

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Human Development Student Association, Indian Students Association, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers at the College of Technology, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Intercultural Women's Association, International Students Organization, Interschool Christian Fellowship at UH, Investment Banking Scholars Club, Iranian Community at University of Houston, Themed Entertainment Association, Ultimate, Undergraduate Real Estate Scholars, Youth Empowerment Alliance, Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization, INFORMS, UH Chapter, Student Society of Human Resource Development, Hispanic Studies Graduate Student Organization, Coog Club, Gymnastics Team, VS Pink Campus Team, Wall Crawlers, Women in Cyber Security, Women of Gold, Women's Club Rugby Team at UH, Women's Club Volleyball, Women's Ultimate Club, The Accounting Society, The Advocates, The American Red Cross at the University of Houston, The Astronomy Society at University of Houston, The Collegiate 100, Student Industrial Design Society of America, Student National Pharmaceutical Association, Student Nutrition Association, Reformed University Fellowship, ReJOYce in JESUS Campus Fellowship, Society for Biological Engineering, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Vibha at University of Houston, Video Game Design and Development, Enactus, Society of Automotive Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Energy Coalition, American Chemical Society, Best Buddies International, Smash Club at the University of Houston, Billiards League at UH, True Life Change, LIFE, Gaming and Esports at University of Houston, SACNAS

**Committee: A&F**

**Draft: Vote**

### **Creation of a Green Initiative Fund**

**Whereas,** a Green Fund is a pool of funding for sustainable initiatives to improve the University of Houston and ultimately benefit the environment;

**Whereas,** the University of Houston is the only large scale, public university in Texas without an active Green Fund;

**Whereas,** it is vital to provide opportunities for students to engage in the University of Houston and positively impact the environment;

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

**A pool of funding for will be requested through Student Fees to support student-led sustainable initiatives and research efforts at the University of Houston.**

**Be it further enacted,** funds will be allocated to projects focused on promoting water conservation, energy efficiency, restoring the habitat, sustainable modes of transportation, environmental efforts, and food justice;

**Be it further enacted,** the President of the Student Government Association will request one-time funding from SFAC for FY21 within the range of 50 cents as a minimum and \$2 as a maximum per semester;

**Be it further enacted,** the Student Government Association will form a student led Green Initiative Fund University Committee to choose which projects will receive money, approve changes to awards, and guide the general direction of the Green Initiative Fund;

**Be it further enacted,** the Green Initiative Fund Committee will be comprised the following voting members: 2 representatives from UHSGA appointed by UHSGA, 1 representative from Graduate Professional Student Association appointed by GPSA and UHSGA, and 2 application-based-at-large representatives selected by the Green Initiative Fund Committee;

**Be it further enacted,** minor grants will be awarded on the basis of a proposed project costing \$3,500 or less and will be completed within 6 months;

**Be it further enacted,** major grants will be awarded to projects that exceed the minimum amount of \$3,500 in funds and will not be completed within 6 months of fund disbursement;

**Be it further enacted,** the Green Initiative Fund will be allowed rolling fund equity annually at the close of each fiscal year and if savings total 300% of annual funding allocation, the Green Initiative Fund must be reviewed by the University.