

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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Executive Message

Dear NU community,

At the present time, we continue living and struggling through the unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19, which affected everyone and everything in the world. This pandemic challenged us to demonstrate our resilience and adaptability to continue the educational process, despite all the struggles and losses that we experienced on personal and community levels. Those who could not make it through the journey with us will be forever remembered in our hearts. For them and our future, we as a community continued adapting to the changing conditions of our current world, staying strong, and pursuing our education and professional development with the hope for a better tomorrow, which we continued to try to contribute to building. We as the student representatives this year we tried our best to support our NU community in archiving this objective and represent their voices, addressing their concerns and wishes. We had the honor of being chosen to represent our precious student community and continue our 10-year-long SG legacy. As SG went through a remarkable transformation after 10 memorable years, we believe that we contributed to developing closer ties within the NU student community, increasing the levels of representation, social engagement, and sense of unity. As the president of Student Government, I am sure that SG will continue to be an asset and aid to Nazarbayev University and its community. I believe that students are at the core of every university, and their development is directly tied to the development of the university. With the help and support that our university provides, we as students have the power to improve our own community and change it for the better and make a memorable conclusion of a 10-year long chapter in SG history, wishing that this chapter will be a first one in the future enormous SG history book. Therefore, I think it is time to pose a question to ourselves, "What do we want to see in our community and how can I contribute to make it a reality?"



President of Student Government

Zarina Baidalinova

Student Government

OUR MISSION

Student Government is a student self-governing body, which is guided by the principles of legality, democracy, transparency, integrity, and openness. The primary goal of the Student Government is to contribute to the betterment of the students' life and experience, while assisting in the promotion of the core graduate attributes of the Nazarbayev University student.

OUR TASKS

- Organizing events and activities for professional and social development
- Representing students' voice on university's issues
- Protecting students' rights
- Developing external connection and relations with other universities and organizations in Kazakhstan and abroad
- Organizing holidays and leisure activities
- Implementing strategic project for improving student life and well-being
- Developing leadership, sense of unity, solidarity, responsibility, active participation in social life, self-development among students

OUR VALUES

- legality
- democracy
- transparency
- inclusion
- openness
- self-governance
- voluntariness
- integrity

OUR STRUCTURE

- Student Government is headed by the President.
- Student Government consists of the President, the Office of Student Government, Graduate and Undergraduate Student Unions, and Student Councils from each school.
- The Office of Student Government consists of Vice-President and ten Ministries.

The Plan aligns with NU Graduate Attributes, which state that students shall:

- Possess an in-depth and sophisticated understanding of their domain of study
 - Be intellectually agile, curious, creative and open-minded
 - Be thoughtful decision makers who know how to involve others
- Be entrepreneurial, self-propelling and able to create new opportunities
 - Be fluent and nuanced communicators across languages and cultures
 - Be prepared to take a leading role in the development of their country
 - Be cultured and tolerant citizens of the world
 - Demonstrate high personal integrity

Executive Board



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Executive Board



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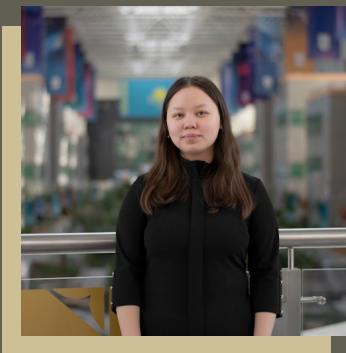
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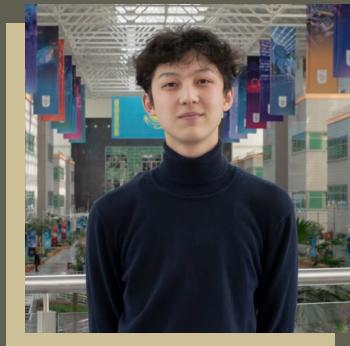
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U-level initiatives

SG Transformation

After numerous discussions, negotiations, surveys, and consultations with all the stakeholders, including undergraduate, graduate, PhD students, administration, Alumni Union, and others, SG in collaboration with DSS drafted a new document on SG regulations. The major change is the addition of Graduate Union and Student Councils and changes in the elections procedures in accordance with the students' desires. The new regulations are in the process of approval. Also, the possible changes to SFBC regulations are prepared for the further drafting process. The new ministry of Student Accommodation and Office of International Affairs were also established with the new goals and aims to serve the student community and successfully worked this year.

Student Government's 10th Anniversary

The Student Government conducted an event dedicated to its 10th anniversary. The invited guests were the Nazarbayev University Administration, NU Alumni Union representatives, former SG Presidents and SFBC chairpersons and NU students. The event included speeches by the administration, NU alumni, current SG President and current executive board. NU Student Clubs, including NU Orchestra, NU Dance Club, NU Piano Club and NU Contemporary Dance Club also made their contribution to the celebration of 10th anniversary with their performances. The inauguration ceremony of the new SG President was held at the end of the event. The following ministries were involved in the organization process: Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Media and Communication, Office of Internal Management, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and Security and Ministry of Student Accommodation.

Internal Communication, Problem Resolution and Strategic Planning for NU

Even closer communication with the administration was established. Various issues, including vaccination, accommodations, mode of class delivery, etc. were resolved through the close contact with all levels of decision-making bodies and individuals. Among the examples, there are regular meetings with **Headliners** with the aim of quicker communication and updates and other various working groups, including **Fall semester, Future Learning, Long-life Learning, Special Learning, Orientation, and other working groups**. The concept of the communication platform was developed to promote even better and faster communication because of still existing problems with the speed of decision-making processes and in the process of approval. The closer and more personal approach to contact with the students was also attempted through various social platforms. The issue of the lack of student skills in communication and work ethics was discovered and plans to remedy the issue were created to be launched the next year in a collaboration with the Office of President.

U-level initiatives

Academic Integrity Conference

Members of the Nazarbayev University Student Government and the Model United Nations Club organized the first International Academic Integrity Conference on February 12-13, 2022, through the ZOOM platform in an online format. The conference is supported by the Integrity Project, a member of the European Network for Academic Integrity (ENAI). The main purpose of the Conference on Academic Integrity is to open a discussion on academic honesty among university students in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.



The conference will include plenary sessions and panel discussions, case studies, and open discussion platform between conference guests and students. The plenary session is an event aimed at finding out the views of different parties, so education professionals discussed issues of academic integrity with students. The panel discussions covered the following topics: the relationship between academic integrity and corruption, best practices in responding to academic integrity violations, support for recipients of misconduct, and the future impact of academic integrity violations (PhD and master's programs). Members of the Nazarbayev University faculty and administration were invited to speak on these topics. Second day of the conference offered an opportunity to apply the knowledge you have learned during the first day. Students gained an opportunity to offer their solutions to the issues related to academic integrity. The Case Championship was organized on 13 th of February, and prizes are offered by the Student Fund, which are yandex station, smart watch, and power bank. Cases were provided by the Vice Dean of the Nazarbayev University School of Sciences and Humanities, Dr. Philipp Enns.

Student Leadership Assembly

Student Leadership Alliance was renamed to Student Leadership Assembly keeping its purpose of connecting students of different universities with Nazarbayev University. It is planned to run the Student Leadership Assembly as a separate initiative and institutionalize it on the level of Nazarbayev University. It will offer more opportunities to establish strong relations with members of other universities, and organize joint-projects both in premises of NU, and their universities. Currently, we have established contacts with Nazarbayev University, KazNU, and Belorussian State University. Moreover, we are keeping in touch with Qazaqstan Student Alliance, which has its network all over Kazakhstan. Recently, we have launched recruitment and it has collected responses from 45 students, who are willing to work on this project.

