

# Student Government Association

## STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Diego Arriaga, Student Body President  
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28th October 2024





# AGENDA KEY TALKING POINTS

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- Mission and Purpose of SGA
- Organizational Structure
- Unit Success & Challenges
- Events & Collaborations
- Request Overview





# Mission Statement



The Student Government Association exists to serve as the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed and **empowered** in the overall policy, decision-making process, and services offered at the University of Houston. As such, the Student Government Association is committed to understanding the needs of students and **advocating** on their behalf. Through continuous interaction with students, faculty, staff, and administration, the organization works to **improve and enhance** the quality of the student experience.





# UH DSA STRATEGIC VALUES

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## Community

- SGAs are committed to making sure all students in our community have the opportunity to have the best experience possible at the University of Houston

## Collaboration

- SGAs are committed to working together to advocate for students through partnerships with our community partners and campus partners to provide the best student experience

## Empowerment

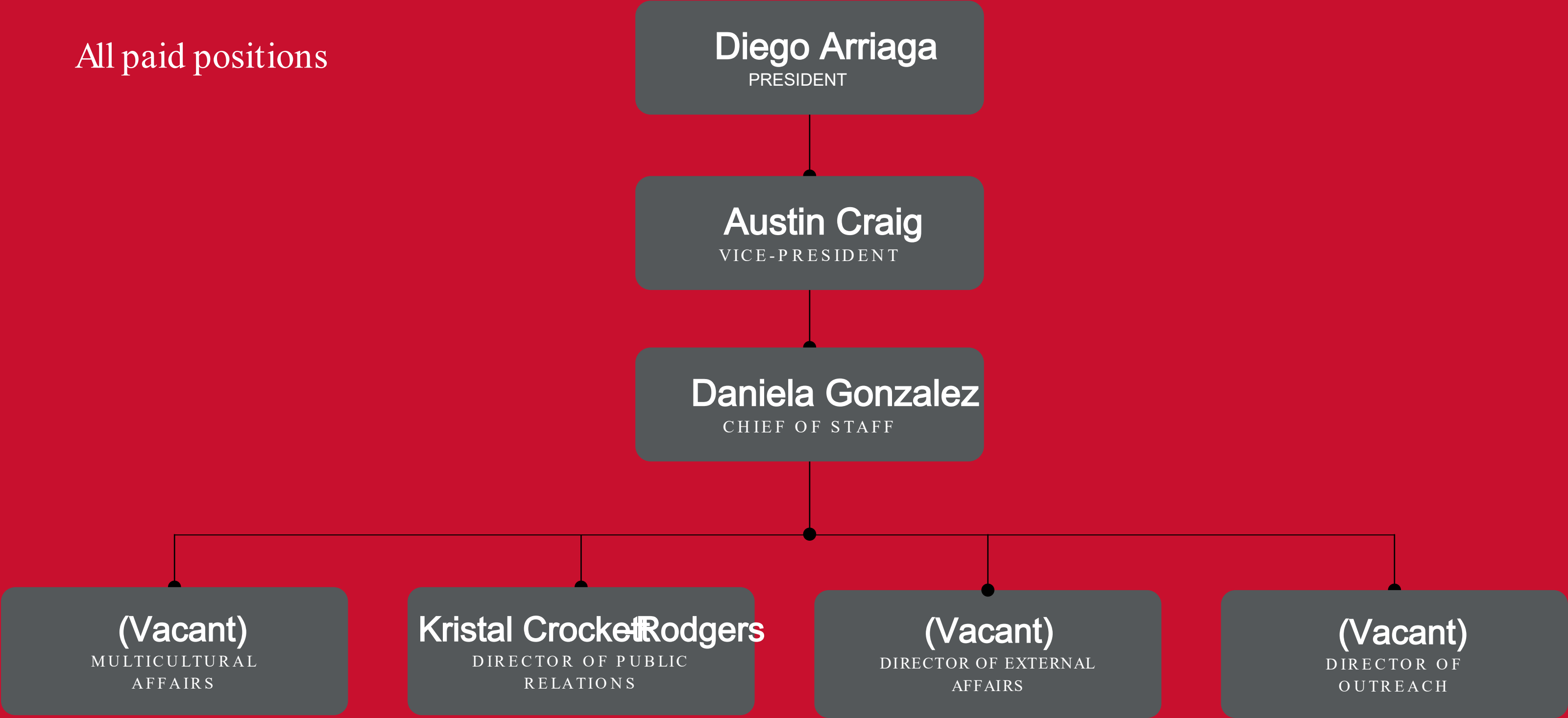
- SGAs are committed to providing the necessary resources and encouragement to not only students in our organization but to the student body to advocate for their experience at UH



