



BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Student Leadership & Involvement Center

Skutt Student Center 120

August 26, 2015

The Creighton Students Union exists to represent and serve the student community of Creighton University. Through the cooperative efforts of the nine (9) colleges and schools of Creighton University, the Creighton Students Union is

entrusted to serve as an advocate and voice for the student body and is dedicated to the enhancement of the educational, social, and cultural environment on campus. The mission of the Creighton Students Union is

accomplished through: Representing the student body of Creighton University to the faculty, staff, and administration; Supporting all Creighton University student organizations to stimulate productivity and encourage members of the Creighton

community to contribute positively to the university and greater communities; Planning and implementing a variety of activities to meet the diverse needs of the student body and to encourage student interaction outside of the classroom.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1

A MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

6

BOARD OF REPS
UPDATE

2

ISSUES WE
ADRESSED

7

UPCOMING
EVENTS

3

REFLECTION BY THE
VICE PRESIDENTS

4

CSU FUNDED
STUDENT ORGS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Creighton Students,

Nearly ten months have passed since those early November elections when you gave me an amazing opportunity in electing me as the President of the Creighton Students Union. I remember the election night and those emotions so vividly: a mixture of extreme joy, pride, and fear. The thing which I feared most was letting the students down and not being able to fulfill my campaign promises. Now, ten months later, much thanks to the executive committee, our advisors, the Board of Representatives, the Cabinet, and of course the students, I can proudly say that I have upheld my campaign promises throughout the two thirds of my term as President.

The CSU Executive committee last semester was comprised of six sophomores, all new to our positions. Our Board of Representatives, aside from a few returning members, was mostly new, and our Cabinet also had half of its members newly elected. So the start of the semester was a little rocky for all of CSU simply because of a lack of experience. Following that brief transition period, we were able to dive into those goals which I had promised during the campaign season.

My goals for CSU this past semester were simple:

1. Raise awareness of CSU and the resources we provide to *all* students
2. Provide a more transparent experience for the students to ensure that they know what is happening within the CSU office
3. Help to create a more unified campus through collaboration with other campus entities

We have done a number of things in the past semester to fulfill these goals. We've greatly improved our transparency with new materials like this bianual report and our

150:1 Initiative which matches each student directly with a member of our Board of Representatives. Additionally last semester we collaborated with a number of groups on campus (Inter Residence Hall Government, Marketing & Communications, Violence Intervention & Prevention, CCSJ, and DoIT, just to name a few!) to not only plan and execute events, but leave a lasting impact on the Creighton community. Most importantly, we are making sure that your voices are heard by being present at your events, representing CSU outside of the office, and taking your suggestions weekly at Program Board's Wednesdays After Class events.

While I believe we have achieved these goals in many ways, there is always more work to be done. We've had a successful spring and summer, but I will not allow CSU to become an organization which simply rests on its laurels. As a student organization at a Jesuit University, we must continue to strive for *magis* and not be complacent with where we are at, regardless of the progress. I am proud and honored to be the person whom you selected to continue to push CSU into a better and brighter future. We have so much to look forward to in the next semester and there is no better time to be a Creighton student! I'm excited to see where we can go, moving forward, together.

I hope everyone has a great semester and as always, Go Jays!



Kayman Nixon



ISSUES WE ADDRESSED

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ADS

Resolution 15-01, our first resolution of the semester, was sponsored by Medical School representatives and requested the removal of Blue Cross Blue Shield advertisements from Creighton affiliated venues. This request was initiated due to disagreements between CHI/CUMC and BCBS at the time. This resolution was approved by the Board on a vote of 33-2-1.

GREEN SPACE

Resolution 15-02 and 15-03 both came from the Campus Planning Committee with help from the External Affairs Committee. The new Campus Master Plans proposed by Creighton was presented to the student body last March and consequently inspired Resolution 15-02. Of the two master plans, the Board of Representatives felt that the plan that included more green space represented more accurately what the student body would benefit the most from. This resolution was approved by the Board on a vote of 35-0-1.

OUTDOOR SEATING

With better weather in the spring, the Board also recognized a need for more outdoor seating available on campus. Resolution 15-03 suggested possible areas for outdoor seating and reasons why we see a need. In June, we received communication from John Wilhelm, the Vice President for Administration that new furnishing for four areas on campus will be ordered. This resolution was approved by the Board on a vote of 35-0-1.