Ministry of Education

Academic Issues

The Ministry continued addressing students' individual and general academic issues. Work on academic issues is a regular responsibility of the MoE with a high percentage of solving problems students face and helping them to successfully pursue education. For the last month, most of the complaints were on the final exam weight, grading issues, prolonged checking of assignments, including midterms and finals, unexpected changes not mentioned neither in syllabus nor in the rubrics, and others, including the extensive investigation of academic issues of CSCI 151. Ministry members responded to academic issues in accordance with rules and regulations of the university.

Misconduct Cases

In the 2021-2022 academic year, MoE received up to XX misconduct cases, most of which were Misconduct A and a few Misconduct B particularly among undergraduate students. Around XX percent of the cases were resolved successfully according to the Student Code of Conduct. Other XX percent were the ones with the students' direct and apparent academic violations followed by appropriate penalties. Each case was thoroughly reviewed, analyzed, and discussed with both sides for the proper and honest evaluation of the situation. All the students were consulted and represented by the Ministry during the hearings, if needed. In cases with reasonable warning, students were consulted on how to avoid misconduct cases in the future.

Syllabi Database

The organization of Syllabi Database is an important step towards the improvement of the course registration process and student awareness about courses. It was proposed to incorporate the Syllabi Database into the Registrar system. While this is a time-requiring process that presumes discussions with the Office of the Registrar and at U-level Committees, as well as time for implementation, in order not to inhibit the process and provide students with syllabi timely, it was decided to create a Syllabi Database in Google Drive. 30% of syllabi for Spring 2021, and 80% of syllabi for Fall 2021 were collected and organized manually by 7 members of the working group. The issue has also been raised at monthly LTC Meetings in October and November and the importance of Syllabi Database was acknowledged by committee members. Schools also agreed to provide their syllabi prior to course registration. Thus, while students can access the Syllabi Database Spreadsheet of MoE and SSH course syllabi sent by school via Google Drive, the incorporation of Syllabi into the Registrar platform is yet to be discussed and facilitated in the upcoming semesters.

Analysis & Inquire of the Spring 2022 Learning Mode

Information on the Spring 2022 semester learning mode was collected via collaboration and close work with the Schools on the Online and Offline learning guidelines. All the obtained updates were constantly provided to students regarding the Learning Mode Issues in Spring throughout this semester. Inquiries and clarifications were sent to all schools.

Ministry of Education

Student Support during the January emergency on Campus

During the January occasions, when the internet connection on Campus was off, DSS representatives inquired SG MOE members who were on Campus to organize some offline events for students to support them mentally. In collaboration with the Board Games club, we received some games and cards and shared them with the students to play in the study rooms of the 26-27 blocks. Also, the movie night was organized on January 8th in the relax room of the Library. Other upcoming events, including a concert, were canceled due to the rising number of covid positive students.

Compression of the Spring Semester

After the January occasions, it was announced that the Spring will be compressed to 13 weeks. There were still discussions on keeping the 15-week schedule and shortening the Summer semester instead. As a MOE who conveys students' best interest, we have provided the solid arguments that 15-week extension with 1 month summer semester will be an extra burden for students and can cause even more disruption. The most optimal condition for the vast majority of students were compressed Spring Semester and Summer semester with a duration of 2 months. After vigorous discussions, the administration maintained a 13-week Spring Semester schedule without further alterations.

Add/Drop Deadline extension

Due to the shift of the beginning of Spring semester and semester compression, the Registrar reduced the course drop period to 2 days. The MOE team addressed students' concerns and proposed to extend it to Registrar and Academic Council members. After negotiations with the administration, the deadline was extended until the end of the first week of studies.

Learning mode and proposal of Universal Guidelines for In-person learning. Due to the gradual in-person learning shift, MOE have analyzed student inquiries in this regard and presented the list of recommended practices and resolutions associated with offline learning issues at the Learning & Teaching Committee meeting in January. We kept making inquiries and clarifications from the schools regarding the transition of some courses and the facilitation of final examinations and shared these updates with students. Given that the transition began asymmetrically, and considering the possibilities of disruption in the future, the Ministry designed an outline and a detailed response on issues that might be associated with learning transition in Summer and Fall 2022. It was initiated to collaborate with the Faculty from the Student Liaison, but after the need for such a document was questioned, the project was frozen.

Dean's List (Spring'21) Ceremony for SEDS students

The issue was addressed to the School, and after negotiations the long-awaited Dean's List Ceremony of the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences was conducted online on November 24.

Ministry of Education

Final Exam Weight Issues → Assessment Weight Policy

Based on student complaints on high weight of final exams for some courses, MOE developed the proposal of Final Exam Weight Policy (based on existing faculty recommendation & took into account that student complaints are still received) presented at the Learning & Teaching Committee in November 2021. As a result of research and cooperation from some LTC members, it was developed into an Assessment Weight Policy that prohibits allocation of more than 40% weight for any kind of assessment on letter-graded courses. The proposal was presented for discussion on March's Learning & Teaching Committee. The majority of committee members voted for leaving the 40% as a recommended weight limit.

Negotiations with CAC and OGR on Internships and Mobility programs

Student concerns regarding the provision of Internships, Academic Mobility, and communication with the Career and Advising Center and the Office of Global Relations were attentively considered and delivered to the Career and Advising Center and the Office of Global Relations representatives. During the Spring 2022, 2 meetings in total were conducted with these departments along with email discussions. The outcomes were shared with students via email.

Q-student Podcast

We continued the project previously led by Mr. Baurzhan Abenov, a current 3rd year Undergraduate student who mainly dedicated his podcasts to education abroad, international scholarships, and career paths, inviting people from various communities (mostly not NU students/alumni). In the new season, the focus was put on science and education, as well as student life of NU students. 5 outstanding guests from Nazarbayev University were invited during this academic year to talk about their academic performance, accomplishments, research,, importance of mental and physical health, and many more.

Podcasts are accessible on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Castbox, Spotify, and VK.

Sweet Support

On November 30 and December 4-7, 2021, and April 10 and 11, 2022, the “Sweet Support” project took place on University Campus: in the Library, study spaces, Atrium, Dormitories. The aim of “Sweet Support” is to cheer and provide mental support to students during their intensive preparation for the exams. MoE members handed out postcards with unique motivational messages and candies for students on Campus.

Moodle Issues

After the platform upgrades, problems arose with the stability of the Moodle system at the beginning of Academic Year. As there was a lack of reports from users' side and the problem was not detected, the Ministry collected the data and raised this issue with members of the IT Department. The system was successfully stabilized.

Ministry of Education

Proposal of Electronic Degree Audit

Proposal of Electronic Degree Audit creation and implementation was suggested last year by the previous members of the Ministry of Education. This project would be useful for students to register courses, track their academic progress, learn the degree requirements, making the course audit process more efficient and easy-to-follow for students. Unfortunately, previously, this project was delayed due to the changes in the Registrar platform. During this academic year, new members of the MoE decided to eventually create such an opportunity for students in collaboration with the Ministry of Research and Innovation. However, due to changes in the MRI structure and the reassignment of the positions of the responsible people, the project was frozen.

Final Exam Nights

The project aims to improve the learning experience of students by providing peer-support and assistance in students' preparation for the upcoming exams. 3 volunteer peer-tutors ran sessions on ENG 200, PHIL 210 and ECON 201. Students were able to ask questions and prepare for the final exams in a warm atmosphere.

MoE Telegram relaunch

In Fall, the Ministry's Telegram Channel was relaunched in order to improve means of communication with students, as Telegram is a platform used by many NU students. Various updates on the work of the Ministry of Education were posted in a timely manner. Feedback Bot was also implemented for students to leave their feedback and concerns in a fast and convenient way.

Scholarships Fair

In cooperation with the Carrier and Advising Center, we invited representatives of Campus France, Embassy of Italy, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Bolashak. Our guests presented available scholarships for Master's and PhD programs. Also, the local Sur-Place scholarship was introduced. Speakers provided information on requirements, available fields, deadlines, and financial aid. For this event, more than 300 people were registered, and more than half of them attended the session. Each guest shared their presentations and sent them to the MoE which were then provided to all students with a session recording. At the end of the "Scholarships Fair" participants were able to win NU merchandise by participating in Kahoot and in a Giveaway.

