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UH Sugar Land Shuttle Transportation Bill

Whereas, on Tuesday, September 12th, the Department of Parking and Transportation Services released an email that would impose restrictions to UH Sugar Land Shuttle riders effective October 2nd, 2023;

Whereas, the restrictions would require students to be enrolled in both classes at UH Sugar Land and UH Main Campus to ride the Sugar Land shuttle;

Whereas, the strict restrictions were introduced to address the overcrowding, violence, and need for students to get to class on time during peak hours;

Whereas, students have been riding the Sugar Land shuttle without a need to verify their class enrollment status;

Whereas, students have naturally adopted the UH Sugar Land location as a park and ride system due to confusion and misinterpretation of the original purpose of the Sugar Land Shuttle System;

Whereas, Several students were reliant on the Sugar Land shuttle to provide transport to the main campus even though it was not what the shuttle was originally intended for nor advertised as by the Parking and Transportation Department;

Whereas, the strict enforcement on October 2nd would have left several students without a secure mode of transport for the remainder of the semester;

Whereas, students have organized and reached out to several departments, department leaders, and the SGA to request more time to prepare for the enforcement of such restrictions;

Whereas, student leaders have met with Neil Hart, Emily Messa, and Raymond Bartlett to discuss possible solutions and the future for the Sugar Land shuttle service.

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

The restrictions that would have prevented students who are not enrolled at classes at both the Sugar Land and Main Campus will not be enforced until Spring 2024.

Be it further enacted, to prioritize the academic success of students and fulfill the original intent of the Sugar Land Shuttle Service, priority seating will be given to those who are enrolled in class both at the Sugar Land campus and the Main Campus as well as those who live on campus with classes at UHSL;

Be it further enacted, if there is any room remaining on the shuttle, those who are using the UHSL location as a park and ride, or those who do not meet the requirement of priority seating will be allowed to board;

Be it further enacted, the UH SGA will continue to discuss the future of the shuttle service through the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC).

Be it further enacted, the UH SGA as well as CCA leadership will provide student volunteers to ensure the transition of the priority seating is implemented as easily as possible. Student volunteers may earn hours of volunteer service in return for their deliberate aid in the new policy.

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