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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Transparency and Accountability Bill

Whereas, the Student Government Budget, which is comprised of Student Fees from tuition, should be as transparent as possible to the student body;

Whereas, The Executive Assistant Position was created with the duty of managing the International Student Mentorship Program;

Whereas, The Vice-President and President together comprise the Office of the President;

Whereas, 24 Hours is not enough time for many to thoroughly review the Senate Agenda items;

Whereas, Cabinet and Senate Appointments should be as transparent as possible.

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

Title 4 (4)(4) of the Bylaws be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 4 (4)(4) read; The Student Government Auditor will present monthly budget reports at the Second meeting of each month.

Be it further enacted, Title 4(4)(5) be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 4(4)(5) read; If requested via written request to the Attorney General by any student at the University of Houston, the following monthly budget report will be itemized.

Be it further enacted, Title 6(2)(1) be edited to read; All requests for expenditures \$500 and above must be presented to the Internal Affairs Committee describing the nature of the request by the Auditor.

Be it further enacted, Title 6(2)(2) be edited to read; The Auditor will make a report of all purchases above \$500 at the next scheduled Senate Meeting.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4) be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4) be titled; Select Committee for the International Student Mentorship Program

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4)(1) be added; The purpose of this Select Committee is to engage International Students at the University of Houston and increase their campus involvement. The Select Committee for the International Student Mentorship Program will function as a mentorship program within the Student Government Association.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4)(2) be added; The Executive Assistant will be the Coordinator for the International Student Mentorship Program and the Chairperson for the International Student Mentorship Program Committee.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4)(3) be added; Voting members of the International Student Mentorship Program Committee will include two Executive Cabinet members, in addition to the Executive Assistant, three senators, and one representative from the International Student and Scholar Services Office.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4)(3)(a) be added; All members of the International Student Mentorship Program Committee will be selected through an expression of interest process overseen by the Executive Assistant.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(9)(4)(4) be added; Responsibilities of the International Student Mentorship Program Committee include but are not limited to: interviewing applicants in the International Student Mentorship Program, conducting check-ins with participants throughout the duration of the International Student Mentorship Program, event planning, and supervising program workshops.

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

Be it further enacted, Title 2(1)(2) be titled; Distribution of Senate Agenda and Deadline

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

Be it further enacted, Title 2(1)(2)(1) read; The Senate Agenda will be distributed 3 days prior to the Senate Meeting on the preceding Sunday by 7pm.

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

Be it further enacted, Title 3(2)(1)(2) read; Interviews for Executive Cabinet Positions will include both the President and Vice-President.

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

Be it further enacted, Title 3(2)(1)(3) read; The President will have final decision on any cabinet appointments.

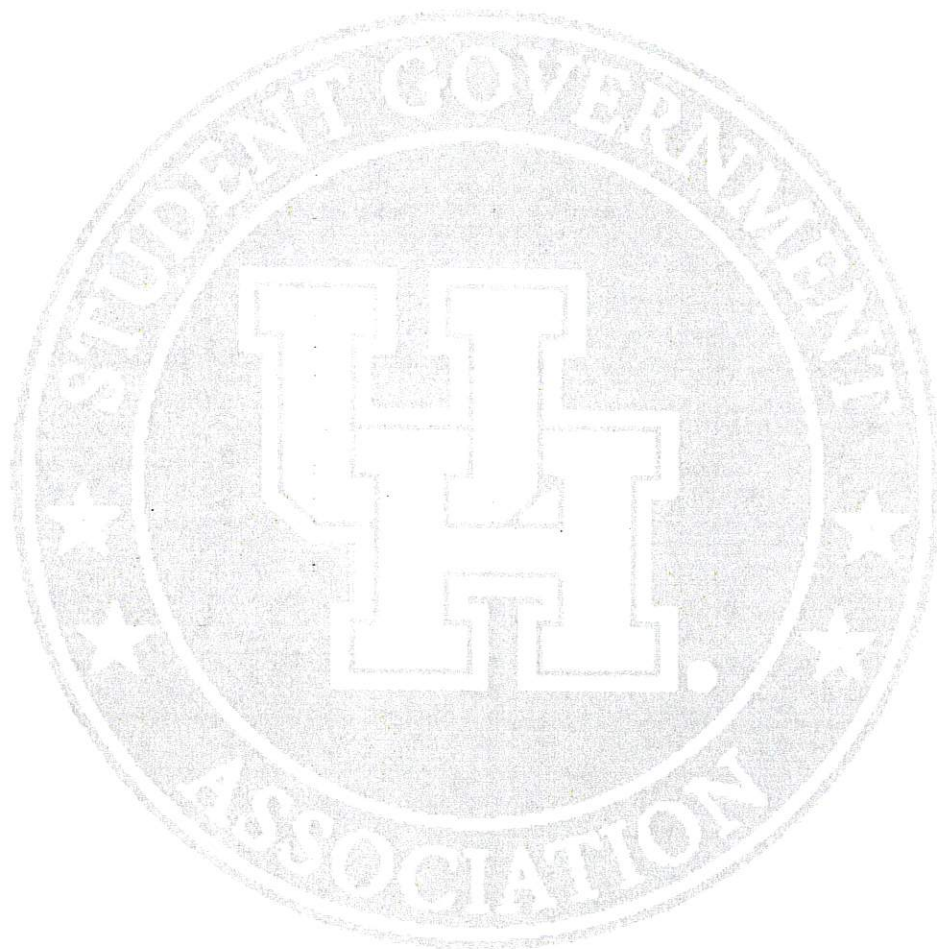
Be it further enacted, Title 3(2)(1)(1) be edited to read; The Senate will be provided the responses to the application questions of the chosen candidate(s), a video recording of the candidate's interview, and a paragraph originating from the Executive, informing the Senate of why said candidate(s) was chosen.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(2)(1)(4) be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 1(2)(1)(4) read; The Senate will be provided the responses to the application questions of candidates for Senate appointments, and a video recording of the candidate's interview.

Be it further enacted, Title 1(2)(1)(4)(a) be added;

Be it further enacted, Title 1(2)(1)(4)(a) read; Applicants for Senate Appointment will be informed prior to the interview and at the start of the interview that they will be recorded.



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Speaker of the Senate

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