Academic Integrity Week

The annual project promoting Academic Integrity among NU students was conducted in collaboration with Turnitin, NU Library and SG Ministry of Justice and Security, . The aim of this project is to enhance students' knowledge about Academic Honesty, promote the Academic Integrity Culture and help students to succeed academically by proliferating essential practices on how to cite, reference and avoid plagiarism.

Ministry of Education

Academic Affairs Guidebook

The Ministry has designed a guidebook that contains necessary information about the academic processes and regulations concerning our University. The Academic Affairs Guidebook is also intended to increase student awareness about the decision-making processes at NU (introducing Academic Committees, procedures associated with academic misconducts and academic issues) and highlights the role of MOE within NU ecosystem.

Academic Mobility Guidebook

In Spring 2022, MOE members systematically collected student concerns and questions on Academic Mobility programs, accumulated throughout the online learning period. Based on student feedback and outcomes of negotiations with the Office of Global relations, the Ministry has developed a Guidebook that covers the requirements, benefits, aspects of application process, issues associated with mobility at NU and information on partner universities.

“Aspire & Inspire” - Interviews with NU Faculty

The project aims to motivate and inspire students on their academic path by providing engaging content with NU Professors. MoE published interviews with 6 professors sharing their personal experience in Education, life stories, as well as revealing the secret on how to obtain the best experience from taking their courses. Interviews are accessible on the YouTube channel of the SG Ministry of Education.

Course Advice, Study Tips Guidebook

The Ministry of Education actively contacted NU Professors and published course-specific study advice on Telegram for 5 courses, written with their support. Also, the “Study Tips” rubric on Instagram and Telegram was launched. All materials provided during the Fall Semester were designed into a Guidebook distributed via social media. The aim of this Guidebook is to raise awareness among students about effective learning strategies.

Instagram Renewal

In Spring 2022, we completely reshaped our instagram account towards unified designs and consistent content associated with NU studies: motivational posts, stories. We have introduced a new rubric: “3 why’s with profs”, where NU Faculty briefly share their academic and career pathway stories. Our members have also conducted “One day with MoE Member” stories rubric to informally give answers to student questions and raise awareness about the Ministry’s projects, as well as shed some light on our internal issues.

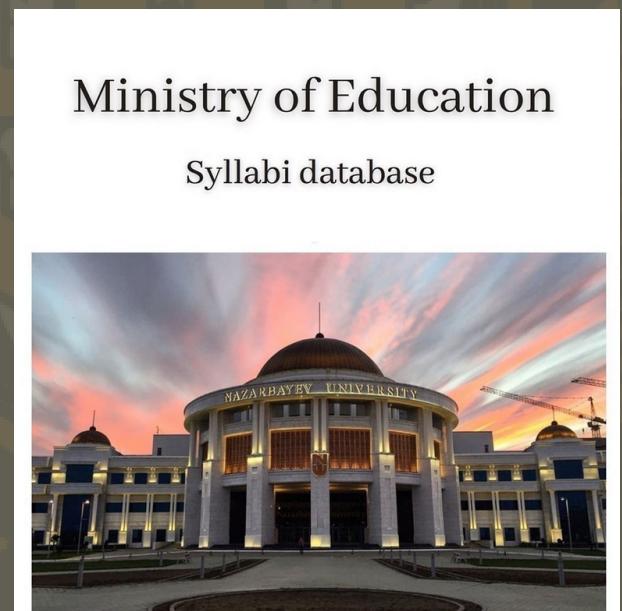
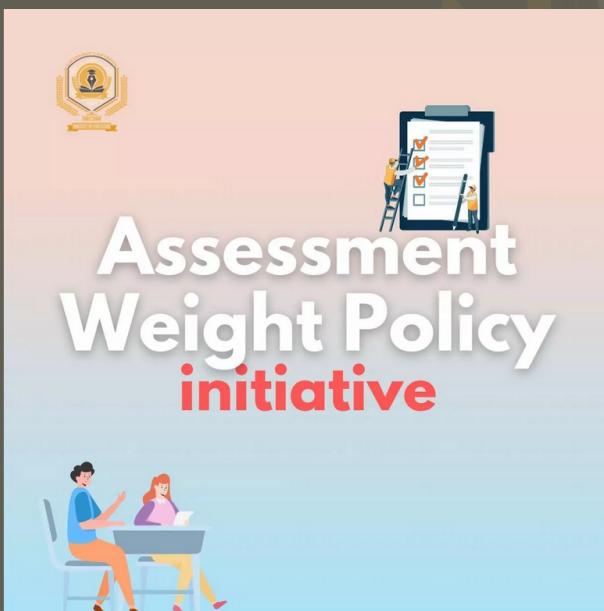
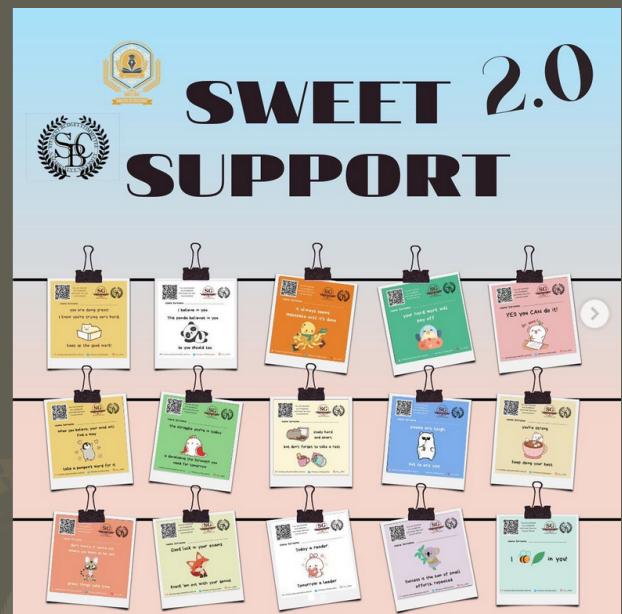
Series of video interviews with students

During the Spring 2022, MOE filmed 3 videos with students on the following topics: “36 credits: Going full” and “A piece of wisdom”. The aim of these videotalks is to facilitate peer-to-peer support on boiling student life issues via creation of engaging video content with our outstanding students.

Ministry of Education

“Per aspera ad astra”

This project was inspired by the Instagram format “One day with NU student” in Fall 2021. The invited guests took over the MoE Instagram and shared their experience in Instagram Stories. This is an insightful format with students speaking about their exciting experience at NU, about overcoming various challenges such as study difficulties, probation, choice of major, etc.



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Ministry of External Affairs

Alumni Talks

A series of zoom meetings were conducted with NU Alumni, where graduates shared their expertise, experience, and recommendations with students. Overall, there were 7 online and 1 Offline Alumni Talks with 31 guest speakers overall. MEA also conducted a competition among students, in which 63 students had prizes such as individual meetings, dinner with alumni, NU merch, guidebooks for CV and motivation letter, and cosmetics.

Discounts

Overall, there are 71 discounts provided for NU students in 10 cities of Kazakhstan. The list included art studios, laboratories for PCR-testing, cafes, and beauty salons. Discounts vary from 5 to 30%. The updated versions of the files were sent to all students, and posted in MEA's Instagram account and Telegram channel.

Case Championship – “Case Key”

- A week-long case championship that provides practical experience in solving real cases of large international companies.
- Implementation dates: 21.03.2022 – 27.02.2022.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Sport and Health.
- 1 Company was raised as a partner - Dasco Consulting group.
- 2 sponsors - Daily Cup and Sal Seri art gallery.

Art Gallery “Sal Seri” provided certificates for the nominations “Creative case solution”, “Best design”; “Best Speaker”, “Best Analyst”.

“Daily Cup” café provided 12 certificates for active participants during info-sessions.

