



60th ADMINISTRATION

2023-2024

THE RIZK-LUC

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

Celebrating 60 Years of Empowering Students

1963-2023

UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Mission Statement

The Student Government Association exists to serve as the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed and empowered in the overall policy, decision making process, and services offered at the University of Houston. As such, the Student Government Association is committed to understanding the needs of students and advocating on their behalf. Through continuous interaction with students, faculty, staff, and administration, the organization works to improve and enhance the quality of the student experience.

Core Values

- ✓ Economic Empowerment
- ✓ Inclusive Student Support
- ✓ Extensive Outreach
- ✓ Unmatched Transparency
- ✓ Dynamic Transformation

Rizk - Luc Administration Motto

“Your Voice, Our Mission”



FROM THE OFFICE OF

Benjamin Rizk

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

August 2023

Dear Cougar Nation:

I am excited to present to you the Executive Agenda for the 60th administration. This document details the most of the initiatives the Executive Branch plans to address this year. Our goal is join forces with the Senate, University administration, student organizations, and external partners to complete our initiatives.

Our initiatives are focused on the following commitments:

- *Health & Wellness*
- *Economic Empowerment & Student Success*
- *Sustainable Campus*
- *Organizational Partnerships & Events*
- *Civic Engagement & External Relations*
- *Community Outreach & Development*
- *Cougar Culture*
- *University Innovation & Infrastructure*
- *Transparent Communication*
- *Student Government Internal Operations*

We invite everyone to participate and look forward to accomplishing our objectives together. As always if you have any questions, please feel free contact me or my Chief of Staff (cstaff@central.uh.edu) who will manage and ensure progress of the agenda.

Thank you and Go Coogs!

With Cougar Pride,

Benjamin Rizk

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
<p>Increase Funding for CAPS & UH Health & Wellness</p> <p>The administration will work closely with the leadership of UH's Health & Well-Being Portfolio to increase funding and promotion of resources offered by Counseling and Psychological Services and other associated health and wellness programs.</p>	<p>Student Body Vice President/ Speaker Wilson</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Health & Well-Being Portfolio</p>	<p>Oct 2023</p>
<p>Health & Wellness Week</p> <p>The administration will host a week full of events to bring awareness to health and services on campus as well as health issues that affect college students.</p>	<p>Department of Outreach/ Department of Public Relations</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Health & Well-Being Portfolio *Student Organizations *Faculty Senate *Staff Council</p>	<p>Sep 2023</p>
<p>No-Tolerance Policy on Sexual Assault</p> <p>The administration will work closely with the EOS Office and UH's Health and Well-Being portfolio to update outdated sexual assault resources and university policy expand rehabilitation services for victims of sexual assault. In addition, SGA will adopt and promote the 20:1 Culture of Respect Program, and collaborate with Health and Wellness to promote this program for campus-wide implementation.</p>	<p>Speaker Wilson/ Department of Outreach/ Department of Public Relations/</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Health & Well-Being Portfolio *Equal Opportunity Services Office *UH Police Department *Dean of Students Office *Student Organizations *Faculty Senate *Staff Council</p>	<p>Ongoing/ Strategic</p>
<p>Provide Free Menstrual/Contraceptive Products</p> <p>Speaker Wilson will work closely with the Residence Halls Association (RHA) and the WGRC to regularly distribute free menstrual and contraceptive products throughout central</p>	<p>Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Residence Halls Association *Women Gender Resource Center</p>	<p>Oct 2023</p>

areas on campus and throughout residence halls.			
<p>Revive Cougar Pack The Department of Outreach and Department of Public Relations will work with UHPD to promote and permanently revive Cougar Pack, a student led initiative in which student organizations volunteer hours to escort students around campus during late night hours. The 'Cougar Pack' also assist with the UH Police Department with safety & security initiatives.</p>	Department of Outreach/ Department of Public Relations/ Special Advisor to the President for Safety & Security/ Chair of Student Life Mason	*Administration & Finance *Student Organizations *Office of the President *Veteran Services Office *UHPD	Jan 202

