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ASL Inclusion Bill

Whereas, the University of Houston houses students of varying hearing impairments;

Whereas, the University of Houston Student Government Associations vows to support and collaborate with members of the Justin Dart, Jr. Student Accessibility Center;

Whereas, the University of Houston Student Government Association sees the tremendous value of accessibility and education;

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

An American Sign Language interpreter be present at meetings where need is demonstrated by attendance of students with hearing impairments; and members of the Student Government Association take it upon themselves to be open to the possibility of learning ASL moving forward.

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6), of the Bylaws be titled Title III (1) (10);

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7), of the Bylaws be titled Title III (1) (11);

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6) read; "Powers, Duties, and Jurisdiction of the Director of External Affairs"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6) (1) read; "The Director of External Affairs will serve as a liaison between the University of Houston Student Government Association and other universities, the City of Houston, Harris County, and the State of Texas"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6) (2) read; "The Director of External Affairs will advocate on behalf of University of Houston students on issues concerning higher education"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6) (3) read; "The Director of External Affairs assists the Student Government Association on matters regarding governmental and community relations"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6) (4) read; "The Director of External Affairs will be appointed by the President with advice and consent of a majority of the Senate members present and voting"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (6) (5) read; "The Director of External Affairs will maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) office hours per week"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7) read; "Powers, Duties, and Jurisdiction of the Director of Public Relations"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7) (1) read; "The Director of Public Relations will oversee internal and external communication"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7) (2) read; "The Director of Public Relations will provide information to the student body for all the programs, initiatives, and resources offered by the Student Government Association"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7) (3) read; "The Director of Public Relations will serve as the liaison between the Student Government Association, the University of Houston campus, and external media sources"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7) (4) read; “The Director of Public Relations will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate members present and voting”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (7) (5) read; “The Director of Public Relations will maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) office hours per week”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8) read; “Powers, Duties, and Jurisdiction of the Director of Outreach”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8) (1) read; “The Director of Outreach will serve as a liaison between the Student Government Association and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8) (2) read; “The Director of Outreach will assess areas of need among students and present them to the Student Government Association”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8) (3) read; “The Director of Outreach will build a better sense of community and involvement among the Student Government Association and the student body”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8) (4) read; “The Director of Outreach will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate members present and voting”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (8) (5) read; “The Director of Outreach will maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) office hours per week”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (9), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (9) read; “Powers, Duties, and Jurisdiction of the Executive Assistant”

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (9) (1) read; "The Executive Assistant will assist the President with implementing the International Student Mentorship Program and the Transfer Student Mentorship Program"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (9) (2) read; "The Executive Assistant will assist with other overarching initiatives and programs the rest of the Executive Cabinet sees fit"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (9) (3) read; "The Executive will be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate members present and voting"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (9) (4) read; "The Executive Assistant will maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) office hours per week"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10) read; "Powers, Duties, and Jurisdiction of the ASL Interpreter"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10) (1) read; "The ASL Interpreter will facilitate communication between deaf or hard of hearing students, faculty, and staff"

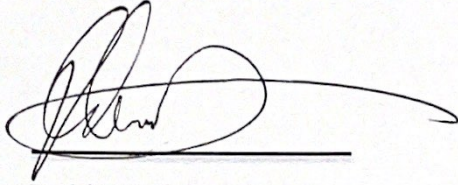
Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10) (2) read; "The ASL Interpreter will be required to attend any activities, events, and meetings where the need for an ASL interpreter is demonstrated given that they are notified 48 hours in advance"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10) (3) read; "The ASL Interpreter is a non-paid executive cabinet member"

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10) (4) read; "The ASL interpreter will be appointed by the Chief of Staff with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate members present and voting. A secondary or co-interpreter is allowed to take over or attend a meeting in the place of the interpreter if necessary."

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (1) (10) (5) read; "A form to indicate need for an ASL interpreter will be available on the SGA website."

Be it further enacted, Title 3 (3) (5) be amended to read: "The President will have the authority to create and fill staff positions to aid carrying out those functions necessary to promote the efficiency and work of the Student Government Association Presidential Cabinet with the consent of the majority of the senate"



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Speaker of the Senate

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