COUNSELING CENTER REFORM

Resolution 15-04 was purposed as the result of a waiting list that was implemented by Creighton Counseling Center in March/April. With a need to serve the students best, we suggested that Creighton allocate more resources to the counseling center to take better care of our students. This resolution was approved by the Board on a vote of 30-0-1.

REFLECTION FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

Zach Pierce

Executive Vice President

The past year has been fantastic in regards to the expansion and inclusion seen by the Executive Vice President position. There have been consistent efforts to ensure we are increasing engagement to all corners of campus and to all students. With the duties of the Mission and Diversity coordinator being assigned to the EVP, there is now a huge potential to partner with departments all across campus to help CSU reach a much bigger demographic than in years past. From university committee appointments to restructuring our Board of Representatives to guarantee a voice is working for each student, the EVP position is taking a path that will benefit the expansion of CSU and our continued efforts to unite campus for years to come.



Alex Kubicek

Vice President for Finance

This past semester has been exciting when it comes to all of the aid CSU has provided to many different student organizations around campus. We set a record for the most requests heard and money allocated to over 40 different student organizations. CSU is proud to aid as many student organizations as possible in their many endeavors around campus and around the world. We love to see your events around campus and know the integral part they play to the Creighton experience. For the future, we look to continue to make the funding process as easy as possible for each student organization. Always remember that CSU exists for each student and we will do our best to help you get to where you need to go.



Mattie Smyth

Vice President for Programming

I feel very blessed to have a mature, work-oriented group of coordinators who work as a collective unit rather than on their own, and are great communicators. The coordinators proposed an incredible fall line-up for us and I cannot wait to see them rise to new levels in their respective programs. Looking ahead, I hope to see the team unite once again in the fall and put on a spectacular Homecoming Week in collaboration with Alumni Relations, Athletics, and Family Weekend. We are also excited to bring new programs to campus. The CSU Program Board strives to enhance your out of classroom experience by creating multicultural, social, recreational, educational, and entertaining programs for you and your friends to enjoy. Please let me know if you have any ideas for new events and make sure to look at our fall schedule on the last page of this report



FUNDED STUDENT ORGS

DATE	STUDENT ORG	EVENT
JANUARY 22	Men's Club Soccer	Semester budget
JANUARY 23	Swim Club	Semester budget
FEBRUARY 19	Running Club	Semester budget
FEBRUARY 19	Rugby Club	Semester budget
FEBRUARY 21	Ultimate Frisbee Club	Semester budget
FEBRUARY 28	Women's Club Soccer	Semester budget
MARCH 9	Muslim Student Association	Azhar Usman Comedy Show
MARCH 11	College of Arts and Sciences Senate	Semester budget
MARCH 19	Men's Club Lacrosse	Semester budget
MARCH 21	Women's Club Lacrosse	Semester budget
MARCH 22	Women's Club Volleyball	Semester budget
MARCH 26	Men's Club Volleyball	Semester budget
MARCH 27	Maya Health Collaborative	Semester budget
MARCH 27	Native American Association	11th Annual All-Nations Pow-Wow
MARCH 28	International Student Association	Annual Banquet
APRIL 8	Phi Sigma Tau	Midwestern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
APRIL 10	Asian Pacific Island Jays	Day of Remembrance
APRIL 10	Circle K International	Circle K District Convention
APRIL 10	Jays Dancers	Big East Tournaments
APRIL 11	Alpha Psi Omega	Kansas City Theater Trip
APRIL 11	Model U.N.	World Model United Nations in South Korea
APRIL 16	Climbing Club	Semester budget
APRIL 17	Honors Program	Quiz Bowl

DATE	STUDENT ORG	EVENT
APRIL 18	MASS	National Anthropology Day Reception
APRIL 21	Hand in Hand	Hand in Hand 2015
APRIL 24	Creighton Students for Life	March for Life
APRIL 25	CUAASA	MLK Celebration Week
APRIL 25	El Legado de Compasion	Kids Against Hunger Packing Banquet
Semester	Heider College of Business Senate	Semester budget
Semester	Clinical Reasoning Club	Clinical Reasoning Spring Competition
Semester	Lieben Center for Women	Elect Her
Semester	Hui O Hawaii	Lu'au 2015
Semester	Nursing Senate	Semester budget
Semester	Colleges Against Cancer	Relay for Life 2015
Semester	Jays Dancers	Tryouts
Semester	Swing Dance Society	Sunflower Convention
Semester	Dinner with the Deans	Dinner with the Deans Events
Semester	Pi Sigma Alpha	Politics in Action Panel
Semester	Justice Without Borders	4th Annual Worker Appreciation Banquet
Semester	Poly Sci & Int Relations Majors	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Semester	Desi Cultural Society	HOLI Festival of Colors
Semester	Spanish Club	Historias Para Ser Contadas
Semester	Asian Pacific Island Jays	Asian & Pacific Islander Culture Fest
Semester	CSU Program Board	Semester budget

*Note that CSU did not pay for all of these events in full. Each event was evaluated differently through our funding process.