# EXECUTIVE BRANCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

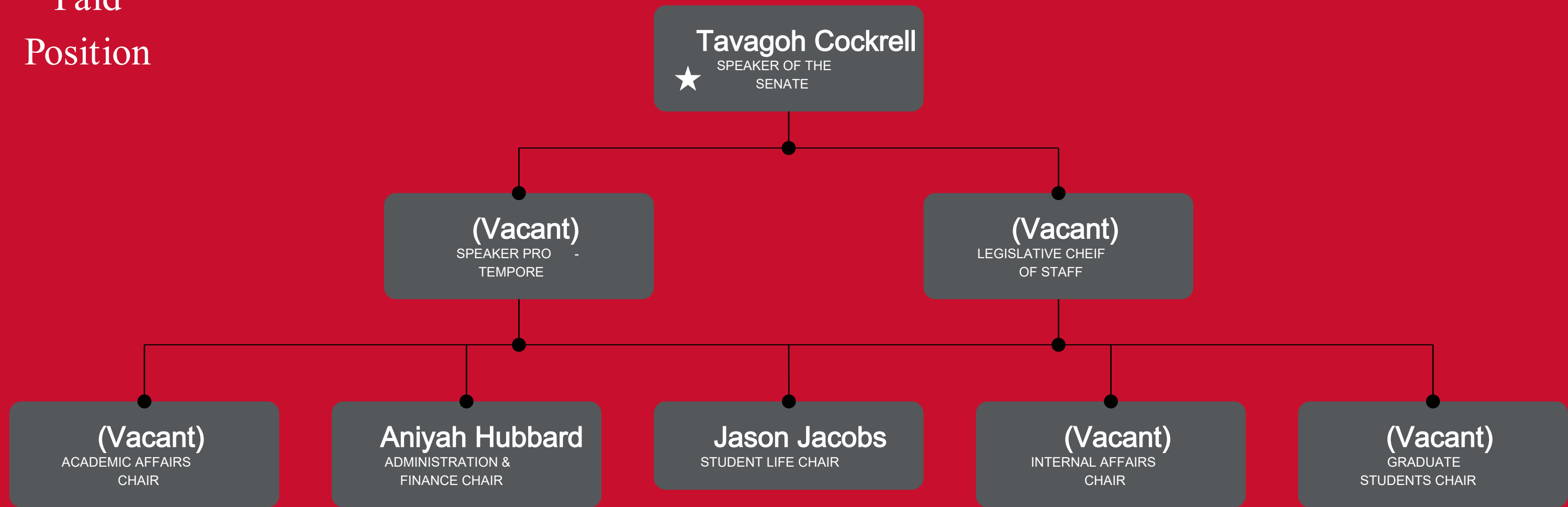
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All paid positions



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

★ Paid Position



## Senate Seats

- UNDERGRADUATE AT LARGE(6)
- GRADUATE AT LARGE(4)
- COLLEGE OF ARCHITECHTURE AND DESIGN(1)
- COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY AND LEADERSHIP (1)
- COLLEGE OF ARTS (1)
- COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (4)

- COLLEGE OF EDUCATION(2)
- COLLEGE OF EINGINEERING (3)
- COLLEGE OF EXPLORATORY STUDIES(2)
- LAW CENTER (1)
- HOBBOY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS(1)
- HONORS COLLEGE (2)
- COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (1)

- COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (7)
- COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS( 4)
- COLLEGE OF NURSING( 1)
- COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY ( 1)
- COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ( 1)
- COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK( 1)
- COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY( 1)

