The Student Activities Source

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Officer Selection and Transition, Part 2

After you've selected your new officers, what's next?

1. **Make them feel welcome.** This is especially important if you have officers brand new to the organization. Have a mixer or send a congratulatory email or note. Let them know that you are excited about the talent they bring to your organization!
2. **Host a transition meeting.** The incoming and outgoing officers should meet in person to share resources, best practices, and advice. Include things like relevant meeting notes, planning binders, University policies and processes, constitution and bylaws, and more! Provide information on things like reserving rooms in Hughes-Trigg, requesting Coke products, stake signs, and other administrative necessities.
3. **Build your team.** A strong team does not happen automatically. Get to know each other—effective organizations are built on a foundation of strong relationships. Build your relationships intentionally, with trust, communication, and fun!

Want to chat about officer selection and transition? I'm here to help!
Contact Lauren Chapman at lchapman@smu.edu.

Teambuilder du Jour: Catch Me If You Can

Participants are divided into two groups. Each group stands in a line, shoulder to shoulder, facing the other group. The two participants facing each other are partners. For thirty seconds, each participant observes the appearance of their partner. Then the partners must turn around so they can no longer see each other, and change something about their appearance (unbutton a button, remove a watch, etc.). The partners must then guess what changed about their appearance. This activity is an energizer or ice breaker, good for groups that need to get to know each other and feel more comfortable with each other.

Event Calendar

February 23
Barry Scott-From I Have a Dream to Yes We Can: 8 PM, HTSC Theater (PC & ABS)

February 24
Relive the Dream!: 9 PM, Steps of Dallas Hall (Fine Arts Community)

February 25
Community Service Day: 9 AM-1 PM (Black Men Emerging)

February 27
Brown Bag Dance Series begins
Progression of the Black Woman: 6-8 PM, HTSC First Floor (Sisters Supporting Sisters)

February 28
The Past and Future Development of the Korean Peninsula: 5 PM, McCord Auditorium (Tower Center for Political Studies, Program Council)
Excellence Ball: 7:30 PM, HTSC Ballroom (Association of Black Students)
Miss Representation documentary screening: 8 PM, HTSC Forum (Women's Center)

March 1
Real Talk-Reality TV: Innocent Fun or Stereotype Propaganda? Noon, HTSC M-Lounge (Multicultural Student Affairs)

March 3
Moody Madness: Noon-2 PM, Moody Coliseum (Program Council)

Want to include your event on the calendar? Contact lchapman@smu.edu.

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