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**Community Outreach & Third Ward Engagement**

By the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the University of Houston Student Government Association, and consistent with Title III, Article 3, Section 1, Clause 1 of the Bylaws, I hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Purpose.**

In recent years, interaction between the Student Government Association and prominent Registered Student Organizations have been limited to one-time partnerships and collaborations.

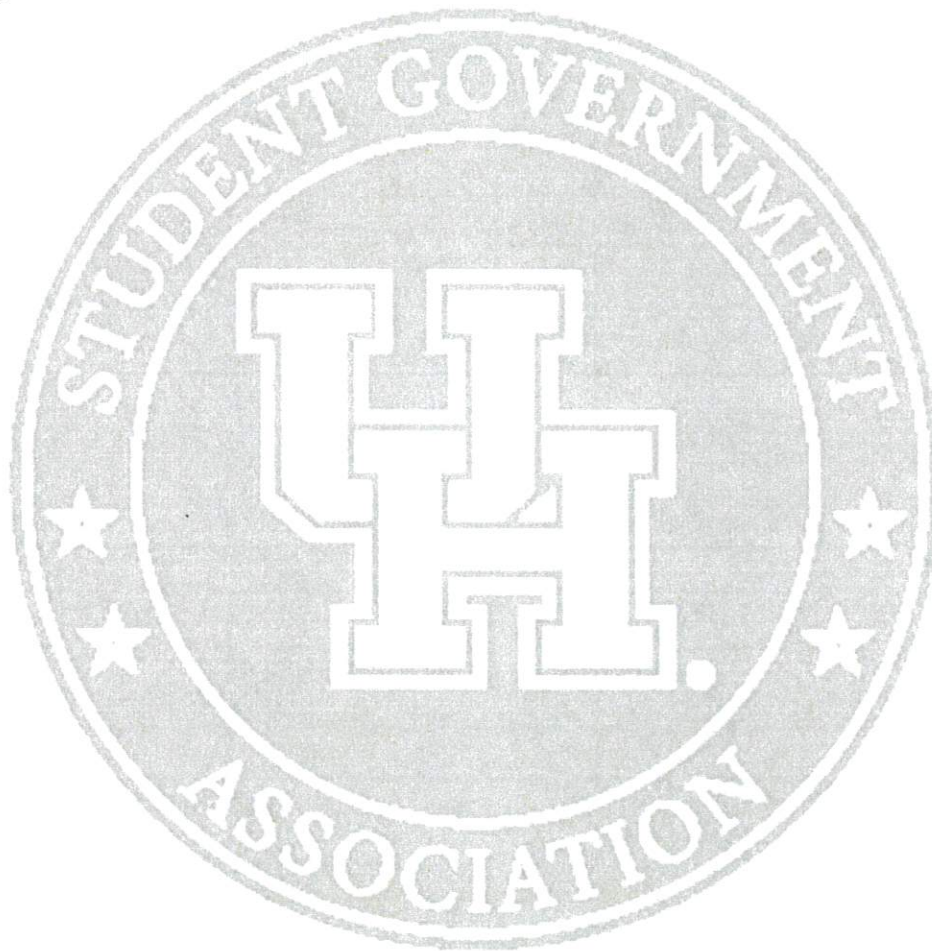
Continual interaction with student leaders through volunteering and attendance of RSO meetings is essential in order to maintain student involvement on campus at a level which promotes academic success.

RSO's in recent years have experienced issues with booking rooms, obtaining permits, being subject to involuntary booking and security fees, and/or other impediments that obstruct the ability of students to effectively organize events and programming on campus.

Following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many RSOs have struggled to maintain membership and maintain interactions with university administrators at the same strength of pre-pandemic level. Others have lost significant membership or even gone defunct.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Administration recognizes the necessity for in-person interaction, as opposed to virtual meetings to best facilitate the deliberation of ideas, concerns, and issues affecting the student experience.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Administration is in full support of the University of Houston's plan to help build equity and inclusion in our community by strengthening our partnership with Historic Third Ward and the city of Houston.<sup>1</sup> It further recognizes the great work SHAPE Community Center and Civic Heart as organizations have done to serve as pillars in the Houston community.



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<sup>1</sup> <https://uh.edu/strategic-plan/goals/social-responsibility/>



## Section 2. Action.

- (A) The Department of Outreach will carry out the following actions:
- a. Set up digital accounts for each senator with the purpose and functions including, but not limited to:
    - i. Setting up individual meetings with senators over discussion of legislation, topics of interest, and/or sharing of information covering university resources and/or status of ongoing progress on initiatives with university administration
    - ii. Quick and efficient promotion of caucus meetings, legislation being currently worked on by senators, volunteer opportunities and outings to interact with a senator of a one's constituency and or any other interpersonal interactions that may enhance interactions between senators
    - iii. Promotion of interaction with senators utilizing the senators' cougar net emails posted on the SGA website
  - b. Log down available "office hours" in which a senator may dedicate to being in the SGA office to be posted on the website, on a weekly basis to encourage direct contact with constituents in the SGA office
  - c. Upstart the SGA Ambassadors, a high energy cohesive group who create awareness of SGA events and activities through extensive volunteering and face-to-face interactions
  - d. Mandate each senator be assigned to an RSO to attend regular meetings and functions of in order to better gauge the student body
- (B) The Department of External Affairs will mandate senators serve a minimum of (5) five volunteer hours for events and activities involving SHAPE Community Center and/or Civic Heart
- (C) The Department of Public Relations will create informational posts and promotional content in the form of PowerPoint/Canva slides to promote the aforementioned volunteer opportunities and contact tools for interactive contact with senators to the general public

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