BOARD OF REPS UPDATE

CAMPUS PLANNING

Chair: Arthur Segismundo

Two resolutions came from the Campus Planning committee this semester – 15-02 and 15-03. They spent much of their time discussing composting and recycling on campus. We received notification that IRHG passed legislation regarding composting this past semester and we hope to collaborate on this effort with them in the future. Integrating Green Certification program into the funding process was another project from Campus Planning is hoping to work on in the coming semester. They are hoping to write a resolution in the Fall regarding it.

VISIBILITY AND MARKETING

Chair: Sarah Huddleston

The Visibility and Marketing committee held one Guava and Java event to reach out to students that was a huge success. Another event that the Visibility and Marketing committee participated in was having representatives from the Board of Representatives at CSU Program Board's Wednesdays After Class (WAC). The Board of Representatives received a multitude of positive suggestions and we look forward to continuing this form of visibility in the future. Looking forward, the Visibility and Marketing Committee would like to look into more ways to inform the freshmen class about CSU and how it can serve them.

INTERCAMPUS RELATIONS

Chair: Lulu Alvarez

This committee spent time this past semester discussing the co-ed floor legislation that IRHG

has proposed. They hope to present legislation in the fall giving CSU support of IRHG's resolution. Additionally, they faced student questioning of the library's shortened hours without much success in the future for extending those hours.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Chair: Aditi Dinakar

This committee was new addition to the Board of Representatives this semester. They functioned as liaisons for the Board of Representatives and reached out to other Jesuit Universities to gauge their opinions on different resolutions. Additional research was conducted looking into projects that other Jesuit Universities were working on with their student governments. This Bi-annual report was the result of research done by the External Affairs committee.

SPEAKER OF THE BOARD UPDATE

Speaker: Julia Neppel

The first semester with the year's Board of Representatives has been an absolute pleasure to work with. While we were a sophomore dominated executive team and Board this past semester, the Board did not lack passion in its ability to cultivate new ideas and advocate on behalf of the student body. Last Spring, the Board of Representatives attended CSU Program Board's Wednesdays After Class (WAC) in an effort to spend more time speaking with students. We received many fantastic comments and suggestions from the student body. As the Speaker of the Board, I look forward to the second half of my term working with the Board and the rest of the student body.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 26 – FIRST WAC WITH FR. HENDRICKSON

AUGUST 28 – FOAM PARTY

SEPTEMBER 5 – FALL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 9 – STREET TEAM APPLICATIONS DUE

SEPTEMBER 13– HOMECOMING KICK OFF

SEPTEMBER 14 – PATIO PAINTING, CU'S GOT TALENT, MAC

SEPTEMBER 15 – VOLLEYBALL SEND OFF

SEPTEMBER 16 – THE HUNTS

SEPTEMBER 17 – JIM WAND

SEPTEMBER 18 – MOVIE ON MORRISON

SEPTEMBER 19 – [JAYWALK](#), GOLF CART PARADE

SEPTEMBER 21 – ELECTION INFO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 23 – FALLAPALOOZA TICKET GIVEAWAY

SEPTEMBER 24 – ELECTION INFO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 29 ELECTION INFO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 30 – MATT GLOWACKI

OCTOBER 3 – MAHONEY STATE PARK EXCURSION

OCTOBER 8 – MATT BEILIS

OCTOBER 10 – FALLAPALOOZA

OCTOBER 29 – HARRY POTTER MARATHON

NOVEMBER 3 – ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 5 – GAME NIGHT

NOVEMBER 9 – BEVERLY GOODEN

NOVEMBER 13 – MURDER MYSTERY

NOVEMBER 16 – CHICAGO BOYZ

NOVEMBER 18 – MIDNIGHT MOVIE

DECEMBER 4 – COOKIES AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 7 – MAC



**CREIGHTON
STUDENTS UNION**
PROGRAM BOARD