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT & STUDENT SUCCESS

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
<p>Raising the Student Minimum Wage President Rizk will negotiate with Administration & Finance leadership on raising the student worker minimum wage to \$10, along with a flattened departmental wage-compression.</p>	Student Body President	*Administration and Finance *Faculty Senate *Staff Council	Sep 2023
<p>Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture & Design President Rizk will work with the Dean of the College of Architecture to improve areas of concern, regarding design students' academic experience at UH. These areas include increased mental health resources and surveys, decreased costs for laser cutting and printing, spending limits on design materials, increased accessibility to design software and more.</p>	Student Body President/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Chair of Academic Affairs Szell/ Economic Empowerment Task Force	*Dean Patricia Oliver *Associate Dean Trang Phan *Office of the Provost	Aug 2023
<p>Student Worker Bill of Rights Speaker Wilson will work with the Dean of Students Office, Equal Opportunity Services Office, and</p>	Speaker Wilson/ Senate Committee Chairs/	*Division of Student Affairs *Graduate Professional Students Association *Equal Opportunities Services	Aug 2023

the GPSA to propose and ratify the Student Worker Bill of Rights, modeled similarly after the Graduate Student Bill of Rights, to codify in writing the explicit labor rights students hold with employers at the University of Houston.	Economic Empowerment Task Force	Office *Dean of Students Office *Student Organizations *Staff Council *Faculty Senate *University Coordinating Commission	
Residence Hall Affordability Speaker Wilson and the Chair of Student Life will work with Student Housing & Residential Life on the feasibility of avenues for reducing various costs of on-campus housing options.	Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Economic Empowerment Task Force	*Division of Student Affairs *Residence Halls Association *Faculty Senate	Aug 2023

SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS			
Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
Reestablish RecycleMania Speaker Wilson will work with the Office of Sustainability and Administration and Finance to negotiate on funding RecycleMania and other programs put on by the Office of Sustainability.	Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Sustainable Campus Task Force	*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance	Mar 2024
Rebuild Cougar Garden Speaker Wilson will work with Auxiliary Services and Facilities/Construction Management to reconstruct Cougar Garden and reconnect student groups with the garden for volunteering.	Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Department of Public Relations/ Department of Outreach/ Sustainable Campus Task Force	*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance *Facilities/Construction Management *Student Organizations	Jan 2024
Reduce Plastics Use Speaker Wilson will work with the Office of Sustainability and Auxiliary Services to identify areas in which plastics use can be reduced or cut out entirely in food service, packaging, and other areas of campus life.	Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Sustainable Campus Task Force	*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance	Ongoing/ Strategic

<p>Partnership with Precious Plastic Speaker Wilson and the Senate, the Department of Outreach and External Affairs will partner with Precious Plastic—an organization that specializes in educating people on how to turn basic plastics into reusable items—and the Office of Sustainability to engage students in recycling to turn their plastics into items such as coasters, cups, guitar picks, and more!</p>	<p>Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Department of External Affairs Sustainable Campus Task Force</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance *Precious Plastic</p>	<p>Oct 2024</p>
<p>Install Single-Stream Recycling and Composting Bins Through various phases of implementation and a strategic marketing campaign, Speaker Wilson and Senate Committee Chairs, along with the Department of Public Relations will partner with the Office of Sustainability and Auxiliary Services, to install and promote single-stream recycling bins on campus, before moving onto composting bins on campus.</p>	<p>Speaker Wilson/ Senate Committee Chairs Department of Public Relations Sustainable Campus Task Force</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance</p>	<p>Nov 2023 – Mar 2024</p>

