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To: Wynne Chin
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From: Elwyn C. Lee *[Redacted]*
Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Student Affairs

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) UB440011: "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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Label: UB440011

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**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.**

Whereas, the University's master plan calls for double the amount of learning and living space;
and

Whereas, there is \$39 million current construction underway with \$233 million more planned
over the next five years; and

Whereas, commercial and residential buildings consume 40% of our nation's energy and are
responsible for 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.; and

Whereas, commercial and residential buildings contribute 136 tons of waste annually; and

Whereas, the University's design and building decisions impact the prudent use of energy and
water supplies, the cost of disposing hazardous materials, the health and safety of its employees
and students; and

Whereas, the United States Green Building Council's is the leading standard for designing,
constructing, operating and certifying the world's sustainable buildings through the Leadership
in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building standards; and


Whereas, LEED standards will result in significant reductions in operations and maintenance
costs therefore decreasing the financial burden on students; and

Whereas, the design and construction of University buildings should have a positive affect on
the air quality, water quality, and quality of life while contributing to the environmental
sustainability of our community; and

Whereas, the City of Houston, the Houston Community College System and the Houston
Independent School District have already adopted the LEED standards.

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

Section 1: The University will take the necessary steps to utilize the United States Green Building Council's LEED certification for all new and replacement buildings.


David Rosen, President


Stephen J. Quezada, Speaker of the Senate
