Student Government Association

37th Administration
2016-2017

President
Mustapha Nyallay

Executive Agenda
Mission Statement
The mission of the Student Government Association is “to voice the opinions of the student body and encourage participation in university decision making”.

Our Purpose
The Student Government Association is established in order to preserve available and democratic system of student governance which will create an official forum for the expression of student opinion.

Core Values
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Inclusiveness
- Integrity
- Service
- Unity

Mustapha Nyallay’s Administration Motto
“Gators Matter”
Hello Fellow Gators,

My team and I are very excited for the opportunity to serve the students, university administration, and the entire UH-Downtown community. This document highlights our top priorities for the 2016-17 Students Government Administration. Our aim is to collaborate with the Legislative and Judicial Branch of the Student Government, the university administration, faculty and staff, all student organizations, Community partners, and the students of the University of Houston-Downtown to achieve these goals.

Focus at glance.

- **Internal Reformation**
- **Student Involvement and Engagement**
- **Addressing Parking Problems through advocating for Commuter Alternative Programs**
- **Initiating a dialogue to improve food [option] problems on campus**
- **Community Involvement through Civic Engagement**
- **Campus Safety**
- **Establishing closer relationship with other UH-System campuses**
- **Promoting Student Success through making sure that students take advantage of the resources offered by the university and advocate for those that are not.**

Again, we are excited to serve fellow students and the entire UH-Downtown community. We are looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Lastly, if you have any comments, suggestions, and concerns or to offer a helping hand please feel free to contact me directly at the email address provided below.

Sincerely,

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1. **Internal Reformation.**

Rebranding/Reinventing/Recreating the Student Government.
- Recruiting and retaining members
- Promoting professionalism and good ethics among members
- Redefining our mission and purpose
- Organizing periodic training and retreat for SG members
- Promoting effective and productive communication among members
- Mitigating fighting among members
- Empowering Student Initiatives

2. **Student Involvement and Engagement** - This is very crucial to the organization. To engage students and encourage their involvement in SGA through continuous tabling and activities. This will help increase visibility of the organization and also, help increase our legitimacy on campus.
   - Including in this is creating a more unified campus community through effective collaboration with other orgs. Process:
     1. Increase SGA participation in the Council of Orgs
     2. Appoint an organizational liaison under the Student Engagement Department to attend regular org meetings and provide intelligence on their needs and areas where we could assist them.
     3. Encourage mutual promotion among orgs on various social media outlets.

3. **Addressing Parking Problems on campus** - through creating and promoting commuter alternative programs. This involves creating the Gatorpool App and promoting its usage among students.
   Processes involved:
   1. Create a survey to gauge students’ disposition to use it. Timeline by October 5th.
   2. Heightened promotion of the app. Timeline to start by October 15th.

4. **Improving on food option problems on campus.** Processes:
   1. Take surveys both electronically and in-person interviews. Timeline by October 15th.
   2. Present facts to administration
   3. Continue conversation on food trucks to College of Business and Commerce St. Buildings.

5. **Community Involvement through Civic Engagement and External Affairs.** As a way to give back to the community, the SG through its Community Outreach department will increase volunteerism thereby promoting service learning. Programs:
   1. Continue the Walk 2 Vote tradition
   2. Encouraging voter registration among students and actively involving students in registering fellow students.
   3. Through Helping the Homeless Initiative. Process:
- Purchase donation box for clothing and shoes
- Promote the initiative among students to encourage their participation.
- Collaborate with other Student organizations to promote this initiative.

6. Establishing closer ties with other UH System sister-campuses - to discuss issues that are of common interest. Through partnering with:
   - The UH System Student Regent
   - UH Main Student Government Association
   - UH Victoria Student Government Association
   - UH Clearlake Student Government Association
   - UH-Downtown Northwest Campus

7. Safety. This administration seek to increase safety on campus by advocating for sufficient lighting in the parking lots and to continue to work with the university administration and campus police to recruit more security officers and maintain an on-going dialogue between students and the police.

8. Promoting Student Success. The Student Government will work closely with the campus career service department to help promote the services it offers. Many of the students are not aware of many resources available to them. As student leaders, we will work with the various university departments to ensure that their services are made known to students who need them. We are also going to work closely with the career service to ensure that there are more internship, and scholarship opportunities available to UHD students.