

## SUPREME STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Academic Year 2021 - 2022

## **NARRATIVE REPORT**

Himalay: Pagsasama, Pagpapatuloy, Pamumuno December 16 & 18, 2021 | 2:00 - 5:00PM

Getting introduced on what values you should have; in what way you could be better and the plans you should make to improve communication is very helpful for student leaders especially to those with no past experiences. The vigor to have the courage and the tool to have the technical knowledge, is what makes a leader great. "Himalay: Pagsasama, Pagpapatuloy, Pamumuno" is a 2-day capacity development program hosted by the CSNHS Supreme Student Government for the student leaders of the accredited clubs and organizations. Invited Speakers on the first day are experienced student leaders in their respective schools. The second day is the document technicalities that they should know, discussed by a former experienced student leader and now a professor from UNC. Platform used was Google Meet.

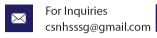
The total of the participants from day 1 and day 2 is averaging from 50-60 Participants, some are leaving due to internet connectivity issues. These attendees are composed of Supreme Student Government Officers, the facilitators, the invited speakers, organization representatives, and members of the General Student Council (GSC). Only 2 representatives from each organization were required to attend in both sessions, other officers and organization members were encouraged to watch through Facebook Live.

## Himalay (Day 1)

As the program for Day 1 commence, set of reminders were given such as meeting decorum and the assigned participants for every speaker that would ask for clarifications or share their takeaways with every speaker were also reminded.

On the first day, the facilitators were late from the scheduled time, a series of reasons were observed. Technical difficulties on the Facebook live and slide presentation and throughout the event there were instances that the hosts are choppy and/or in freeze. The organization invited three (3) speakers namely: Tishana Marie Bertiz, Kathrinah Amato, and Sam Acabado. The student leaders, specially the second speaker, got disconnected due to the same problem. Prior to the event, speakers were given a topic to discuss that day (1) Characteristics and the traits of what a leader should be, which Mx. Bertix explained well in a series of slides and shared experiences; (2) How to improve communication within the organization, in which Mx. Amato shared in a fun (with subtle jokes) and light way, she also dug deeper and provided tips when one participant asked on how to communicate well with other organizations: (3) Key factors about sustainability, one thing that Mx. Acabado's talk is engaging, because of the use of analogy of the current government system, how one should be prepared and plan well and not only with false promises.

The First Speaker, which is led by Ms.Tishana Maria Bertiz. A student Leader from University of Nueva Caceres, and the President of the Supreme Student Government (SSG) of their Senior High Batch. She mainly Focuses on the characteristics and the traits of what a leader should be. She also Shared her experiences of being a student leader, just to inspire and to motivate the participants to lead more for the students and be a better leader of their organizations. She also added that being a leader needed to be mentally and emotionally prepared. Since you're interacting with the people, you need to have a pleasing personality and





be kind to those people you serve with. She also stated in her Talk that a leader should not only be kind but also need to be smart, and hardworking. Since All of the participants pledged and promised that they will lead their organization. So, she said that we should be better and good leaders in the school community. A leader must obtain the mentioned characteristic to produce a quality of leadership and service.

Next to this is a speaker from Ateneo De Naga University, a senior high school student and the President of their Student Council named Ms. Katrinah Shane Amato. Her topic also can be compared to the first topic but the only difference here is on how the leader should handle his/her co-members, on how they will make the bond of the clubs stronger. She also shared her experiences as a student leader, which many of the participants relate to her story. She shared that she's also hesitating before joining the student council, because of fear and self-doubts but now she's the President of the Highest student body in their school. Her talk Inspires and motivates the students about leadership. She also added in her talk the perks and the things, knowledge, and experiences that she gained because of being a student leader. She said that being a leader is indeed hard and sacrificial, but the satisfaction you can get if you see that your work and effort that you do for the school is beneficial and useful for the student and as well as for the school itself. She also shared the things and tips that the participants can do to overcome the problem or conflicts between the relationship of the club and organization members for them to move or take an action together as clubs and organizations. To finally sum up her talk, she said that "it's okay to feel exhausted or tired especially if you're bombarded with school tasks and the work as a student leader, if you get tired just take a rest but don't stop". This is only to give a reminder to the participants that they're nominated by their members, so it means they are the one who is trusted, and they saw the potential in them as a student leader. They are nominated because they can see that they're capable of being a good leader that will lead the club and organization for the betterment of it.

