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The Legislative Volunteering Bill

Whereas, the University of Houston Student Government Association Legislative Branch is an organization representative of the entire student body;

Whereas, other various student-run organizations on campus require members to complete volunteering or community service hours in order to better serve their community and fulfill the organizational service requirements;

Whereas, the Student Government Association is representative of its community and should demonstrate efforts to assist and better surrounding areas;

Whereas, there is currently no program or legislation mandating the Legislative Branch to participate in outreach, volunteering or community service at the university or within the community;

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

There is an established volunteering policy, requiring Senators to complete 4 hours of community service per semester between at least 2 events to increase civic engagement and allow students not in the Student Government Association to learn about the organization and interact with their representatives;

Be it further enacted, Senators will report their volunteer hours to the Legislative Chief of Staff and/or Speaker who will keep track of the hours completed until the end of each semester, when the amount of volunteer hours completed by each Senator will be reset;

Be it further enacted, Senators may choose organizations on or off campus to volunteer for but must return with signed confirmation of their time from an officer or staff member;

Be it further enacted, hours completed through International Mother Language Day and Frontier Fiesta assistance will count as volunteer hours during the Spring semester;

Be it further enacted, Senators who fail to complete the volunteer hours listed above will receive one absence equivalent to a Senate meeting absence, requiring an absentee form to be submitted;

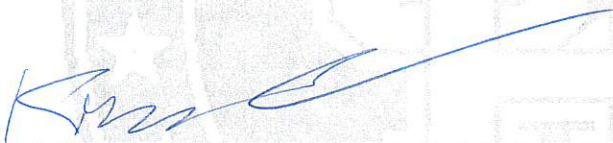
Be it further enacted, Senators who are successful in completing the hours listed above and complete their entire term in the Senate will receive exclusive SGA merchandise and/or a graduation stole.



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APPROVED



Kim Lorine
Speaker of Senate

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