The Undergraduate Student Government is releasing its first annual report, in recent history. This report outlines the purpose, goals and accomplishment of the organization for the 2019-2020 academic year. The Undergraduate Student Government is the institutional governing body the undergraduate population. We are supported by the Office of the Dean of Students and furthermore the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. This organization is funded by a student fee and therefore required to allocate funds based on the rules of the institution.

It is not advantageous to say that the 2019-2020 academic year has been a turning point for the institution and the country as a whole. This year, began with record enrollment and a new residence and academic center. These successes were coupled with the threats of a violent attack (that were found to not be credible) and the tragic death of a beloved student. These events put into the forefront the need to protect the safety of our students and develop policies that are designed to better communication and clarity.
Within the Undergraduate Student Government, executive and legislative members worked on behalf of and for the betterment of students. For clarity, the executive branch includes: President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Director of Student Life, Director of Legislative Affairs, Director of Diversity and Inclusion and Director of Public Relations. The legislative branch includes: Secretary, Speaker of the House, Treasurer, Graphic Designer, Webmaster and all Representatives. General assembly meetings were held every Monday at 6 p.m. on campus. Meetings were open to public and advertised via social media and our website.

Some changes within the executive branch included the implementation of advertised office hours. Each member of the Executive Board (which includes the executive branch and the Secretary, Speaker of the House and Treasurer) hosted office hours for 1-2 hours per week. This was a time for them to offer themselves available to the student body. Additionally, contact information was made available to students at their request.

Many internal processes were reviewed and refurbished. That includes the revamping of funding structure and guideline for student organizations. The structure ensured the transparency of our organization and stabilized our evaluation standards. Additionally, the student government was more responsive to events happening on campus, by providing open letters to the campus and updates on meetings that were scheduled to address issues that were of concern to students.

Transparency for the organization greatly improved. We sent out a newsletter, advertised meetings, hosted office hours (as previously mentioned) and were more present on campus. We hosted our first State of the Students, an address by the executive board on the work that was previously done and the goals for the upcoming semester. The Undergraduate Student Government added public comment section to the agenda, allowing students to publicly address their concerns. Finally, we began livestreaming our meeting, making the work we do more accessible.
This year, the Undergraduate Student Government pushed for the betterment of students. We increased our following on social media by nearly 60%. We engaged over 40 external organizations and offices. We hosted and partnered on over 20 events and we passed 18 of resolutions. The work of the Undergraduate Student Government is valuable and must continue to be supported for the sake of our student body.