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Bylaws Adjustments

Whereas, there are slight adjustments that can be made to the bylaws that can significantly increase clarity on regularly conducted procedures in student government;

Whereas, it usually takes approximately twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours to verify the eligibility of candidates who have applied for officer roles requiring confirmation by the Student Government Senate;

Whereas, contact between officials within or outside of the student government is usually more difficult to conduct on Saturdays and Sundays;

Whereas, reports for officers are missing from the order of business section;

Whereas, the student government and the student populace would benefit from allotting representatives of university committees to report to the senate on a regular business;

Whereas, the Emerging Leaders program needs to have involvement between senate leaders in the executive in mentorship of student government interns;

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

Be it further enacted, Title II: Rules of the Senate, Article I: Order of Business, Section 1: The order of Business for all regular meeting of the Senate will be as follows:

“Clause 1: Call to Order by the Presiding Officer

- I. Opening call of the roll

Clause 2: Reading and approval of the Senate minutes from the previous meeting

Clause 3: Recital of the University of Houston Alma Mater

Clause 4: Special Reports

- I. University Representatives wishing to address the Senate
- II. Students wishing to address the Senate
- III. Guest Speakers wishing to address the Senate
- IV. Two-minute speeches by the Members of the Senate

Clause 5: Executive, Speaker, Court, and Justice Department Reports

- I. Report of the President
- II. Report of the Vice-President
- III. Report of the Speaker
- IV. Report of the Attorney General
- V. Report of the Chief Election Commissioner
- VI. Report of the Chief Justice
- VII. Report of the Chief of Staff
- VIII. Report of the Director of External Affairs
- IX. Report of the Director of Public Relations
- X. Report of the Director of Outreach
- XI. Report of the Director of Multicultural Affairs/Student Engagement

Clause 6: Committee Reports

- I. Reports of the Standing Committees
- II. Reports of the Select Committees

Clause 7: Unfinished Business

Clause 8: New Business

Clause 9: Closing Remarks

- I. Comments and announcements of the Officers
- II. Open Forum
- III. Closing Call of the Roll

Clause 10: Adjournment

Be it further enacted, Title I: Composition and Structure of the Senate, Article 8: Committees of the Senate; Section 1: General Provisions, Clause 11 be added to read:

“Clause 11: All Chairpersons and the Vice-Chair of each Senate Committee will serve as a mentor in the Emerging Leaders Program”;

Be it further enacted, Title II: Rules of the Senate, Article I: Order of Business, Section 2: Distribution of the Senate Agenda and Deadline, Clause 1 be amended to read the following:

“Clause 1: The Senate Agenda will be distributed two (2) days prior to the Senate meeting on the preceding Monday by 7pm.”;

Be it further enacted, Title III: The Executive, Article 2: Executive Appointment Process, Section 1: Appointment Process, Clause 4 be added as the following:

Be it further enacted, Title VI: Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Article 3: Fiscal Procedures, Section 2: Submittal Procedures, Clause 1 be amended to read the following:

“Clause 1: Any purchase over \$500 can be subject to review with the discretion of the Internal Affairs committee.”

Be it further enacted, Title VIII: Student Fees Advisory Committee, Article 3: Appointment of Student Members, Clause 1 be amended to read the following:

“Clause 1: Student members will be appointed by the President, the Vice President, or the Speaker of the Senate of the Student Government Association, with the advice and consent of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Student Government Association Senate present and voting.”

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