

Committee Reports, Spring, 2025
(September, 2024 – April, 2025)

Committee: Student Leadership

Committee Chair: Autumn Koors-Foltz & Kelly Taylor

Committee Members: Matthew Chinique, Zach Brady, Arista Elderkin, Sophia Jockell, Cyrah Johnson, Carmen Lok, Jo Mahlum, Emily Palmisano, Loustella Perry, Isaiah Russel, Kaylee Jo Stocks

Summary of Committee Activities:

Between the 2024 fall Board meeting and March 18th, 2025, the Student Leadership Committee has successfully executed, or continues to execute, the following responsibilities:

- Held monthly meetings in October, November, January, February to share updates and stay in communication about all committee operations and responsibilities.
- Worked as two asynchronous task forces throughout the month of December to plan both our Student Leadership Workshop and Literary Pub Trivia events to be held at convention. SLs planning the Student Leadership Workshop curated the design of what we envision the event space to look like, solicited plans for each individual workshop station.
- The Literary Pub Trivia team designed signage for the event, wrote and uploaded questions to our society Kahoot! site, and planned for the layout and timing of the event itself. The event will again be sponsored by NCTE.
- Asking a number of Student Leaders to introduce speakers at convention, both at keynote presentations and at various workshops. SLs assigned to these responsibilities worked with Kevin Stemmler to draft their introductions.
- Manning book signings and other author events as needed.
- Social media coverage (restructured in a way with fewer platforms and less SLs involved.)
- Some SLs mentored Research in the Round participants to help them prepare for their presentations at convention.
- Filmed and submitted Common Reader and spotlight author videos, which were published to society social media, to encourage engagement and discussion of “When My Brother Was an Aztec” and Willa Cather.
- Had members serve on various committees and task forces as assigned within the Society, working toward their respective goals and charges.
- Gathered and submitted Humans of Sigma Tau Delta submissions from various members, advisors, and alumni of the society.
- Posted consistently on regional Instagram accounts.
- Participated in the creation of various book club kits in collaboration different committees in order to highlight authors attending convention and authors whose work pertain to the work of Sigma Tau Delta.
 - These book club kits include kits for Kassia Krone, Benjamin Alire Saenz, Toni Morrison, Cynthia Kadohoda, Willa Cather, and Natalie Diaz.
- Prepared for the spring Board meeting and convention by submitting Board reports, making travel arrangements, and meeting in advance of the in-person meeting to go over expectations and guidelines.
- Stayed in consistent communication with one another to ensure prompt response to all committee affairs.

Recommendations or Resolutions:

The Student Leadership committee recommends that the current system of appointing SAs (appointed in alternate years with a junior/senior model) be codified in the bylaws (specifically Bylaw IV, section II/III).

Perhaps a quality that Regents might heighten in their search for SLs is their commitment to the timeframe and duties—if they're able and willing to commit as an essential criteria and not just an expectation.

Special Concerns:

The Student Leadership had a high rate of turnover, non-attendance at convention, and resignation. We are considering what factors might mitigate this turnover, but also what may lead to it.