given during a celebration on East Campus in October.

Noodles and Company Benefit

In November, a benefit was held at Noodles and Company downtown. We raised about \$150 that we can use for future philanthropic giving. We were excited to see how many people came in support of the event. We hope to do an event like this in future again.

Internal SAB Activities

Review of Constitution

The executive team worked through the summer and early weeks of the fall semester to completely review our constitution. We created a new officer position, Treasurer after determining that someone was needed to review our spending and, consequently, create a budget for our group. Other changes were made to clarify language and make necessary changes to align with Student Involvement's policies.

Explore Ways to Recruit Future Students

Many of our meetings during the fall semester focused on ways we could recruit future students, especially those interested in secondary education, early childhood education, and TMFD areas. Our ideas were communicated with Associate Dean, Dr. Deb Mullen who then communicated ideas with AnnMarie Gottner, Director of Advising.

EVC SAB - CEHS Input

CEHS Student Advisory Board President, Sarah Smith, was invited to be a member of the Executive Vice Chancellor's Student Advisory Board due to her position with our own board. She met with other campus leaders every other month to discuss campus issues including free speech, mental health services, and what makes UNL a great place to be. During several meetings, the resources provided within our college were mentioned regarding mental health services, potential early childhood care through our early childhood education majors, and more. Nick Bohannon, the incoming CEHS SAB President, will step into this role next year.

Membership Application

Number of applicants = 20

New members = 17

Promotion of SAB applications was sent via Ben Bannon emails. In Fall 2018 we will be putting this up on digital boards in CEHS facilities and in Dining Halls as other colleges do. We would like to grow the interest in CEHS SAB

Committees

The executive team felt it was necessary to restructure our committees in order to be more productive as a board. We were previously operating with several small committees with very specific responsibilities and members served on many. Committees have now been created for three areas: CEHS Activities and Events, Campus and Community Outreach, and Peer Network Program.

Spring Social

On April 8, 2018, the SAB had a group social event to help build personal relationships and get to know other members on the SAB. Fourteen of our members attended the event for a night of fun activities. As a group, we went bowling at the East Campus Bowling Alley and then treated ourselves to Dairy Store Ice Cream. This was a great opportunity for members to have fun and also see different activities students can do on UNL's East Campus.

Dinner with the Dean

Our annual spring dinner with the Dean was a success. Members always enjoy getting to converse with the Dean through this event. We greatly appreciate the support the Dean provides throughout the academic year. Thank you for all you do for our advisory board and all CEHS students.

Goals for 2018-2019

Faculty Relations

We are looking for ways to engage with the faculty. Whether that be coffee and donuts a couple times a semester or a more formal lunch with randomly selected

faculty once a semester. We feel it is important moving forward that we fulfill our purpose in engaging both students and faculty within the college.

Budget

In an effort to address the financial issues facing the University system, CEHS SAB is committing to being more responsible with their spending. We feel it's important to be mindful of what we spend while still providing the events that engage students in our college. Unfortunately that all costs money. A somewhat formalized budget has been provided to Dr. Mullen and the treasurer will assume the responsibility of making sure that we stay within our proposed budget.