After that successful and inspiring talk from Ms. Katrinah, it is also followed by the speaker who is also a President of the Supreme Student Government in Naga City Science High school, and the Vice President of the Division Federation Supreme Student Government his name is Mr. Samuel Acabado a Senior High School Student who is also a student leader. His topics focus more on the key factors about sustainability. He took the Current administration of the Philippines as an example with his topic because he really saw the effect and the changes that happened when the administration took the lead for almost six years. He also emphasizes the word sustainability because he saw that this is one of the problems that an organization or a club struggle about, and sustainability is also very hard to achieve especially if you're proposing a long -term project. So, he gives and suggests the students to take notes with the key factors to sustainability that may help them in achieving the sustainability that they want. He didn't make his talk too long because his topic is understandable and easy enough to learn by the participants, but still, he explains and shares his experiences that may help the participants if they're also struggling with that kind of problem. The key factors that he mentioned are the vision, the team, the obstacles, the Solution, the stability, the assessment. With this He is expecting that it will help the participants to overcome their problem especially when it comes to sustainability.

Ice breakers were inserted before the last speaker, the grade 12 representatives facilitated the whole game and sponsored a prize of 50 pesos were at stake. The games were open to all the participants, even the SSG that is very engaged in such a way that they are quarrelling who should or should not be considered the winner in their group, had really broken the ice. Few observations from the hosts and the facilitators, there are series of laughs and jokes that aren't solicited, nor appropriate for the said event.

## Himalay (Day 2)



For the second day, the meet link was changed because current link doesn't have a raise hand feature, Ms. Papa, used a DepEd account sponsored by Mrs. Papa to have this premium feature. The Event started with an ice breaker from Executive Committee, Giovan Ablan and Internal affairs officers, Blythe Sayson, to be of use of the waiting time, in which they hosted a segment entitled "Guess the Movie". The event started 10 minutes late because the facilitators decided to finish the remaining 2 items of movies at 2pm, after which the speaker was introduced. The organization invited Mr. Paulo Panergayo, a professor from University of Nueva Caceres.

The focal point of the speaker's topic is about Basics of Organizational Documents, wherein he said that this is also a problem of every club or organization when it comes to documents, some of the clubs and organizations are not capable or knowledgeable enough to do this kind of thing.

He also points out that making the Organizational Documents is a necessity especially to the club and organizations for transparency purposes as well as to inform the student-body that the organization is taking actions. Document such as a project proposal is an imperative file an organization shall have first as it contains all the necessary details relative to the conduct of an activity.

The discussion was very interactive in which a lot of the participants asked questions and clarification. The speaker, as well, is counter checking if the document he is discussing is in line with the format our council has in its templates, which the speaker also commends.

He also showed the importance of knowing the constitution and bylaws. As a student leader he said that every leader should know and master the things and information about the constitution and bylaws, because whenever there is a problem about the members of the organization, they can easily refer to the said document. CSNHS Debate Society Prime Minister, Mr. Romeo Jr. Montas raised concern on how about a project involving not only inter school but also division wide contest, and how to draft a financial report, the speaker wasn't able to prepare a slide for this, but he explained thoroughly while showing the participants financial reports from his previous organizations and how the handling it ought to be very strict on receipts and cash flows.

Himalay was a success and considerably a great help to the Presidents of student's clubs and organization in leading their respective constituents with the same field of interest The event closed with the participants thanking the speakers for their fun and knowledgeable discussion and an evaluation form. Prior to the event officers of the GSC are assigned to ask for testimonial on what is leadership on the GSC members which was then posted 2 days after the event.

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