

Reflection on my Presidency

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When I began my journey as President of the Nepalese Student Association in late 2022, the community was still small, and resources were scarce. Over the past two years, we've grown to over 500 students, organized impactful events, and laid the groundwork for a thriving and inclusive community. This document reflects the milestones, challenges, and legacy of my tenure.

Goals and Vision

My vision as President was simple yet impactful:

1. Unite the Nepalese Student community and create a supportive family-like atmosphere.
2. Build a sustainable club with strong finances and long-term plans.
3. Establish the NSA as a recognized organization within Weber State and beyond.

Achievements and Challenges

1. Cultural Night: Organized annual Nepalese Cultural Nights in March 2023 and 2024, which became signature events showcasing Nepalese traditions.
2. Dashain Celebration: Initiated the Dashain event in October 2023, bringing the community together to celebrate this important festival.
3. Khasi Cup Support: Supported the popular sports event to encourage camaraderie and teamwork.
4. Interactive Events: Hosted smaller events throughout the year to foster connections and a sense of belonging.
5. Partnerships: Collaborated with ISSC, ASU, other clubs to expand NSA's reach and enhance its visibility.
6. Financial Stability: Introduced a \$10 membership fee and reached out to local businesses, ensuring a suitable financial foundation. Then we removed the fees once we figured out other better ways.

The biggest hurdle was getting students actively involved. By promoting fairness and inclusivity, we encouraged participation and made every voice matters.

Legacy and Impact

1. Unity: Brought Nepalese students together as a close-knit community.
2. Traditions: Established NSA's annual events as highlights of the Weber State calendar.
3. Recognition: Positioned the NSA as a respected and self-sustaining student organization.
4. Inclusivity: Ensured a safe, welcoming environment for all members.

Future Recommendations

To the next leadership team:

1. Focus on strengthening partnerships with local businesses and other university organizations.
2. Explore additional funding opportunities to continue not collecting membership fees.
3. Continue building a culture of inclusivity and fairness, ensuring every member feels valued.

Closing Thoughts

As I step down from my role, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together. It has been an honor to serve as President, and I am confident the NSA will continue to thrive and grow under new leadership.

With Gratitude,

Sachin Chhetri (11/26/2024)