Virtual Resources and Guidance for Student Organizations

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Resources and guidance for the University of North Texas student organizations

Student Org Officers and Advisors:

Student Activities understands the vital role that student organizations play within our campus community. While you are no doubt adjusting to your “new” life as a student, we encourage your organization to provide virtual opportunities for your members to stay engaged for the remainder of the semester. First, think about:

- **What was/is upcoming for your organization this semester**
  - Do you have elections? Interviews? Recruitment?
  - What meetings and events did you originally have planned? How can you engage your members or community online?

- **How to communicate with your organization members**
  - How will you all move forward with the semester?
  - How do you plan to continue community and engagement?

We know that thinking through the above questions might feel overwhelming, so we’ve crowdsourced some ideas for you to consider:

- **Move meetings, group chats, or events to an online or virtual format**
  - **Zoom Online Meeting Platform**
    - Zoom may be helpful for: full organization, committee, or officer meetings, interviews, one on one conversations, and more.
    - There is a screen-sharing feature that would allow a PowerPoint or document to be displayed to the group, as well as a recording option.
    - Click [here](#) for Zoom one-minute video tutorials.
  - Other platforms that can be used- Google Hangouts/Google Meet, RingCentral, Skype, Adobe Connect, Discord, GroupMe, Microsoft Teams, etc.

- **Utilize OrgSync features for organization business**
  - Your organization’s OrgSync portal has the capability to facilitate many things online, including.
    - **Elections** - *This tool can be used to hold online elections for your organization, allowing only portal members to vote (and vote once).*
      - Click [here](#) for a tutorial on creating an organization election.
    - **Award Ceremonies** - Utilize the Elections or Forms tool to vote for Fun Superlative Awards to celebrate members, officers, seniors, etc. After people vote, host your awards via Zoom!
      - Click [here](#) for online certificate templates.
    - **News** - This tool can be used to share news posts and distribute information to your organization’s members or anyone on OrgSync. There is also a discussion feature that could be used to collect feedback or host conversations.
      - News Organization Tool Overview [here](#).
  - **Host virtual trivia and game nights!** Your organization can utilize free platforms like [Kahoot](#).
- **Host virtual watch parties** - utilize the Google Chrome add on, Netflix Party, to stream your favorite Netflix shows with friends! Or watch a documentary together and discuss during and after.

- **Play board and card games remotely with your organization.** Create an account to play board games and socialize for free with your friends and org members remotely.

- **Consult with a Student Activities staff member to determine the best path for your organization.**
  - Our staff will be working virtually during normal business hours 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday. We are available to meet and consult to determine what additional resources may be available for your position/organization.
    - Interested in setting up a virtual meeting? Email asiah.claiborne@unt.edu.

Click [here](#) or additional guidance and resources. More will be communicated periodically via:

- Student Org Chronicles (a Student Activities sponsored newsletter sent from asiah.claiborne@unt.edu),
- OrgSync Events, and
- Social media platforms (@untactivities).

Lastly, know that Student Activities is here to support you and your organization. If you have any further questions throughout this time, please email us at student.activities@unt.edu.