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS & EVENTS

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
<p>End the Stigma The administration will partner with CAPS and Student Organizations to put on the annual End the Stigma event to bring mass awareness to the 1,100 students who commit suicide annually.</p>	<p>Department of Outreach/ Department of Public Relations</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Health & Well-Being Portfolio *Student Organizations</p>	<p>Oct 2023</p>
<p>Council of Presidents President Rizk and the Department of Outreach will found a Council of Presidents to engage more students in the decision making process of the</p>	<p>Student Body President/ Chief of Staff/ Department of Outreach/</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Student Organizations</p>	<p>Sep 2023</p>

university. This Council will consist of presidents from major clubs, organizations, spirit groups, and honor societies.	Department of Public Relations		
International Mother Language Day The administration will host the iconic International Mother Language Day event to commemorate the University of Houston's rich diversity and culture.	Department of Multicultural Affairs/ Department of Outreach/ Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations	*Division of Student Affairs *Student Organizations	Feb 2024
UH Go Modo Ideathon The administration will partner with Modo Labs and the UH Go app development team to host a "Modo Ideathon" in which students will be able to design their own app. Some of the ideas, feedback, and results will be used in improving functions of the existing UH Go app.	Vice President Luc/ Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations	*Division of University Marketing & Communications *UIT Technology *Modo Labs	Oct 2023
Weeks of Welcome The Executive and Legislative Branch will volunteer extensively in the set up and manning of events for the annual Weeks of Welcome.	Student Body President/ Speaker Wilson/ Legislative Branch	*Division of Student Affairs	Aug 2023
Student Government Football Tailgates President Rizk and the Department of Outreach will partner with the Dean of Students Office to set up the tailgates for all home football games, with fun activities, giveaways, and more!	Student Body President/ Department of Outreach/ Department of Public Relations	*Division of Student Affairs *Dean of Students Office *Student Organizations	Aug 2023

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
Coogs Vote Campaign The administration will hold numerous voter registration drives on campus for city-wide elections. The administration will	Department of External Affairs/ Department of Public Relations	*Division of Governmental Relations *Division of Student Affairs *Dean of Students	Aug 2023

provide resources on the importance of voting, civic engagement and information on political candidates. 2023 is an off-year election, so the administration will adopt an effective “get out the vote” campaign for the November elections, with the goal of registering 1,000 students to vote and filling out 1,000 pledge-to-vote cards, before the October-registration deadline.			
Greater Houston Student Association The administration will reconvene the GHSA and will serve as a leader of this organization. This organization will serve as the official advocacy group on behalf of Greater Houston Area universities.	Department of External Affairs/ Chief of Staff	*Division of Governmental Relations *Division of Student Affairs *Dean of Students	Aug 2023
Partnership with SHAPE Community Center & Civic Heart The administration will support the University in its Third Ward initiative by partnering with SHAPE Community Center and Civic Heart to support and expand the bandwidth of their respective services and programs offered in their community.	Department of External Affairs/ Department of Multicultural Affairs/ Department of Outreach/ Speaker Wilson	*Division of Governmental Relations *Division of Neighborhood/Strategic Initiatives *Division of Student Affairs *Metropolitan Volunteer Program *Center for Student Empowerment	Aug 2023

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & DEVELOPMENT

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
Project Basement The administration will advocate for the feasibility of designing prayer space/meditation rooms as well as Wudu stations (wash basins) in central areas of campus, and applying these design parameters into future facilities/additions on campus.	Department of Multicultural Affairs/ Chief of Staff/ Deputy Chief of Staff	*Administration & Finance *Facilities/Construction Management *University Architect *University Coordinating Commission	July 2023