- 4 official info partners.
- 5 speakers of info-sessions with experience in case championship.
- 43 teams were registered, 157 people. 17 teams sent their 1st case. 8 semi-finalists. 3 finalist teams. 4 nominations.

1st place – LockPick - paid internship in the amount of 100,000 thousand tenge in Dasco Co.

2nd place – Sandbox – meeting with partners and valuable prizes.

3rd place – WINx – meeting with partners.

8 semi-finalist teams were provided with Merch from partner.

Internships Database

We worked with different websites and telegram channels to find suitable internship opportunities for our students. During 1st semester 36 internships were found for Finland, Japan, USA, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, China, etc. An excel spreadsheet with detailed information, the links to programs were created and categorized for easy navigation. During 2nd semester excel spreadsheet was updated with 10 internship opportunities every week. Overall additional 35 internships were provided.

Ministry of External Affairs

Telegram & Instagram

- MEA's Telegram Channel provides information regarding discounts, internships, student exchange programs, links for conferences/events, and insights from Alumni Talks. There are 674 subscribers in the channel.
- Series of posts (42) and weekly stories with companies that provide us with discounts. Stories and posts about Alumni Talks 1,2; CAC programs; Case Key championship. There are 1000 followers on Instagram.
- Rubric "Day with SG MEA Member" on Instagram stories. Each member concluded projects and events conducted by the Ministry during the 2021-22 academic year.
- 3 Rubric posts related to the topic of Internships were posted in the SG account.

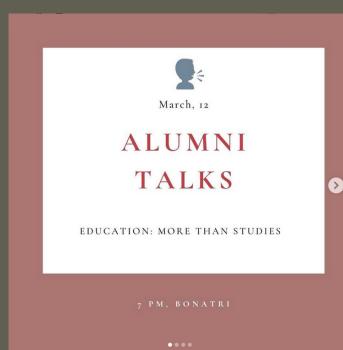
Student Exchange Programs & Summer Programs

We created a database of available student exchange and summer programs. In total, 19 student exchange programs and 13 summer schools were found. Meeting with CAC and Global Relations regarding created databases was conducted. As a result, all internship programs are frozen due to Covid-19.

Collaborations and Partnership

- Art space discounts - Ministry of Culture. 26 partnerships with entertainment companies from different cities of Kazakhstan were made.
- Case Championship - Ministry of Sports and Health.
- Student Government Fund - Ministry of Finance, Alumni Union, and Student Fund regarding future cooperative events.
- An interview with the Ministry of Research and Innovations in a format of "Alumni Talks". The topic was "Research from Inside" and the Guest was Yussup Tumgoyev.
- Round Table – Ministry of Research and Innovations.
- Info-session guidance with topic "International student week in Belgrade 2022" with previous participant of the program – Aiymgul Mendigulova.
- Sponsorship guidance - Red Crescent Society. DIY crafts master class with kids of volunteer tutoring project iHelper dedicated to the international womens' day was conducted.

SG Anniversary - Alumni Union, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and Security, Office of Internal Management, Ministry of Media and Communication, Ministry of Culture.



Ministry of Finance

Finance Minor Proposal Course for GSB

This is a completed project finished at the beginning of February 2022, aimed at making a proposal for the NU GSB (Graduate School of Business) to introduce and implement finance minor courses for the NU undergraduate students. The GBS Faculty members and Dean have replied by saying that the course and the syllabus of the course are already in the process of developing.

Establishment of communication with NU GSB

The project is in progress. Our Ministry both in fall 2021 and spring of 2022 worked on establishing communication with NU GSB. In fall with the aim of introducing the finance minor course for NU undergraduates; In spring 2022, meetings and proposals addressed to the Dr.Duparcq were made with the suggestion to make the credit bearing course on Investment form the Investment Fund.

Workshops with invited guests

In the Fall 2021 we organized several workshops on Financial Literacy topics, including a range of guests in the fields of finance, investment, banking, etc. We organized 5-day workshops with Rafal Trepka, Yerkzehan, and individual workshops with EY representatives, Syrymbet Kakenov, etc.

Join Program with the Student Fund Budget Committee

Our Ministry planned to have the first joint workshop on the topic of Personal Cybersecurity with SFBC. Our Ministry held several meetings with SFBC board members, created the workshop plan and found the guest. However, due to the workload, the workshop was postponed with no exact date.

Launch and activity on NU Finance Space

The project is in progress. The launch of the unofficial NU Finance Space Telegram channel back in November. The channel was created to provide our students the platform where they could share their knowledge, ideas, and ask each other questions on financial topics. Currently Fin101 series with 8 interactive lectures are weekly posted on our Telegram Channel to help students to develop their financial literacy skills.

Stock Trading Games

This is an Investment Stock Trading Simulation launched by our Ministry on April 1st of 2022 that will last till the end of the April. The aim of the Stock Trading Games is to give students the opportunity to trade on the stock exchange using virtual 1 million dollars on the Investopedia platform. This would help students to open the world of investment, valuable assets and developing investing literacy. The students by the end of the games, with the most profitable investment portfolios would be given NU merch (hoodies, thermos, T-shirts).

Ministry of Finance

FinTalks Alumni Career series

This project since the Spring 2002 semesters, features a series of talks led by our NU graduates from a professional background related to the Finance field (economics, finance, math, data analytics, data science, investment, etc). The series are done on a weekly basis and published on our MinFin Youtube Channel. We had a talk with KFSA Alumnis (Adilet Akzholov, Alen Urazakov, Azat Akimtay), Meirambek Idrissov and planned to hold our third talk by Indira Kulibayeva.

Finbek posts

Throughout the semester, we have published a series of Finbek posts on financial topics, discussing a variety of topics from types of income streams up to topics on financial accounting, etc on our Instagram channel.

Fingeek posts

Throughout the semester, we have published the information and detailed analysis of financial topics on our Telegram channel. It included topics from micro and macroeconomic levels. From Spring 2022 we have started presenting information on the topic of CFA level exams.

Request for funding

Throughout the year, our Ministry has required funding for financing a table game (Cashflow game) in fall 2021, in spring 2022 applied for 300000 tenge funding for the prizes for our Stock Trading Games winners,

Restructuring of the Student Fund

The project is in progress. Throughout the Spring 2022 semester, several meetings were organized with Meruyert, the President of the SF. Our Ministry has presented proposals on restructuring of the work and structure of the SF to increase the effectiveness of its work. The proposals were positively accepted, but are still in process of the review and under the freeze mode due to the preparation of the SG Anniversary.

SG Anniversary

Our Ministry member has actively participated in the preparation of the SG Anniversary event by being responsible for the financial side and sponsoring of the event. The proposal for the Alumni Union, funding proposals were made and sent.

NU Work Vacancies and Telegram Channel

Our Ministry from Fall 2021 continued posting vacancies, internships opportunities, part and full time jobs for our NU students, alumnus. Since Spring 2022, our Ministry has started publishing more professional, international and foreign internship and work opportunities.

Ministry of Finance

The workshop for MinFin members on CV

Our member on March 11, 2022 has Prepared a workshop on the CV creation, formatting for our MinFin members.

NU Work Guideline

Our Ministry is planning to launch the NU Work Guideline by the end of the Spring 2022 semester that will include information on the cyclical job offerings, internships opportunities, tips and advice on the step by step internship and job application process (from finding till going through the recruitment process).

Business Journal

Our Ministry is planning to launch the Business Journal that would focus on and publish articles on various financial topics. Currently, the Ministry is on the stage of analyzing different student Business Journals and gathering the information. We are planning to launch the journal by summer or the start of the next semester.

Social media interactions

Our Ministry has made various interactive rubrics, mini tests and quizzes on our MinFin social media platforms (Instagram and Telegram) for our students.

News Digest

Our Ministry has posted 2 weekly news digest videos where we explained the worldwide financial news and made a news overview in the format of the Instagram video stories format. Due to the low interaction, the rubric was finished.