# JUDICAL BRANCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

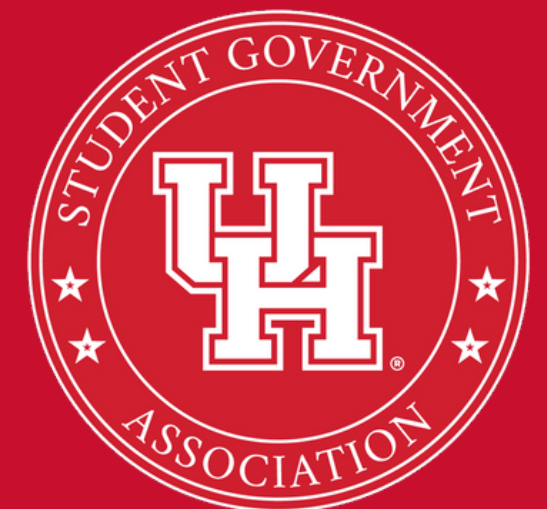
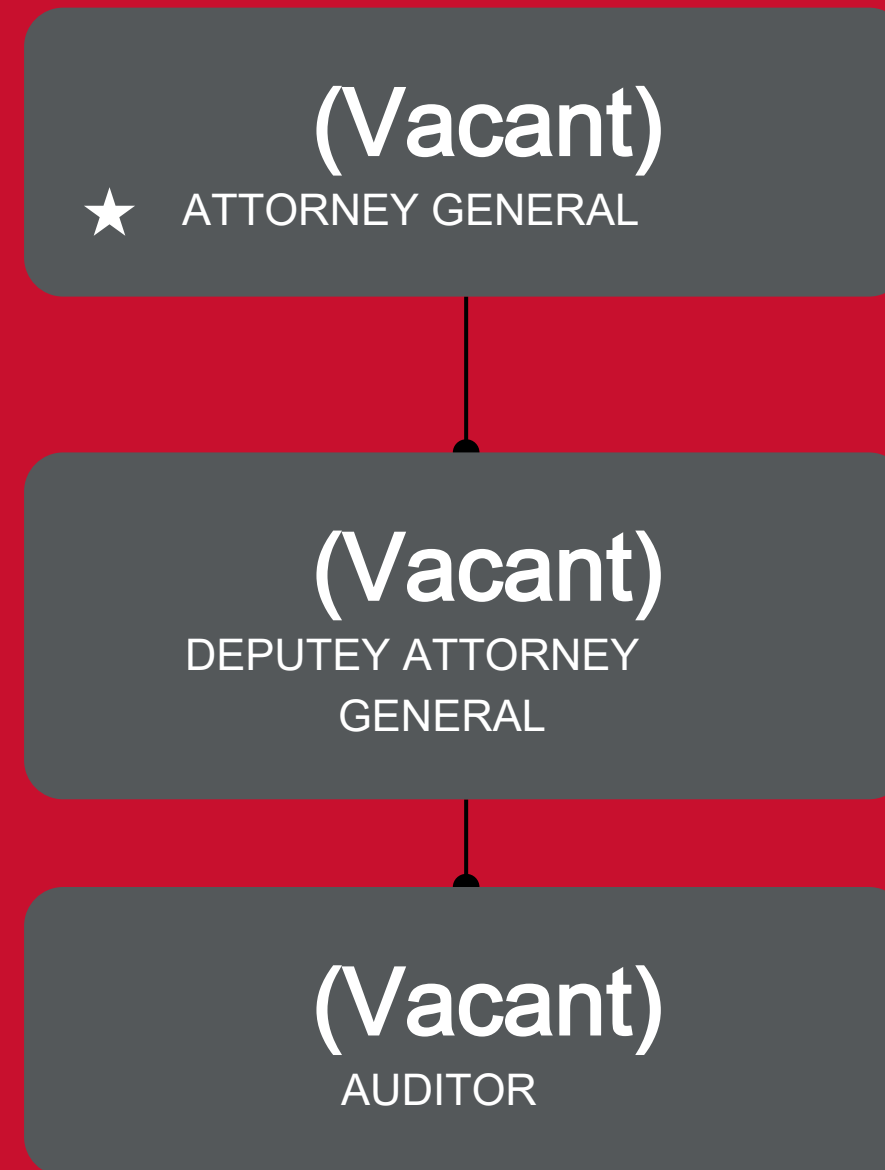
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# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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Position

