SSIG Report

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Report:

The SSIG has conducted 2 conference calls since the election of new officers. The SSIG is working on identifying student liaisons from all schools and increasing participation on the conference calls.

The SSIG members are looking for a faculty member to be a protégée to Tonya Apke this year, as it will be her last year serving on the committee. The SSIG is waiting for the new members of the Student Liaison Committee to be officially appointed to their new positions.

Evaluation and discussion of the 2008 Student Symposium strengths and areas for improvement has occurred. Planning for the 2009 Student Symposium is underway with student input currently being solicited for breakout topics. Other planning is occurring as well.

There has been PTA student interest and discussion of the impact of the DPT education and how it may affect future PTA education (remaining as an associate's degree or becoming a bachelor's degree) and job responsibilities. This hot topic may be addressed at the student symposium, but has potential as Access article material as well. (Is there anyone out there qualified to write on this?)

There has been discussion of how to best fill the SSG slate of officers next year.

Students/faculty are encouraged to have students apply for essay contests and to nominate students to the OPTA Leadership Conference.

The SSIG likes the powerpoint presentation created by the Central District for presentation to the PTA programs within the district. It was suggested that it be presented to second year PTA students by a board member and working PTA. It was also suggested that a second year member work with the presentation team and have an opportunity to address their classmates during the Q&A portion of the presentation.

Website (OPTA & Facebook group) have been discussed and need promoted.

There has been discussion of social interaction with school involvement in Race for the Cure.

The SSIG is looking forward to an active and productive year.

Recommendations: Any input or suggestions are welcomed.

Next conference call: February 11, 2009 @ 9:00 pm.