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Bill Establishing a Student Academic Bill of Rights Taskforce

Whereas, universal tradition has been the underlying factor in establishing basic students' rights; and

Whereas, students' rights concerning academic policies and procedures are not explicitly defined in any official University of Houston document; and

Whereas, academic liberty consists of protecting the academic independence of professors, researchers, and students in the pursuit of knowledge from interference by authorities within the University of Houston; and

Whereas, academic freedom is most likely to thrive in an environment of intellectual independence and protection; and

Whereas, official documentation with both Student Government Association and the University of Houston can provide students with a powerful tool to substantiate their rights within academic policies and departments.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the 44th Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Section 1: That the Student Government Association will formally establish a Student Academic Bill of Rights Taskforce.

Section 2: That the Taskforce will consist of 8-10 Senators chosen by the executive committee.

Section 3: That the Student Government Association will work to shape an official Student Academic Bill of Rights for the University of Houston.

Speaker of the Student Senate,

Ryan Free

President of the Student Government,

David Rosen