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From: Elwyn C. Lee
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Date: April 1, 2008

Subject: Student Government Association Actions

Attached are two Student Government Association (SGA) bills and one resolution passed by the SGA during the spring semester of this year as follows:

- ~~1) UB44013: "Bill to Recommend the Amendment of the University of Houston Nondiscrimination Statement."~~
- 2) SGAR44009: "Resolution honoring all Vietnamese students at the University of Houston with the raising of an additional flag in the World Affairs Lounge."
- ~~3) UB44011: "A University Bill Establishing the U. S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Certification as Standard for New or Replacement Facilities."~~

These actions are forwarded to you for action as appropriate from the University Coordinating Commission.

Attachments

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Committee: University Administration and Finance
Reading: Amended

Resolution honoring all Vietnamese students at the University of Houston with the raising of an additional flag in the World Affairs Lounge

Whereas, the flags that currently hang in the University's World Affairs Lounge are supposed to represent the diversity of the University of Houston's student body.

Whereas, The City of Houston and its surrounding areas are home to the second largest population of Vietnamese -Americans in the United States (roughly 55,500 people and growing); and is also the largest Asian community in Harris County; and

Whereas, the vast majority of Vietnamese -Americans embrace the flag of their former country, the former Republic of Viet Nam (also known as South Viet Nam); a flag that has long symbolized the resilience, freedom and democracy of and for the Vietnamese community; and


Whereas, it is the will and expressed desire of Vietnamese -American students and community that the flag of the former Republic of Viet Nam be recognized as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American Community; and

Whereas, the City of Houston, on June 18, 2003, has officially recognized the flag of the former Republic of Viet Nam as the symbol of the Vietnamese- American Community in Houston, Texas.

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

Article 1: The flag of the former Republic of Viet Nam shall be hung alongside other national flags in the University's World Affairs Lounge in order to honor and accurately reflect the representation of the Vietnamese-American students at the University of Houston.

Article 2: Formerly encourage the University Center Policy Board to develop a policy that states what types of flags may be hung in the University Center World Affairs Lounge.


David Rosen, President


Stephen J. Quezada, Speaker of the Senate