<p>One-on-One Meetings with Senators</p> <p>The Department of Outreach in collaboration with the Legislative Branch will set up bookings.com accounts attached to senators' personal social media pages to promote personal initiatives and allow more interpersonal interaction with senator's constituents.</p>	<p>Department of Outreach/ Department of Public Relations/ Deputy Chief of Staff/ Chief Innovation Officer/ Speaker Wilson/ Senate Committee Chairs</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *University Information Technology</p>	<p>Aug 2023</p>
<p>RSO Outreach & Support</p> <p>The Department of Outreach will work with the Chair of Student Life, the Center for Student Involvement, and the CARS Office to improve and address room-scheduling issues, RSO establishment, food-serving policies, Get Involved user-interface, and associated fees. In addition, Speaker Wilson will mandate each senator attend regular RSO meetings to volunteer, support functions, and be provided feedback on issues to communicate to university officials.</p>	<p>Department of Outreach/ Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Dean of Students Office *Student Organizations *University Coordinating Commission</p>	<p>Aug 2023</p>
<p>International Mentorship Program</p> <p>Chief of Staff Haque, the Department of Multicultural Affairs and the Department of Public Relations will work with the ISSSO to significantly increase the mentor-mentee ratio, in addition to extensive rebranding and expansion of program services offered.</p>	<p>Department of Multicultural Affairs/ Chief of Staff/ Deputy Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance</p>	<p>Aug 2023</p>
<p>Reform UHPD</p> <p>The administration based on student input from the Campus Safety Task Force, the Presidents Council, and Town Hall Week will work to identify areas of</p>	<p>Department of Outreach/ Campus Safety Task Force/ Special Advisor to the President</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Administration & Finance *UHPD *Student Organizations</p>	<p>Nov 2023</p>

university policy and procedure in regards to UHPD incident response times, training, campus lighting and connection with the student body can be improved and revised.	on Campus Safety		
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COUGAR CULTURE

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
<p>Revive Cub Camp President Rizk will negotiate with the Office of the Provost on reestablishing Cub Camp with adequate funding and marketing resources to ensure incoming freshmen are educated about Cougar traditions and lays the groundwork for engaged Coogs for graduation.</p>	Student Body President/ Chair of Student Life Mason	*Division of Student Affairs *Division of Marketing & Communications *Office of the Provost	Aug 2023
<p>Athletics Gameday Experience Advocate for increased funding of gameday tailgating experience to drive attendance to games, in which students will be excited to attend regardless of the performance on the field or court.</p>	Student Body President/ Chair of Student Life Mason	*Department of Intercollegiate Athletics	Ongoing/ Strategic
<p>Partner with METRO to Establish Gameday Bus Service The administration will partner with METRO Public Transit to establish a gameday bus service to increase attendance on gameday.</p>	Department of External Affairs/ Deputy Chief of Staff/ Chief Innovation Officer	*Department of Public Transportation *Division of Administration & Finance	Ongoing/ Strategic
<p>Promote Big 12 Entrance The administration will partner with the Division of Marketing & Communications and Intercollegiate Athletics to promote our entrance into the Big 12 and jolt excitement of the student body into excitement through promotion of ticket sales, giveaways, and more!</p>	Student Body President/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Department of Public Relations/ Department of Outreach	*Division of Intercollegiate Athletics *Division of Marketing & Communications *Office of the Provost	Aug 2023

Cougar Red Friday President Rizk will partner with the Division of Marketing & Communications to hold Cougar Red Friday every Friday while class is in session.	Student Body President/ Legislative Branch/ Department of Public Relations	*Division of Marketing & Communications *Office of the Provost	Aug 2023
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UNIVERSITY INNOVATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
Improve Shuttle Experience The administration will work with Parking and Transportation to develop tools for reporting broken A/C units, late arrivals, and other identifiables to devise solutions to optimize reporting & fixing of deficiencies in public transport.	Deputy Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations/ Chief Innovation Officer/ Senate Committee Chairs	*Division of Administration & Finance *Division of Marketing & Communication *University Information Technology	Jan 2024
Centralize University Resources The administration will work with University Information Technology and the Division of Marketing & Communications to create a module within the UH Go app and for desktop called Resource UH to offer quick easy-to-navigate access to the hundreds of resources, programs, and events available to the student body.	Deputy Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations/ Chief Innovation Officer/ Senate Committee Chairs	*Division of Administration & Finance *Division of Marketing & Communications	Jan 2024
Expand Microwave Coverage The administration will work with Auxiliary Services to increase microwave and vending coverage across campus, in addition to developing a feature in the UH Go app to locate their location across campus. Instructional signage postings will be posted and biodegradable utensils placed regularly placed adjacent to them.	Deputy Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations/ Chief Innovation Officer/ Senate Committee Chairs	*Division of Administration & Finance *Division of Marketing & Communications	Nov 2023
Centennial Plan Construction	Student Body President/	*Division of Administration & Finance	Ongoing/ Strategic