Ministry of Media and Communication

Weekly Digest

A letter that is sent every week to announce upcoming student club Events.

Social Media/Logo Associations form

We created a Google Form and collected all the social media accounts of the ministries and information about the future logo preferences, such as images, brand colors, icons, and other logo elements

Analysis of all Social Media accounts of ministries

Analyzed every social media account of the ministries (highlights, content, posts, rubrics, etc.)

Logo Contest

We analyzed the results of the previous form (Logo Associations), prepared specific Guidelines and created a Form to collect the logos. The SG board assessed the works of the participants, and the winner of the competition was chosen.

SG Rebranding

New logos for SG and every ministry was created.

Post promotions of the major events of ministries

Promotions of the SG events via posts and stories.

One day with SG member

The new rubric in the SG Instagram page, where SG members (President, Vice-President, Ministries and members) have a chance to run stories for one day and share their daily routine, study and work in SG.

SG Private Party instagram page

We collected all the necessary information about the interests and hobbies of the SG members. Finished the organizational works on the execution of the Instagram page and prepared the spreadsheets for the ministries with the specific tasks (One day with SG member stories tasks and Insta post tasks).

Creation of the taplink for SG page

We have analyzed all the social media accounts of the ministries and collected those links into the taplink, which is placed on the bio section of the SG official Instagram page.

SG Brandbook

SG Brandbook is a document that defines every aspect of the Student Government's identity and explains how it should be represented. It contains information about brand overview (mission, values, identity symbols), proper uses of the logo, imagery, typefaces, colors and fonts, email signatures, rules for using trademark and name.

Ministry of Media and Communication

Design guidelines for ministries

Creation of the Instagram posts design rules (colors, size, fonts, etc.) for every ministry in order to maintain a consistent, uniform style of the SG account.

Mascot and Motto

It is an initiative that would allow our community to understand our shared values and feel a sense of belonging during various sports competitions, events, etc. We have prepared the proposal, plan of the competition with judging criteria, and conducted meetings with the marketing department. The application form for the collection of the participants' ideas and inquiries was created.

Student Magazine “NU Times”

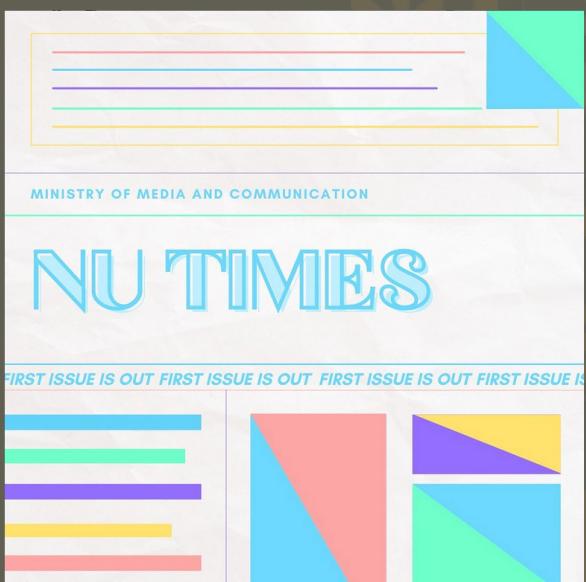
It is a monthly student magazine that will cover the major events, record students' accomplishments, and share the most recent student/clubs news and updates from NU social life. The first issue was out.

YouTube Content

NU Pogovorim 2.0, NU Pogovorim Clubs edition - the first episode of SG MMC revived project “NU pogovorim” was released.

Media Workshops

The media event aimed to help students to explore the fields of media, blogging, photography and videography and share the insights and experiences of the top influencers and industry specialists.



Ministry of Research and Innovations

Remote Lab Tours

A live conversation with Principal Investigators, where they show off their laboratories and talk about ongoing research: the main aim of the project is to familiarize students with research procedures, lab equipment, working group responsibilities, and the RA positions available. The series of tours held by Dr Peyman Pourafshary, Dr Martin Lukac, Dr Luis Rojas, Dr Yanwei Wang and Dana Akilbekova could be found on the ministry's YouTube channel.

23 questions with RA

A series of Instagram stories that are full of helpful pieces of advice to others regarding the lab and fieldwork, choosing research topics, approaching PIs, etc. Nine Research Assistants from different research spheres like Political Science, Chemistry, Math, Biology and Mining shared their personal experience and told what projects they were currently working on. All recorded stories are publicly available on the "Highlight" of the ministry's Instagram profile page.

Research Peer Advising

A mentorship program that contributes to the development of the research ecosystem at NU by connecting students who are making their first steps in research with their more experienced peers. We gathered a team of experienced research peer advisors from different schools, majors and prepared a platform where student can make appointments

Talks with SHSS Professors

Interviews with Professors from Human Sciences about research methods and practices implemented in social science research that students have to know about. Dr Niccolo Pianciola and Dr Claire Griffin are Associate Professors of History; they shared stories about their early career, scholarly work that defined their career, difficulties in doing research as well as told their thoughts on the future of a historian. The most memorable moments were posted on the Instagram page; the entire script of the interview can be found following the link in the bio or in the Telegram channel.

Research from Inside

Series of educational lectures in which experienced PIs talk about the basics of research: discovering ideas, searching for funding, recruiting a team, planning, reviewing literature and designing experiments. Dr Nasser Madani from the School of Mining and Geosciences and Dr Dana Akilbekova from the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences shared useful tips for defining a research topic, participating in research, as well as special advice for freshmen going to academics.

Ministry of Research and Innovations

Info Session with the Provost Office

We had an info session with the Provost Office Representative Dr Luis Rojas-Solorzano. It was held to make the students more familiar with the Provost and its representatives. Dr Luis Rojas-Solorzano told more about his duties and Graduate Studies Office and also responded to students' questions. The recording of the meeting was shared in Google drive.

Major Research Day

An ongoing project that was launched on May 11th. This is a series of information sessions dedicated to research opportunities in different majors. The session's guests are current researchers, alumni and Professors. The students will have an opportunity to ask questions and get pieces of advice from people with experience. We already had sessions dedicated to History PSIR and WLLC majors.

Research Handbook

Guidance with all necessary information for junior researchers. The first version of the Handbook was published in Spring' 21, and for now, it went through some updates. The list of active laboratories was updated and sorted according to schools. The information about CAC work, details about RA's salaries as well as the new website of C4 block were also included in the new Research Handbook version.

NU Career and Advising Center Guide

An informational post that presents opportunities that CAC can provide in exploring majors, finding internships, supporting with Graduate Application, as well as organizing webinars and mentorship programs. All information was verified as accurate by the CAC team so that students could explore career options that they might pursue.

Q&A session in Instagram

After collecting all the questions from the students addressed to our ministry, we answered them in the stories, which were later saved in the "Highlights". The questions were mainly related to research opportunities either by major or by year of study; that is why they were referred to post about the NU Career Advising Centre work or to the Research Handbook.



Ministry of Justice and Security

Increasing the NU students' legal awareness about NU internal rules and regulations

We have posted posts about the Student Code of Conduct, Ethical Code; we made a brochure on how to get campus access, how to provide sick leaves (SPRAVKAS) to UHC, and updates on Working-Off (отработка).

Reorganization

We reorganized SG ministries for more effective work and ensured the transparency of reorganization.

Human Rights and Women's rights

We posted on our Instagram page posts about human rights, and hang different posters dedicated to women's rights (we demonstrated the issues women face; victim-blaming, sexual objectification, harassment) all around the campus. This is essential to talk about such problems to increase students' awareness about women rights. In addition, we helped to promote the Woman March held on Campus, the great initiative of NU SASA, to demonstrate to students that it is essential to make our voices heard.

An online event called "Human rights in anti-covid measures"

In collaboration with NU LLC. The guest of this event, Dr. Caress Schenk, the Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations Department, discussed the issue of vaccination and human rights violation in some countries caused by forced vaccination.

