Call to order by Klay Davis at 6:01 pm

- Sixth meeting of joint congress.
- American pledge of allegiance stated.
- Land acknowledgement read.

Opening remarks

1. Hunter Heck, Student Body President:
   - Joint Congress is a collaborative meeting for all student senators across the TTU system.

Open Forum:

- Dr. Carol Sumner, Chief diversity Officer
  - Creation of a Forms Portal: Veteran students had issues having their forms uploaded to receive their benefits.
    - First time veterans can upload their documents and see that their forms are correctly uploaded and processed.
  - LGBTQIA - First Gen Summit - recognize first generation students on campus and further graduate education
  - Alliship and Coconspirators - April 21, 2021
  - Book club partnership with libraries, institution of women and gender studies to learn more about Ella Baker and the Black Freedom movement.
  - Document regarding mental health
    - Underrepresentation minoritized students are disproportionately not seeking mental health. We are trying to create more opportunities for students to access mental health resources.
  - National Survey of Student Engagement (national survey across colleges and universities every 2 years) is being conducted - every “odd” year.
  - Faculty search committee training is being conducted
    - Introduced in Spring of 2019
    - Every faculty member that is serving on a committee will be a part of this
    - It is about creating an experience and culture that promotes the inclusion of diverse scholars.
  - Working on the Big 12 Athletic conference to address issues of student athletes.
  - Texas Tech is opening a black cultural center. It is not a space for black students only, but instead a place where black culture is promoted - where all students can learn about black scholars and researchers.
  - We as student senators have the opportunity to voice representation and advocate for our constituents.
• Dr. Lori Rice-Spearman, President of TTUHSC
  o Mourning the loss of Red Raiders who have passed due to COVID-19.
  o Introduce Dr. D’Agostino

• Dr. Darrin D’Agostino, Student Provost
  o Addresses the importance of mental healthcare, our role in patient interactions, and the COVID pandemic.

• Kristen Kilpatrick, Student Body President for Angelo State University
  o Just recently completed the 29th annual Rammy’s award
  o Ram’s against drunk driving initiatives, initiatives in the work for drunk driving and awareness week
  o Exploring peer-mentorship programs for undeclared students
  o Initiative to have winter clothing available for student body
  o Making plans for being back in person in the Fall

• Hunter Heck, Student Body President at Texas Tech University
  o Highlighted Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative, mental health initiative, and COVID responses.
    ▪ Offering free menstrual products in gender-inclusive restrooms on campus, beginning the Fall
    ▪ Implemented restorative-justice curriculum (conflict resolution that focuses on reconciliation and healing rather than punishment)
    ▪ Expand equity and inclusion identity trainings
    ▪ Edited funding policies to better fund organizations that represent underrepresented minorities
    ▪ Added the land recognition at the start of all senate meetings
    ▪ Add mandates for mid semester grade requirements to mitigate students getting all of their grades at the end of the semester.
    ▪ Maintained the mask mandate of the course of the spring semester
    ▪ Expanded voter registration in the 2020 election
    ▪ Big 12 on the hill event - advocate for higher education cost mitigation and mental health expansion

• Jessica Tom, TTUHSC el Paso, SGA President
  o Book club discussion and campus engagement with end of the year event
  o Commitment to support black voices on campus and continue keeping social distancing this year

• Marcus Gonzales, Student Body President at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
  o Passed 30 pieces of legislation
  o Focus on mental health and resources and offering a transition to Headspace App to replace the TAO method
  o Standardized patient population diversity expansion - address lack of POC in the training for all health sciences students, so expansion of standardized patients
  o Election day instated as a university holiday
  o Passed a piece to establish a founders day - increase incorporation of all of the other campuses communities
Edit the distribution of senators to better reflect off campus distanced students and the various schools at the HSC

- **Brooke Walterschied, Student Reagent**
  - Words of encouragement to all senators for their activities over this past year.

**Senate Resolutions:**

**Senate Resolution 6.01 (Texas Tech University System)**
- Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding the house committee on appropriations regarding support for increased TEXAS grant funding.
- Move to suspend the rules of the senate – Andrew Ibrahim
  - Second – Austin Phillips
- Move for third reading and final passage - Andrew Ibrahim
  - Second - Ebere Nwachukwu
- Discussion
  - Brooke Walterschied - Talked to Vice chancellor Brown and found that this is the place that students can make the most impact at the state level.
  - Jordan Bell - Echos the similar sentiments of brooke to demonstrate the need for this piece to pass
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

**Senate Resolution 6.02 (Texas Tech University System)**
- Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding the effects and concern of mental health and mental health resources offered by the Texas Tech University System during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Motion to suspend the rules of the senate – Austin Phillips
  - Second – Darbi Williams
- Move for third reading and final passage - Austin Phillips
  - Second - Kora Kolle
- Discussion - none.
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

**Senate Resolution 6.03 (Texas Tech University System)**
- Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate supporting the 87th Texas State Legislature’s approval for the partnership between the Texas Tech University System and Midwestern State University System.
- Motion to suspend the rules of the senate – Austin Phillips
  - Second – Kora Kolle
- Move for third reading and final passage - Austin Phillips
  - Second - Kimbery Laker
- Discussion - none.
- Outcome – Motion passed with 91% support from student senate
Senate Resolution 6.04 (Texas Tech University System)

- Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate expressing gratitude and appreciation to all COVID-19 frontline workers both in the United States and Texas Tech community
- Motion to suspend the rules of the senate – Mabry Payne
  - Second – Adeola Omoloja
- Move for third reading and final passage - Mabry Payne
  - Second - Abdallah Yazadi
- Discussion - none.
- Outcome – Motion passed with 98% support from student senate

Open Forum:
- None

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: Austin Phillips
- Second: Abdallah Yazadi
- Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 pm