Through involvement on the Campus Enhancements Envisioning Task Force, President Rizk will provide student input on the Centennial Plan construction. In addition, President Rizk will advocate for the feasibility of a university-wide Ad Hoc committee composed of faculty and staff to provide input on construction as well.	Deputy Chief of Staff/ Department of Public Relations/ Chief Innovation Officer	*Facilities/Construction Management *Campus Enhancements Envisioning Task Force *Faculty Senate *Staff Council	
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TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
<p>New and Improved SGA Website</p> <p>The administration will launch a new and improved SGA website that allows us to better serve our students with new media, improved access and organization, and more information to help students address ideas or issues more effectively.</p>	<p>Student Body President/ Executive Branch/ Department of Public Relations Speaker Wilson/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Chair of Internal Affairs Ortega</p>	<p>*UH Library/University Archives *Hobby School of Public Affairs *Jack J. Valenti School of Communication</p>	Nov 2023
<p>Town Hall Week</p> <p>The administration will put on a “town hall week” to engage various constituencies with a mix of tablings, traditional townhalls, and RSO-partnered presentations, with Qualtrics poll questions and giveaway items to solicit data-driven feedback on how SGA can improve its overall strategy on advocacy.</p>	<p>Student Body Vice President/ Speaker Wilson/ Department of Public Relations/ Department of Outreach/ Chair of Student Life Mason/ Chair of Internal Affairs Ortega</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Student Organizations</p>	Oct 2023
<p>SGA Social Media Strategy</p> <p>The administration will utilize multiple media platforms for disbursement of information, events, activities, functions, and other junctions of SGA. Posts will include upcoming events, giveaways, “SGA Info-mercials,” and other content to engage the student body, and more.</p>	<p>Department of Public Relations/ Chief of Staff</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Student Organizations *Jack J. Valenti School of Communication</p>	Ongoing/ Strategic

STUDENT GOVERNMENT INTERNAL OPERATIONS

Initiative/Project	Lead	University/External Partners	Timeline
<p>SGA Governing Documents Overhaul</p> <p>The administration will completely overhaul the outdated and skewed SGA Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Code.</p>	<p>Student Body President/ Senate Committee on Internal Affairs/ SGA Governing Documents Overhaul Task Force/Attorney General Winsett</p>	<p>*UH Law Center</p>	<p>Jan 2024</p>
<p>Empowering Students Initiative</p> <p>The administration will put greater emphasis this year on getting more students involved in the university decision making process through serving on university-wide committees. Committee meeting dates and bylaws will be updated on the website.</p>	<p>Student Body Vice President/ Speaker Wilson/ Senate Committee Chairs/ Department of Public Relations/ Department of Outreach</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Student Organizations</p>	<p>Ongoing/ Strategic</p>
<p>Data Driven Decisions</p> <p>The administration through the use of Qualtrics polling and other technology will continuously administer opinion polls and surveys regarding ideas and/or issues to assist the organization in making more data-driven decisions.</p>	<p>Chief of Staff/ Speaker Wilson/ Department of Public Relations</p>	<p>*Division of Student Affairs *Faculty Senate *Staff Council *Student Organizations</p>	<p>Ongoing/ Strategic</p>
<p>In-Depth Publication of SGA Historical Documents</p> <p>President Rizk, Attorney General Winsett, and the Chair of Internal Affairs will work with UH Libraries to digitize and publish an extensive collection of documents covering SGA administrations pre-dating the 50th administration.</p>	<p>Student Body President/ Attorney General Winsett/ Chair of Internal Affairs Ortega</p>	<p>*UH Libraries/University Archives</p>	<p>Jan 2024</p>