

# Review of Student Leadership Forum

First of all, I'd like to appreciate the unbelievable opportunity which commerce college provided for me. This was my first time going abroad and taking airplane by myself. I was really grateful for the trust from my college since the BGS committee in my college believed that I could do better than any else candidates.

All in all, I made the best use of opportunities in SLF (Student Leadership Forum). At the beginning, I made lots of good friends with an Ice breaker activity. We got a yellow paper with ninety cells and we had to find out ninety friends with different characteristics. Since we had to match a different characteristic to each yellow cell, we acquainted one other with different aspect. Making friends from different aspect really broaden my ken and acquired impressive memory with each friend. During the interesting ice breaker activity, I started to form my initial interpersonal relations with many foreign elites and gradually organized my social networks. It was a precious chance for me to learn how to organize my international social networks because I never lived my life overseas and knew so many talent students in the United States. Actually, I just organized my social networks with students from EMBA in NCCU last semester, and then my school provided me the incredible chance to form international social networks with different elites. As I really learned a lot from EMBA students since each of them was excellent manager from prestigious international cooperation, I acquired various ideas from elites in SLF due to their different background. As a result, I really appreciated what my school gave me, and I believed I did well on this part of SLF.



*(Zachary Griffith, my first friend during the SLF)*

At the end of the ice breaker activity, a professor announced another new task from which I really learned a lot. I was assigned a task that I had to construct a building with “leadership cards” in my group. “Leadership cards” were white cards given in advance, and my group members wrote ten essential leader’s features on each of cards. At the very beginning, our group just focused on the structure of our building. However, a professor walked by our group and mentioned that we might focus more on each card’s word. Even though the time limit was approaching, I still suggested that we should change our construction and make all words on cards be related to one another due to what the professor hinted us. After a short discussion, we made up our mind to construct a new building.



*(Our group focusing on the new building)*

After racking our mind, we finished our special building. You might find lots of skyscrapers, towers, and pyramids that were made by other group, and noticed that



our group just made a small house. As the picture on the left hand side, our building was in the shape of pentagon and comprised of eight “leadership cards” only. However, we left a deep impression to professors and students since we had a fantastic story for our special work. We formed the outlet of



pentagon with five “leadership cards”, Consistency, Honesty, Flexibility, Communication and Action, since we considered the five “leadership cards” to be the traits a leader would be equipped with in daily life. Besides, we made the floor of the building with the “leadership card”, Honesty, and made the roof of the building with the “leadership card”, Passion. Our reason is that we believed that passion was the feature that a leader should show in front of his or her team members and honesty was the leadership’s foundation which a leader should follow even though there was no one noticed what you had done. At the ends of our explanation, we showed people a secret construction of our building, a beam which was the “leadership card” of Love. We made the beam with the “leadership card” of Love since we viewed love as the origin and the core of all features that a leader should have. Compared to skyscrapers, towers, and pyramids from other groups, we created a small but impressive building since we gave it a wonderful explanation. Honestly, I did not come up with the whole explanation and I just provided a piece of advice to focus more on the content of each “leadership card”. The whole explanation was from all group members since everyone beat the brains and come up with precious ideas. In the nutshell, I

understood that the power of group would be unyielding as long as the direction of group was correct, and I also learned the core value from our small building.



In summary, I really learned a lot from the terrific forum and I wanted to share a special activity at the last. At the end of SLF, BGS gave us a big surprise, an unforgettable night. At the memorable night, I enjoyed my first cowboy show and experienced the first exotic party in my life. We danced together and had fantastic BBQ in the farm. Moreover, professors of BGS were dressed in prison costumes and enjoyed playing games with us. It was the first time that I found the professors were quite close to us and danced so well. Honestly, the most impressive part of the whole night was the cowboy show since I really felt the core culture of Texas. The cowboy played gun juggling and manipulated horse lash to achieve impossible task, such as

cutting candle bitten by his mouth. Apart from the awesome performance, the



cowboy also told a touching story of himself, and I realized what the spirit of Texas was. The core spirit of Texas was “Never give up and be yourself”, and I found residents in Texas were really proud of it.

Compared to Taiwan, I believed that Texas’s spirit was really something we could introduce to our society since Taiwanese society really would be more optimistic and energetic with the outstanding spirit.

