

SMUSA President's Report

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Academic Integrity Week

SMUSA's VP Academic, Rilla, collaborated with the University to plan and execute a successful Academic Integrity Week at the end of October through the beginning of November. Various events surrounding Academic Integrity were held throughout the week and saw a good level of student engagement.

Food Survey Report

SMUSA prepared a Dockside Food Feedback Report for Fall 2023 to understand how satisfied students are with their dining experience at dockside based on three factors: food quality, food variety, and hours of operations. The data was collected from students who are presently living on-campus and accessing Dockside frequently through their meal plan and will be used to advocate on behalf of that community.

Monthly Reports on SMUSA Website

In alignment with our transparency commitment and to help students better understand what we are working on, we will be publishing a monthly report on the SMUSA website. This report will outline the initiatives and efforts undertaken by the executives throughout the month, offering a comprehensive overview of our ongoing work.

Events

With over 200 students using the After Dark Halloween Bash filter, more than 70 signing up for our Halloween costume contests, and about 550 attending our Halloweek events, SMUSA is thankful for the success of Halloweek 2023.

Looking forward, we are excited about our November events, including the ongoing Taylor Swift Week. We hope students continue to actively engage with us, as together, we aim to create the best university experience we all desire.

Gorsebrook Lounge Drink Tribute for Carlton

With a heavy heart, we mourn for the loss of our campus cat— Carlton. As a tribute to him, SMUSA has crafted a special drink at the Gorsebrook Lounge and named it Carlton. We thank Carlton for all he has done for our student community and hope our initiative contributes to keeping his legacy on campus forever.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, Shiray Tan (SMUSA President), Anubhav Gupta (SMUSA VP of Advocacy), and Cathie Ross (SMUSA General Manager), along with Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray (SMU President), participated in the Remembrance Day Observance at

McNally and attended the ceremony at Sullivan's Pond. SMUSA honors and remembers those who served and sacrificed for our country. Lest we Forget.

Talk To Us table

SMUSA Talk-to-Us table launched on October 19, 2023. The project involves two different executive members hosting office hours each week at various accessible locations on campus. These open office hours aim to reduce barriers and encourage students to ask questions, voice their concerns, or express their appreciation for all university-related matters. We have seen steady engagement so far and expect it to continue as the initiative becomes more established.

Feedback on Regular Programmings

SMUSA is officially implementing survey forms that will be accessible at every Trivia and Open Mic Nights at the Gorsebrook Lounge. This initiative is to ensure students are given the platform to voice out their feedback and comments about these programs so we can better understand and meet our students' needs. We encourage event participants to fill out our surveys.

SMUSA Fall 2023 Feedback Project

As we reach the midway point of the academic year, we are pleased to introduce a SMUSA Fall 2023 Feedback Project. This initiative aims to facilitate a constructive dialogue between students and SMUSA, providing an avenue for valuable insights into our organization's progress.