Zoom Session called "Anti-harassment activism"

The session was conducted on the 9th of March. Our speaker, Aigerim Shadeyeva, NU graduate, who is engaged in activism against sexual violence #несреднейтяжести, hosts the podcasts "Betashar", "Lazy podcast" and the telegram blog "IWNBS", discussed the cases of harassment and told about the actions we can take against harassment.

A series of events dedicated to "Ethics, Integrity, and Communication."

The main purpose of those events was to increase students' awareness about ethics, communication and develop further knowledge about integrity. In one week we organized 3 events: "Everyday Integrity" by the coordinator of Integrity Project Yevgeniya Kim and current president of Student Government Zarina Baidalinova; event held by Head of Student Advocacy, Daniyar Kossumbayev, on the topic of non-academic misbehavior; and third event called "Etiquette and Respect by Dr. Loretta O'Donnell, Vice-Provost of Academic Affairs.

A roundtable about representation issues

The aim was to upkeep and improve the inclusive environment at NU. With the representatives of NU Alumni, we discussed the issues of the representation of minorities in our university and how to resolve the issue of misrepresentation.

Ministry of Justice and Security

"Academic Integrity" Week

In a collaboration with MOE and NU Library. The aim of the event was to decrease the number of academic misconducts and increase awareness about Academic Integrity. We conducted a "Citing Workshop" and a "Referencing Workshop" with NU Library; two events were held by representative of "Turnitin" company "The importance of Academic Integrity" and "How to interpret Turnitin originality report". Also, we conducted a "Jeopardy" game and an "Essay Contest" to encourage students to know more about academic honesty and academic misconduct.

Helping students

Throughout the whole academic year, we were open to helping students in any controversial situation. We worked with Student Advocacy to help students who faced non-academic misconduct. Also, we worked on resolving students' personal issues to protect their rights. We were creating a proposal on Astana residents' rights, work with Campus Security regarding the complaints from students, contacted Bursars Office regarding the stipend for NUSOM students, worked on opening a new canteen in NUSOM Building, resolving parking payment issues with DSS, and many more.

SG Regulations

Working on new SG Regulations for more effective work of all ministries. This project is in progress to have the official approval of the document.

Annual SG Presidential Elections

We conducted the Annual Presidential Elections of the Student Government.



Office of Internal Management

SG Recruitment

The Office of Internal Management, together with the SG president and vice-president, was responsible for recruiting members to the Student Government for the Fall semester. Before the recruitment process, we have collected action plans from ministries and constructed a unified plan of the whole Student Government, along with the descriptions of each ministry. This document was then shared with all students and served as the main information about the SG for its future members.

Student Government's Website

The Office of Internal has launched the Student Government's Website, where students can find the main information about SG and its ministries, our ongoing projects and news, send us feedback or suggestions and find answers to the frequently asked questions. The website will serve as a single and unified source of all SG related topics. We have several social media accounts, which regularly post about the updates and events related to the SG ministries. However, the purpose of creating the website is to make it convenient for students to access all the materials in one place.

SG Brandline

SG Brandline is a project, which is aimed at promoting NU student life related jokes and atmosphere among students via the merchandise. The project was initiated by the previous cabinet of the OIM in collaboration with the NU Art Studio. This year, we have negotiated with the printing studio and released the first collection of the official SG Merchandise with NU Student Life-related theme.

SG Office Hours

The main goal is to establish a sustainable connection with students. Office Hours can help us to learn students' issues with details and answer their questions more competently. Students can schedule a meeting with our ministries, president and vice-president. The link for registration was sent to your emails.

SG All-Staff Team Buildings

The main goal of team building is connecting the different ministries' members and introducing them. As we consider openness as our value, we need to make ministries closer to achieve our goal. The team buildings were organized to get to know each other better.

Google Form for Anonymous Feedback

We created a Google form where students can leave their suggestions, issues, complaints or feedback. These appeals are then sorted and sent to the corresponding ministry for their future consideration. This way we can receive more of students' complaints or suggestions and contribute to the resolution of their problems.

Office of Internal Management

Halloween Team Building

The second team building for all members of SG was organized in a Halloween theme. The goal of the team building was to establish close relationships between SG members to create a sense of unity and a friendly atmosphere to make our future work easier and more interesting.

Monthly Reports

We have collected monthly reports from each ministry and posted them to Instagram, maintaining transparency of our work and showing the finished work and work in progress to students. This is important for showing students our progress and keep them updated with news regarding their requests. In Spring semester, monthly reports were published in “NU Times” magazine.

Social Media Monitoring

During the year, the Office of Internal Management was monitoring posts in the social media regarding the problems that students face. It is helpful to find out problems of students which are not directly delivered to us. We collect new posts addressed for SG on a weekly basis and sort them according to their categories and ministries, which could help students with these problems. This way we gathered information about common problems and complaints and quickly responded to these posts when we had a specific answer.

Monthly Hero

We created a survey where members of each ministry could choose their colleagues for different nominations. This is done for the purpose of awarding and giving credits to members for their hard work and motivating them to perform even better.

“SG Private Party” Instagram Page

We are continuing to run an Instagram account for SG members. This project was launched by a previous team of the OIM. This year, in collaboration with the Ministry of Media and Communication, we have created a content plan to introduce each member, give them turns to run Instagram stories and post an entertaining content. We also posted several discussion posts to engage students into discussing topics and communicating with each other and compilations of movies, TV series and anime from SG members. This is an effective way to establish better communication and friendly atmosphere within the SG.

Internal Evaluation Surveys

The Office of Internal Management has conducted evaluation surveys for SG members and ministers to analyze the work done by the executive board members and collect suggestions on improving it. The surveys also contained question regarding the working atmosphere inside the Student Government and members' overall experience. Separate reports were sent to each minister, SG president and vice-president.

Office of Internal Management

Semi-annual Student Government Evaluation Survey

Along with internal surveys, we have designed a short survey for the whole student community, where they were asked to evaluate the work done by the Student Government during the Fall semester. The feedback given by students is helpful to see which projects and actions of SG were useful and effective and which areas could be improved further. We will also try to consider all the suggestions.

SG Team Spirit

During the year, we have organized several activities to unite all the SG members and created entertaining content in the Slack platform. “SG Study Buddy” project was launched before the final exams and allowed members to find people with the same courses and prepare for finals together. We also conducted a Halloween Bingo and contest for members. These activities were useful for studying and establishing better communication within SG.

QR-codes for promoting Student Government Feedback Form

In the Fall 2021 semester we have created a Google Form for collecting students' feedback, suggestions and complaints. To promote the Feedback Form, we have made the QR codes and distributed them across the campus: in dormitories, skywalk and university. The goal of creating QR codes that lead to the Feedback Form was to ease the access to it for students. One of the codes, however, led to a separate page for the winner of the contest, the prize of which was the NU merchandise. By conducting this contest, we aimed to raise an interest in using our Feedback Form among students.

Student Government's 10th Anniversary

The Office of Internal Management was involved into the organization of the event dedicated to the 10th anniversary of NU Student Government. The event was conducted on April 16th. Former SG presidents and SFBC chairpersons, NU administration, NU alumni and students were invited to the event. At the end, there was an inauguration ceremony of the new president.



Ministry of Culture

Guide on University for Freshman Students

An extensive guide with colorful design for newly arrived local and international students that summarizes and provides practical information on university and campus life. The guide includes information about the university and campus facilities, the life in Nur-Sultan, required phone apps, useful links of university departments, medical insurance, etc.

Guide on University for International Students

A special edition of the guide for international students that includes additional information on the history of Kazakhstan and Nur-Sultan city, the weather features, the places to shop when just arriving to the country, a glossary of common phrases in Russian, the documents that are required for newly-coming foreign students and so on.

053 BPM

A project created in cooperation with "25th July Cinema" that is aimed at promoting talents of NU. 053 BPM features students' singing performances with beautiful video production.

