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SGA Legislation Classification Restructuring Bill

Whereas, During the revision and overhaul of the SGA bylaws and passage of the SGA Governance, Accountability, and Integrity Reform Act of 2012 the language for University Bills was removed, and

Whereas, University Bills are critical to the Senate as a means of passing legislation requiring consideration from campus stakeholders, departments, and shared governance groups, and

Whereas, furthermore University Bills are critical to the Senate as means of passing legislation requiring consideration and approval from campus senior administration, the University Chancellor/President, and University of Houston System Board of Regents, and

Whereas, current language in the SGA bylaws only provides a means for passing SGA Bills which are matters only requiring internal SGA consideration,

Therefore be it resolved the 49th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Amend **Title I, Article 8, Section 1** of the SGA bylaws to the following:

Section 1: Classification of Legislation

Clause 1: Constitutional amendments considered by the Senate shall be proposed for entry on the general election ballot following either approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Senate, or a petition by one-fourth (1/4) of the total number of students voting in the last general election.

Clause 2: University Bills shall be passed by the Senate when the matter of consideration involves action by areas or departments of the University other than the Student Government Association; University Bills shall be passed by the Senate in order to make, on behalf of the Student Government Association, specific proposals which require the approval of the President of the University of Houston; University Bills shall become law only when approved according to the procedures of Article IV, Section 11, Clause 2 of the Student Government Association Constitution.

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Clause 3:
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Student Government Association Bills shall be passed by the Senate on matters within the authority of the Senate and the Student Government Association, including Student Government Association laws and appropriations; Student Government Association Bills shall become law only when approved according to the procedures of Article IV, Section 11, Clause 1 of the Student Government Association Constitution.

Clause 4: Student Government Association Resolutions shall be adopted by the Senate when the Senate wishes to state a fundamental of continuing policy or theory of the Student Government Association on some issue; Student Government Association Resolutions shall become law only when approved and according to the procedures of Article IV, Section 11 of the Constitution.

Clause 5: Senate Resolutions shall be adopted by the Senate when the Senate wishes to express the position of those members of the Senate present and voting; Senate Resolutions shall require only a majority vote of the Senate for approval.

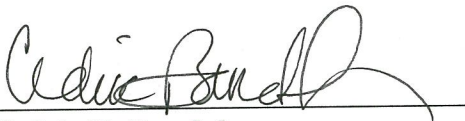
And be it further resolved that:

Title II, Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2 of the SGA bylaws is amended to the following:

Clause 2: Legislation shall be labeled as follows in accordance with the number of the Senate session in office:
University Bills: "UB-49xxx" (e.g. **UB-49001**);
Student Government Association Bills: "SGAB-49xxx" (e.g. **SGAB-49001**);
Student Government Association Resolutions: "SGAR-49xxx"
(e.g. **SGAR-49001**);
Senate Resolutions: "SR-49xxx" (e.g. **SR-49001**)

Be it finally resolved that:

All legislation previously passed during the 49th administration is re-classified with the provisions stated above.



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