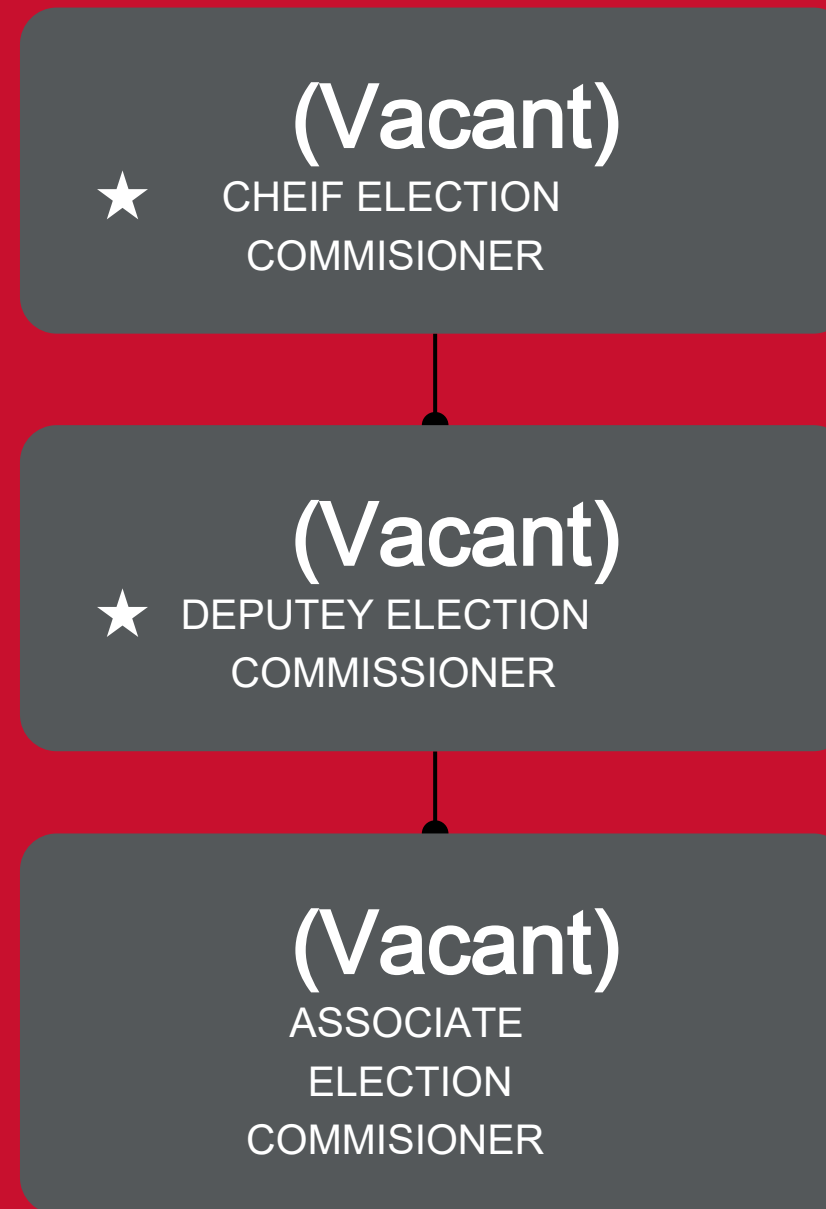




# ELECTION COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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Position



