

How to Start Your Own FUSE Chapter

Thinking about starting your own FUSE chapter? It's easy! Just follow these quick and simple steps and you'll have your own Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors chapter.

You'll need:

- A group of interested students (the more, the better!)
- A faculty advisor
- To sign up as an official group on your campus
- A Student Director/Co-directors to run meetings
- Your own FUSE constitution

Once you have all these things in place, the first thing you should do is register your chapter on the FUSE National website (www.fuse-national.com), and each member should sign up for their own individual logins. Be sure to mention which school you are all from so our national webmaster can add you to the chapter.

Second, the director/co-directors should set up a FUSE plan. When are you going to hold meetings? What are you going to do at meetings? Of course, you can run your own chapter however you want, but to give you an idea about how another chapter is run, we can tell you what we do here at Susquehanna University.

Our FUSE chapter holds meetings bi-weekly. Most weeks we have our Review Editor hold open workshops of reviews members have written of other schools' literary magazines that will eventually get published on our website. We also have our Interview Editor run workshops of interviews we've conducted with editors of small presses that also get put on the national website. These meetings are also an opportunity to come together and brainstorm ideas about fundraisers and plan for conferences.

For some other ideas about how to run meetings, you could hold open forums for discussions about creative writing, literature, publishing, editing, or any other issues everyone would be interested in talking about. Or you could check out the FUSE national website and talk collaboratively about the discussions we have posted there so far, and even come up with other tropics to raise yourselves. We encourage you to come up with your own ideas and really show us what you got!

Something else to consider are officer positions for your chapter other than a director/co-directors. Some suggested positions would be Review Editor, Interview Editor, Secretary, and Treasurer. You might also want to have a Public Relations Coordinator to be in charge of all the fundraisers you may hold on your campus in order to raise money to send students to conferences.

Once you have your chapter of FUSE up and running, visit the FUSE National Facebook page or follow FUSEnational on Twitter.