UGCC Year in Review 2019/2020

As the UGCC journey progresses, there has been a growing interest in Cybersecurity among club members. The club has continued to offer insights and hands-on experience to participants on Cybersecurity and Information Security topics. In the first quarter of 2020, new executive members were elected during a virtual session.

The members are as follows:

- Sandra Khan – Club Advisor
- Jason Jacobs – President
- Wayne Forde – Vice President
- Krystal Pereira – Secretary
- Sharukh Khan – Treasurer
- Teekae Jordan – Event Coordinator

Club Activities

1) For the first quarter of 2019, few of our executive members were involved in public events both locally and internationally.

- The executives participated in The Diplohack Student Challenge at the OAS in Washington D.C., discussing cyber-policy and Incident Response Scenarios.

- Locally, we gave advisory talks on Internet Safety for young high school girls during Safe Tech Day 2019 at the Arthur Chung Conference Center, in collaboration with the National Frequency Management Unit.

- Our team held online security training focused on Offensive Security for Security Assessments of Operating Systems and Networks. The sessions taught participants to install and deploy tools for computer security audits.

Challenges

- The UGCC club has high member interest but declining engagement in virtual sessions, likely due to limited topics mainly on Cybersecurity. To boost involvement, we'll diversify sessions beyond Offensive Security.

Upcoming Plans

- To support our club's growth, we will consult the Computer Science Department to relaunch our website at https://ugcc.uog.edu.gy.

- We are developing a mailing list to share career opportunities and resources via email. Executives will continue online training sessions on Cybersecurity and Information Security this year and next.
- Our university integrated with Hack The Box, a penetration testing platform. The club links interested members and guides them through the platform's machines to boost reputation and give hands-on experience.
- The club will seek sponsorships to fund prizes for members and purchase hardware for network security assessments.