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University-wide Committee Confirmation Efficiency Act

Whereas, the Vice President will regularly seek and nominate candidates for positions on university-wide Committees;

Whereas, candidates' appointments are confirmed by a majority of Senators present and voting based on their resumes and answers to questions pertinent to the Committee on which they wish to serve;

Whereas, Senate confirmation hearing performance may not reflect an individual's ability to serve on a university-wide Committee;

Whereas, university-wide Committee nominations cause Senate meetings to run much longer than they otherwise would;

Whereas, most university-wide Committees are purely advisory;


Whereas, the Activities Funding Board (AFB), the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC), the Student Traffic Court, the Appellate Board, and the University Hearing Board allocate student fees, hear individual cases concerning alleged violations of parking and transportation policy appeals, anti-discrimination policy appeals, the UH Student Handbook and disciplinary policies.

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


That Title III, Article 1, Section 5, Clause 4 of the University of Houston Student Government Association Bylaws be amended to read:

“Clause 4: University-wide Committee nominations are not subject to a hearing and individual confirmation:

- a. The Vice-President will submit a bi-weekly report, including individuals' resumes and their responses to a questionnaire, to the Senate detailing the vacancies and members of each university-wide Committee to be voted on and confirmed with a majority vote of the Senate members present and voting.
- b. The questionnaire will be developed by the Vice-President, chairs of each of the Senate committees, and Senators that volunteer to serve on a task-force dedicated to the development of said questionnaire.
- c. Candidates are not placed until this report is confirmed through a majority vote of Senators present and voting.
- d. The Senate may motion to hear and vote on any individual's nomination with a majority vote of the Senate members present and voting, at which time the confirmation will be held in person at the next Senate meeting with a majority vote of the Senate members present and voting.
- e. The appointments for the following committees, which allocate student fees, hear individual cases concerning alleged violations of parking and transportation policy appeals, anti-discrimination policy appeals, the UH Student Handbook and disciplinary policies, are exempted from this rule and must receive a majority vote of the members of the Senate present and voting: the Activities Funding Board (AFB), the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC), the Student Traffic Court, the Appellate Board, and the University Hearing Board.”



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