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Whereas, there is no committee to address recycling, energy conservation, waste management, and other environmental concerns, and

Whereas, the Department of Administration and Finance, as well as Plant Operations, have addressed their concern in establishing a task force for sustainability, and

Whereas, the recycling program at the University of Houston is insufficient and needs to be reevaluated, and

Whereas, recycling receptacles are only located in a few locations across campus, specifically M.D. Anderson Library and the University Center, and

Whereas, many students have expressed their concern for the university to promote "green" and environmentally friendly initiatives, and

Whereas, a University Committee comprised of students, administration, faculty and staff would help to coordinate the abilities of a diverse set of minds in a concerted effort to lessen the financial burden on the University of Houston student and move the entire University of Houston on a path that protects and is integrated with the natural world around it.

Therefore, be it enacted by the 45th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Section 1: the Student Government Association will establish the University Committee entitled the Environmental and Sustainability Committee (ESC).

Section 2: the ESC will develop a master plan to address environmental concerns, updating recycling efforts, and sustainability initiatives (i.e. waste management, energy conservation).

Section 3: the ESC will establish a program to change the University of Houston into a "green campus."

Section 4: the ESC will conduct research over energy conservation initiatives for the university to implement, such as solar panels, rain-water collection systems, and green roofs.

Section 5: the ESC will partner with the college of engineering, natural sciences, college of technology and mathematics, and any other relevant colleges or departments, in order to develop systems to meet the sustainability needs for the university.

Section 6: the ESC will consist of four students, one faculty member, and the Director of Plant Operations.