The Student Activities Source

February 9, 2012

Officer Selection and Transition, Part 1

Does your organization elect new officers in the spring for the next academic year? It's not too early to have a plan!

1. **Review your constitution and bylaws.** Is there a selection protocol included? Does it work for your organization?
2. **Assess your organization's needs.** Do you need to add a new position? Eliminate a redundant position?
3. **Develop application materials and interview questions.** What do you want to know about the candidates? What do they need to know about your organization or the position? Include things like meeting times.
4. **Publicize your application process.** Do you want new talent from outside the organization? Consider traditional methods (Friday Update, stake signs, Daily Campus) and also new approaches like personal recommendations.
5. **Conduct interviews/selection/elections** according to your constitution and bylaws.
6. **Plan a transition meeting** to prepare your new officers—look in the next issue of the Source for transition tips!

Teambuilder du Jour: Finish the Sentence

Each member of the group receives a handout including the following sentence fragments:

I believe in…
I feel energized when I…
I would like to accomplish…
I would like to be known for…
I would like to work on…
The best way to motivate me is…
The most effective way to confront me is…

Each person chooses three sentences to complete, and shares the full sentences with the group. This exercise helps the group to learn about each other, what each member values, and how to work together.

Event Calendar

February 9

The Help Film Screening: 8 PM, HTSC Theater (Program Council)
Where Are All the Good Black Men?: 7:30 PM, SAMSA (Black Men Emerging)*
Open Mic Night: HTSC M-Lounge (TREAT)

February 10

Ice, Ice Baby (Ice Rink on the Quad): 7 PM, Flagpole (Program Council)
Hilltop Renaissance: 7 PM, HTSC Varsity (Omega Psi Phi)*

February 11

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

February 13

Relay For Life Kickoff: 11 AM-2 PM, Flagpole
Valentine Vendor Fair: 10 AM-2 PM, HTSC Commons

February 14

Valentine Vendor Fair: 10 AM-2 PM, HTSC Commons

February 16

Extravaganza: 7 PM, HTSC Theater (African Student Association)*

February 18

Community Service Day: 9 AM-1 PM (Black Men Emerging)*
Raas Rave and Bhangra Blitz: 6:30 PM, McFarlin Auditorium (Indian Student Association)

**Black History Month event*

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

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