

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### SGA Senate Forum/Conference

#### One-Time Request | FY 26

Traditionally, to promote SGA elections, a presidential and vice presidential candidate debate have been hosted to educate students about their policies, platforms, experience, etc. However, the senate is a regularly overlooked, but equally important component of SGA, for identifying and voicing concerns regarding college-level related issues and addressing them.



#### One-Time Allocation FY26: SGA Senate Forum/Conference

SGA is requesting \$2,120 to cover the cost of hosting a senate forum/conference. \$2,000 would go towards food, tabling, marketing, and outreach efforts and \$120 would cover business and administrative fees.

A senate forum will provide an avenue for students to interact with candidates from multiple parties and perspectives that will be working closer with their constituencies than the presidential/vice-presidential candidates throughout their terms.

A regularly voiced false perception of SGA is the lack of power and presence with their respective college constituents, once elected. Having this forum will build relationships between senators and their college constituents, to further increase effective advocacy and addressal of issues, once elected.

#### Benefits:

1. **Voter Turnout**—increased voter turnout across colleges will result from the senate forum/conference.
2. **Informed Decisions**—students will be educated on issues effecting their colleges and be enabled to develop an in-depth understanding of in order to arrive at more-educated decisions for which senators they may cast their vote for.



3. **Senate Development**—candidates will be provided an avenue to inform students on the their own policies, contrasted to the party-tickets they are running under.

**Cost:**

Price of Event	\$2,000
<u>Admin Fees (6.0%)</u>	<u>\$120</u>
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,120</b>