Mascot and Motto

A project given to the previous members of MOC, which continued this year in collaboration with MMC. The aim of creating the mascot and motto is to unify the students and alumni, and give the feeling of connection between students. MOC was responsible for creating the Google Form to call for participation in the Mascot and Motto contest and selecting the evaluation criteria.

Valentine's Day

An event taking place in a unique hybrid of online and offline format. The offline part took place at Daily Cup and was one of the first in-person events after a long time. NU students were able to take a photo with loved ones at our photo zone, and an open-mic allowed talented students to sing songs live. As for the online part, we have sent away over 2700 customized postcards.

Origami and Board Games Party for International Women's Day

An event organized for the 8th of March in collaboration with NU Japanese Club and Board Games. Students were engaged in creating origami, playing loads of board games, taking photos at our photo zone and playing Kahoot quiz about the historical female figures. Students had a great chance to make new friends and enjoy the community after a long week of online studying!

NUdays Telegram Stickers

NUdays - is a sticker pack that captures the atmosphere of NU by featuring relatable situations and local memes.

Ministry of Culture

Art therapy

A video with a professional psychologist, Alina Zhamurzina, where our members talked about emotional burnout, discussed tips to prevent burnout and get redressed during the exam periods and expressed their emotions through artistic methods. The therapy video is uploaded on SG Youtube channel.

Professors' appreciation day

An online event to anonymously send the customized postcards to the faculty with their appreciation letters.

Halloween mask online contest

An online contest organized for the students to create Halloweed themed masks by hand. There were 17 participants overall, and 3 of them were chosen by the executive board of SG and given NU merch.

NU Decides

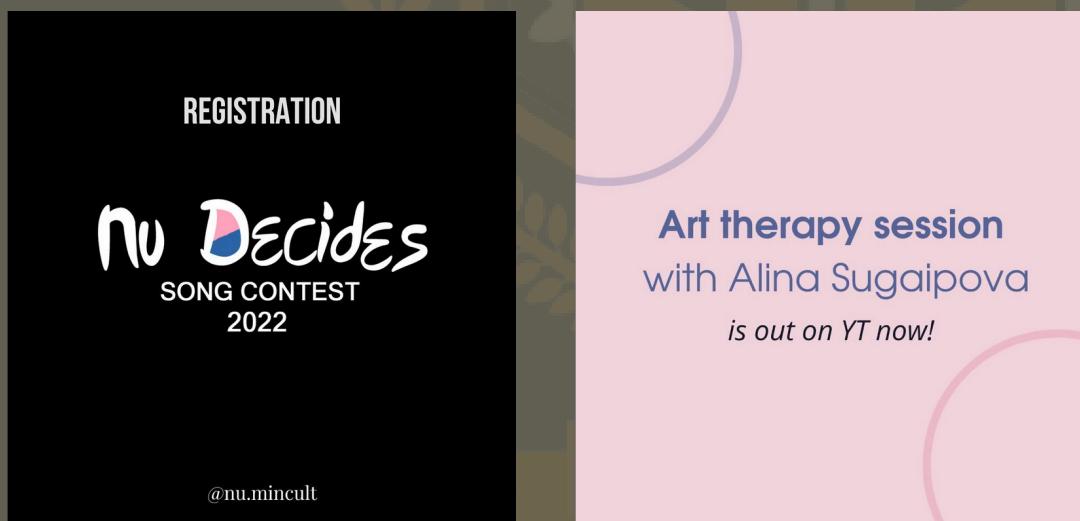
Eurovision-inspired song contest that unites the whole university, as the unique voting system includes both students and faculty of NU. The participants are the representatives of different schools (SSH, SEDS, NUSOM, GS, NUFYP). The Grand Final of the contest is on April 7th, being one of the first massive offline events after a long pandemic break.

Art Gallery & Qozy-Korpesh - Bayan Sulu Concert

An exhibition of photos taken by our students in collaboration with other universities and a concert dedicated to the theme of love.

Clubs Inside&Out

The project is aimed to increase the awareness of students about NU clubs and encourage them to find and join the most liked club by creating short videos about them.



Ministry of Sports and Health

Ice Party

In collaboration with NU Volunteers Club we organized an annual Ice skating for NU students. The event involved more than 600 participants.

Winter Games

To celebrate the end of the winter we decided to conduct our first offline meeting - outdoor winter games on campus. We played international and traditional games together with local and international students. Around 30 participants attended the event.

Participation in the Club Fair

Different student clubs and organizations present their past works and future plans for the NU community, in order to attract new members among freshmen.

Interview with Sports Representatives

To motivate students to become more involved into sports we conducted several interviews with outstanding NU students and alumni like: Aigerim Jangildinova, Bogdan Berlov, Dmitriy Dikun.

Snowman Contest

To motivate students to go outside and bring some winter mood we decided to conduct an online Snowman contest. Authors of the best snowmen were given prizes from DSS. 30 people participated in the contest.

Stress Relief Boards

To relief stress for students before the exam week we decided to put some whiteboards across NU campus and gave students a chance to write some wishes and words of support for each other. More than 100 people participated.

NU Chess tournament

To enhance the engagement of the students in this type of sport. Also helps to promote one of our student clubs to the NU community. There were 30 participants.

GPS Art Week

To promote sport and healthy lifestyle, in collaboration with NU Runners club we organized online competition around NU students for the best Strava picture made by tracing the running path. 30 people participated in the event.

Online tournament on CS:GO

With an eye to develop eSport in our university, as well as help students to relax during the fall break and chill out we organized CS:GO charity online tournament. Moreover, it also helped us to collect database of the strong players in our university for the future development of the training base at the university site. There were 100 participants.

Ministry of Sports and Health

Interview with Dance Club Coach

The NU Dance Club is one of the largest clubs in our university, which often defends the honor of our alma mater. During this interview, students were able to know more about Aigerim, Dance Club, and their training in the online semester. What motivates her to keep going forward, continue dancing, and stay active during the pandemic. Most importantly, freshmen learned more about one of the most creative and active clubs of our university. Recording of the interview was posted in our IG page (300+ views).

Instagram posts on various tips in gym

Such content helps students to be motivated and to support their physical health. Marathon tips helped to prepare for future runs, music for gym and movies about big sport stars helped students to work and achieve new highs. 100+ likes on post.

Instagram posts about the achievements of participants of international tournaments

DOTA 2, CS:go, Olympiad 2022, the events that were covered in the posts of the ministry to make students aware of events in the sports industry. 100+ likes

Broadcast of “The International 10” DOTA 2 tournament in Cinema Hall

The tournament was broadcasted for the students of the university to enhance the communication between them as well as help the development of the cybersport in NU. 20 people participated.

Instagram posts on ways of immunization and protection of immune system

From 2020 the world has been experiencing not the best times due to COVID-19. Today it is important for all people to be aware of how to better protect their health from this virus.

Therefore, the post helped students to be informed of the dangers. 20+ likes.

Online zoom session with Dr. Kaukenova about revaccination

During Spring 2022 students were receiving their additional doses of vaccines and most of them were confused about the process. The session helped them to be aware of dangers and to get information about the safety of the process. More than 30 people attended the session.

Offline Anti-drug session with Bryon Crape Bryon

Crape is one of the professors of our university that specializes in studies on drugs. He informed the students about dangers of various drugs and their effect on the nervous system. 30 people participated in the session.

