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Decorum and Procedures Bill

Whereas, virtual meetings are currently entirely unlegislated;

Whereas, The Student Government Association should carry itself in as professional a way as possible;

Whereas, certain actions and behaviors are not necessary or appropriate in a professional meeting;

Whereas, SGA should only mention RSOs given their permission;

Whereas, certain positions within SGA should remain as impartial as possible.

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

That Title 1 (4) (5) of the bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted; that Title 1 (4) (5) of the Bylaws be named "Virtual Meetings";

Be it further enacted; that Title 1 (4) (5) (1) of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted; that Title 1, (4) (5) (1), of the Bylaws read: “Virtual Meetings of the Senate may occur during extenuating circumstances, special sessions of the Senate, and Summer Senate at the speaker’s discretion”;

Be it further enacted; That Title 1 (4) (5) (2), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted; That Title 1 (4) (5) (2), of the Bylaws read; Senators and Guest Speakers may join in-person Senate Meetings via Zoom at the speaker’s approval.

Be it further enacted; That Title 1 (4) (5) (3), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted; That Title 1 (4) (5) (3), of the Bylaws read; “Summer Senate Meetings will be entirely virtual or entirely in-person with the Speaker stating the format by May 1st of each year at the latest.”;

Be it further enacted; That Title 1 (4) (5) (4), of the Bylaws be added; “When the aforementioned circumstances apply, the Senate may overrule the Speaker’s decision to host a meeting or the Summer Senate virtually or in-person with a simple majority.”;

Be it further enacted; That Title 2 (6), of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted; That Title 2 (6) of the Bylaws be named “Decorum”;

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) of the Bylaws be named “Professional Standards”;

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) (1) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) (1) read; Language that may be harmful, unprofessional, or potentially triggering should be avoided whenever possible during Senate Meetings including but not limited to:

- a. Foul Language
- b. Language referencing genocide
- c. Language referencing Sexual Violence of any kind
- d. Language referencing Suicide

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) (2) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) (2) read; Should it be necessary to reference the aforementioned language, speakers will give a content warning before they begin speaking,

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) (3) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 2 (6) (1) (3) read; Punishments for failing to comply are up to the discretion of the speaker and may include but are not limited to;

- a. Notice to use content warnings in the future
- b. Loss of speaking time
- c. Ejection from the meeting

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) be titled; Inclusion of RSOs in Legislation

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) (1) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) (1) read; All Student Government will only mention RSOs (Registered Student Organizations) with the written permission of an officer of the RSO.

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) (2) be added;

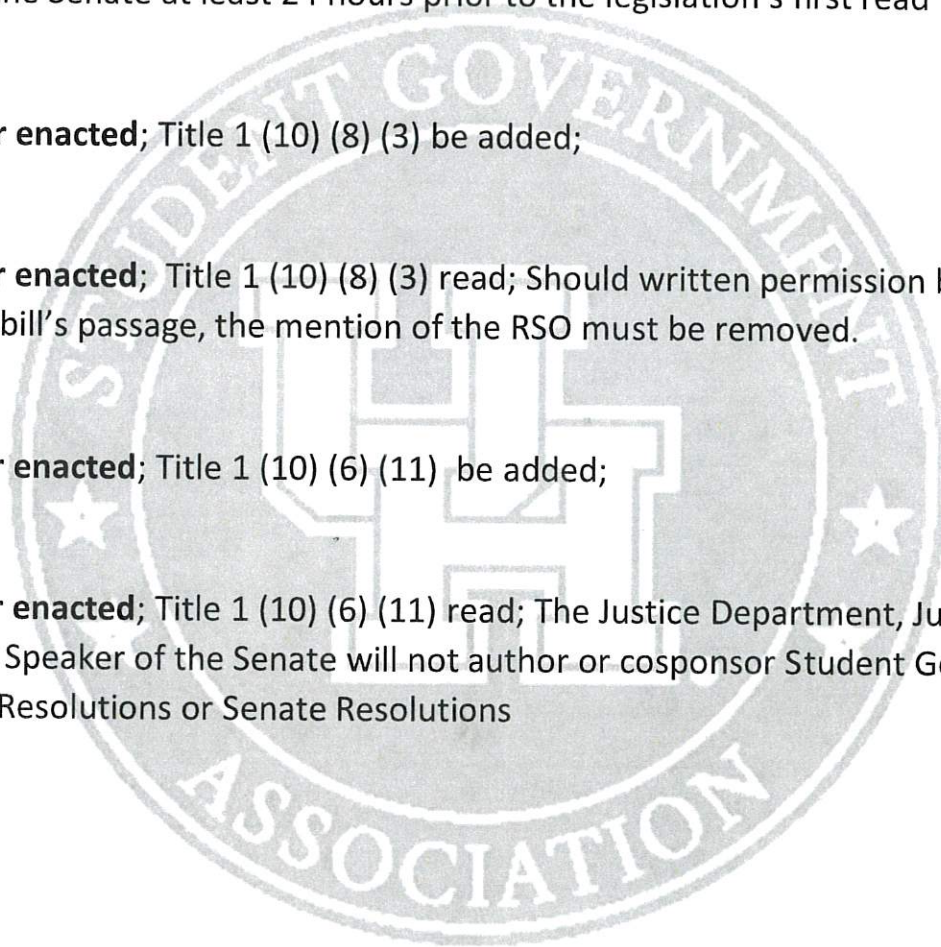
Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) (2) read; Written permission will be sent to the Speaker of the Senate at least 24 hours prior to the legislation's first read

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) (3) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (8) (3) read; Should written permission be retracted prior to the bill's passage, the mention of the RSO must be removed.

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (6) (11) be added;

Be it further enacted; Title 1 (10) (6) (11) read; The Justice Department, Judicial Branch, and Speaker of the Senate will not author or cosponsor Student Government Association Resolutions or Senate Resolutions





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David Paul Hilton

Speaker of the Senate

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