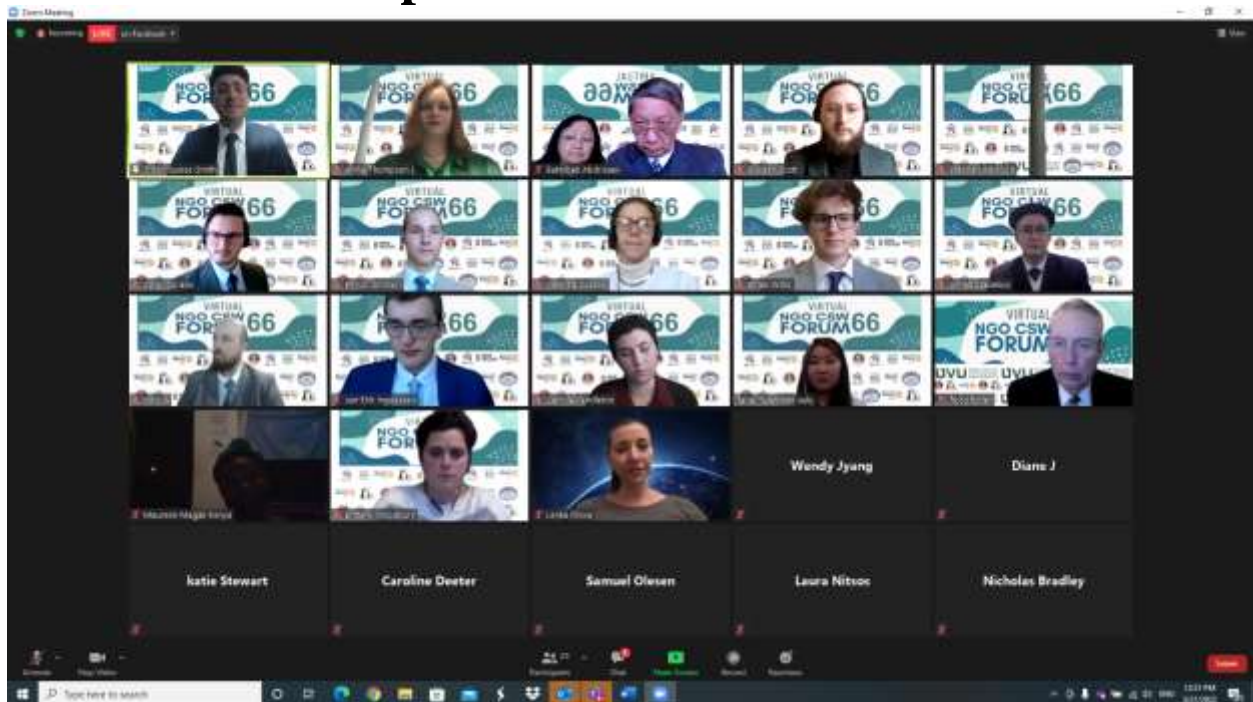


Snow College Student Nation Organization presents at CSW 66.



Snow College delegation (2nd row, column 2 , 3 and 4) presents at CSW 6

I am very grateful for the opportunity to have presented at a Parallel Event for the 66th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) titled “*Inclusive Student Engaged Learning Model to Empower Mountain Women Globally*”. We were given this opportunity due to the recent partnership between Snow College and Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University. (UVU). This partnership joined the partnership between UIMF and Osh Technological University. As President of the Snow College Student Nation Organization, it was my responsibility to be the liaison between UIMF and Snow College.



Catalina Cusano presenting our group speech at CSW66

We held weekly meetings to strengthen our partnership and help prepare us for the parallel event. While Catalina Cusano presented, we wrote and edited our presentation, as a group, with the guidance of UIMF Vice President and head of the delegation, Alitha Thompson. This is how the student-engaged learning (SEL) model works. SEL is where students work together as a group to solve real-world problems, with faculty serving as a mentor. As a 2-year college, student participation can be difficult due to the quickly changing student participants. The student-engaged learning model gives us the opportunity to adapt to this quickly changing situation.



Answering questions in the Q&A based on my experiences

This experience and work has taught me many things and given me many opportunities, through the SEL model. I have learned that one person can make a difference. I remember growing up and being told “You can make a difference”, however, I never thought I could make a difference of any magnitude. By working with my team, UIMF, and the complete delegation, has given me experiences where I did make a difference. Because of my preparation for CSW 66, I was asked and went to the Midwest Model United Nation 62 by Texas A&M University, Kingsville. I represented Denmark and worked with many others to learn more about the UN. This conference also gave me more experience to come back and help my peers here at Snow College and teach them my experience to better prepare ourselves to present at CSW 66.

Phillip Johnson, President of the Snow College Student Nation Organization