Ministry of Sports and Health

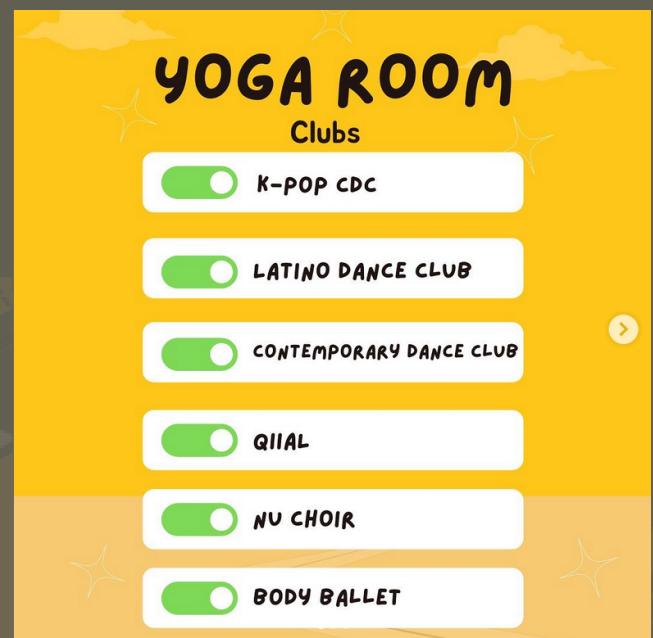
Yoga rooms

MSH worked with the administration of the university on giving access to yoga rooms to students and clubs.

FIFA tournament

Help to develop the cybersport in our university. A lot of students were able to get distracted from their preparations to relax and play FIFA together with their friends and peers. There were around 30 participants.

Running Quest



Ministry of Student Accommodations

Helping and assisting people with accommodation issues

Assisting Student Housing in establishing contact with students. MSA helped students with extenuating cases and answered student questions regarding dormitory accommodation. Furthermore, the Ministry helped students with relocation-related issues and asked the Task Force Committee to reopen Campus Leave form for students who had academic and family reasons.

Proposal on creating luggage storage

Space where students can leave their belongings during summer break. The proposal was presented to the Campus Life Committee. 95.9% of students supported this initiative.

Proposal on installing microwave ovens in dormitory kitchens

Suggestion to install one microwave for each floor of dormitory blocks. Since many students can use microwaves only in blocks 22 and 27 next to canteens it causes queues and makes it hard to keep social distance. 95.9% of students indicated that they need microwaves so we asked DSS and USM to buy 66 microwaves.

Meal Space in the Library

A well-equipped place at the first floor of the library where students can have a quick meal break. The proposal was approved by the Library administration. Additionally, our survey shows that 90.1 % of students supported the project.

Access to lockers for Nur-Sultan residents (in progress)

Requesting schools to allocate lockers for Nur-Sultan residents who have access to library and sport centers.

Proposal on non-cash payment of water dispensers

Suggestion that helps all campus resident students who usually use non-cash payment and have no coins. Water dispensers with a non-cash payment system were successfully installed in dormitory blocks.

Assistance of third-year students

Ministry helped those third year students who did not complete HSE department's survey on Risk groups. We had several meetings with DSS, Student Housing and HSE to solve the issue. The Ministry has created a list of students who are eligible for dormitory accommodation and sent it to administration. Additionally, MSA wrote an email to members of the Task Force committee to consider this urgent case.

Proposals for Campus Life Committee

Installing Kaspi ATM in the first block; installing Sign Blocks on dormitory blocks and in SkyWalk to help people to navigate in the territory of Campus.

Ministry of Student Accommodations

Brochure #safe quarantine

A list of quarantine rules for newly arriving students. Brochure consists of 18 campus rules, quarantine rules, some necessary contacts and advice from MSA regarding campus life. It was created after the eviction of students who violated quarantine rules in August so the brochure helped those students who arrived after August to familiarize themselves with new rules. Brochure was approved by the Department of Student Services and Student Housing.

“Halloween Best Nest” contest

Contest among NU students to share Halloween atmosphere. Participants should have decorated their rooms in Halloween theme. They could win valuable prizes such as air humidifiers, electric kettle and NU merch. Winners were chosen through a voting process in our Telegram channel.

Creation of Telegram channel

Brand-new ministry's main communication channel. Here, MSA posted useful information regarding our office hours, attaching yourself to UMC, the significance of the COVID-19 risk group form, etc. Student feedback on our proposals (Meal Space in library, microwaves, luggage storage) are gathered in the Telegram channel as well. A Halloween contest was also held via Telegram.

Proposal on accommodation of Nur-Sultan residents

Ministry asked University administration to accommodate Nur-Sultan residents who needs it (e.g., RAs and members of NU sport teams). University approved accommodation of athletes but refused to provide housing for other residents of our capital except for those who have extenuating circumstances. Because dormitory blocks have a limited number of rooms and non-Nur-Sultan residents are in priority. Thus, Nur-Sultan citizens cannot be accommodated until other students have a place to live on campus.

Presentation to the President of NU

Presentation by SG President ad ministries with a list of student issues such as access to campus for Nur-Sultan residents, accommodation issues, and kitchen in the NUSOM building.

Campus Tours

Campus Tour for newly-arriving students in order to familiarize students with campus facilities. A group of volunteers helped in organization of the event.

Collaboration during the organization of the Valentine's Day mini-event

Collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Media and Communication to celebrate Valentine's Day on campus. Ministries organized a photoshoot zone with Open Mic.

Ministry of Student Accommodations

Collaboration during the organization of the Ethics, Integrity and Communication week

Event held by the Ministry of Justice and Security. MSA made a contribution by organizing an event with the Head of Student Advocacy Department regarding Non-academic Misconduct and Campus-Life Rules.

Sign Boards inside the skywalks and outside the blocks

Proposal made by MSA at the CLC meeting. USM installed signboards inside the skywalks and dormitory blocks.

Ironing rooms

Equipping each dormitory block from 22nd to 27th with ironing rooms. Students can use these rooms 24/7 to iron. Those who have no irons could ask for it in reception of the respective block.

Assisting students with accommodation issues during Winter Break

MSA helped both newly-arriving students and campus residents from Fall Semester who had bought tickets to Nur-Sultan City. The Ministry contacted HSE, Student Housing and DSS in order to solve the issue and created a list of students. Moreover, MSA assisted students during the January State of Emergency period.

Campus leave during Spring break

Under numerous requests of students, we asked the Task Force Committee to reconsider their decisions on Campus leave rules during Spring Break. After our request, the University allowed students with G1 category to leave campus by completing Student housing's form.

Kaspi terminal in 22 block

Installing Kaspi Terminal in the dormitory block so students will not need to leave campus in order to transfer cash to the terminal.

Collection of students feedback on different issues

Collecting students' questions for the first Town Hall meeting with University administration, gathering feedback on Magnum's working hours, feedback on installing security cameras in dormitory kitchens, suggestions to consider while building a new dormitory block, etc.

SG room

Equipping SG room in 27th block with all necessary inventories, from furniture to computer and Wi-Fi.



Office of International Affairs

Conducted a trip to Borovoe

30 locals and 30 international students participated in the trip. The aim of removing the border between local and international students was successfully met. Students played games with prizes, hiked in the mountains, and had fun. Later an Essay contest “A person from the trip who inspires me” with two teapot prizes was conducted.

Collected statistics about international students at Nazarbayev University

Overall, there are 2.5% of international students among all students. Most represented countries include Nigeria, Pakistan, China, Russia, Ghana, Germany, and Kyrgyzstan. Most international students are pursuing their Master's degrees.

Contacted “Shyraq” club

After the communication, “Shyraq” club proceeded its previous work. Two members of the SG OIA joined the club and now working on the action plan for future work.

Launched “Local & International” mentorship program

The aim of the program was to connect one local mentor with one international mentee. Overall, 7 pairs were formed. A team-building event with prizes where students showed presentations of their pairs was conducted. Later pairs received recommendations on bonding activities.

Launched “Russian Language Courses” on Campus

1 coordinator and 4 volunteering tutors conducted 21 hours of tutoring in two groups. Homework was distributed and checked.

“Local & International” Mentorship Program

The SG Office of International Affairs is recruiting mentors & mentees!

Duration: till the end of the Spring'22

Goal: to provide social support for international students, to make the adaptation process easy and funny!

In the end, both mentors and mentees will be provided with the **certificates**.

The deadline for filling up the form is March 18

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