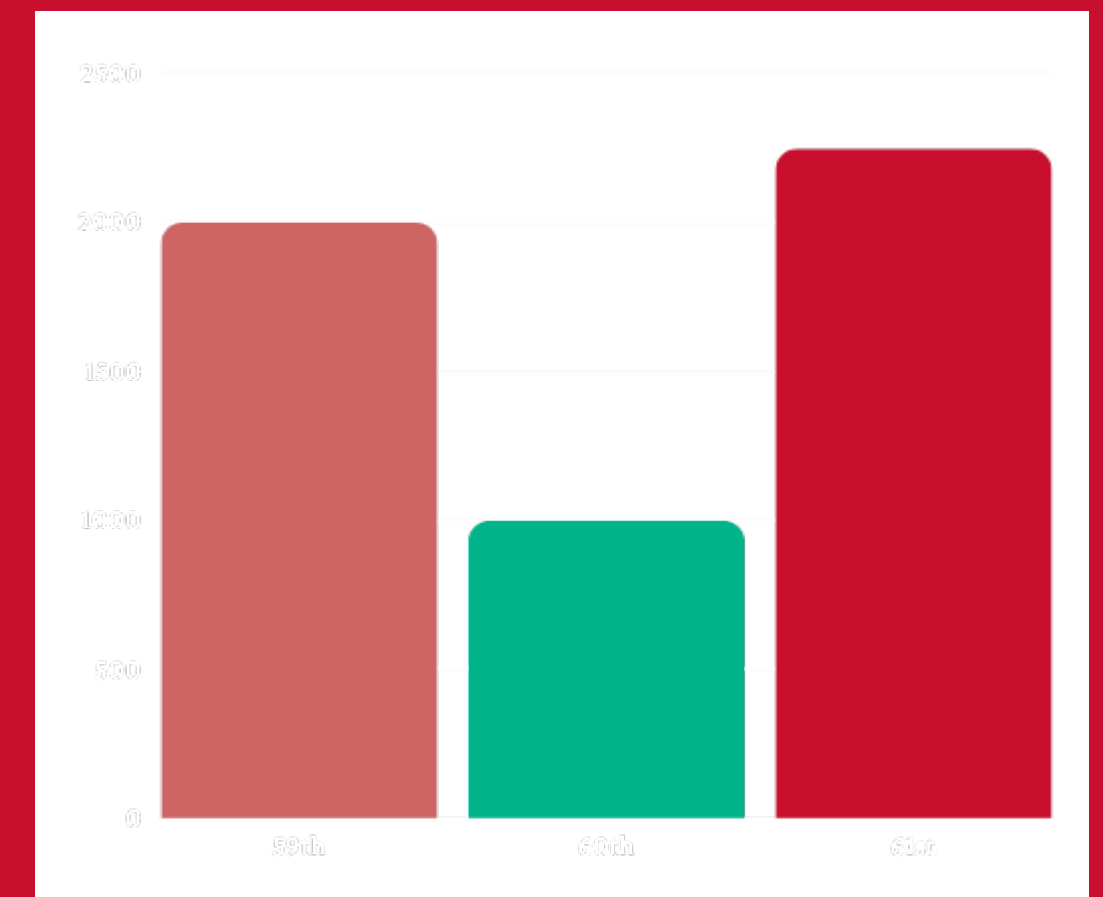


# UNIT SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

Challenge	Success
Organizational Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased engagement in the Emerging Leaders Program with this year having the most applicants at 52</li> <li>Emerging Leaders Program has been proposed to be expanded and renamed to bring forth increased engagement</li> <li>Result: encouraging engagement, team work, and leadership while preparing the leaders of tomorrow.</li> </ul>
Increasing Voter Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered 2,248 students to vote</li> <li>Have committed an estimated number of 6,000 students to vote in the upcoming elections</li> </ul>



**36.3%**  
Estimated  
Registered  
Freshmen





# UNIT SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES



Challenge	Success
Makerspace Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Created a taskforce that meets every two weeks, aimed at increasing sustainability for spaces such as the Keeland.</li><li>• Currently working with the Dean of the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and the Office of the Provost to possibly increase the funding by \$50,000 per year till the completion of the Innovation Hub</li></ul>
Increased Knowledge within the organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We hosted the SGA training at the beginning of the Fall semester</li><li>• Discussed several topics such as communication, our governing documents, our agendas, and other crucial topics.</li></ul>



# UNIT SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES

## Transportation and Parking

Main Challenge: Increasing accesibility and affordability to

Transportation and Parking Services

- Fort Bend: Expanded our transportation options by collaborating with Fort Bend county
- Campus Garages: Froze all garage parking prices for the next 2 fiscal years
- Citation Food Drive: Signed MOU to bring 2 citation food drives per semester to campus



## Academics

Main Challenge: Increasing University Academic ranking and student success

- CTAP Expansion: We are currently working with the Bookstore Advisory Committee, Faculty Senate, and Office of the Provost to expand the College Textbook Assessibility Program
- Student Success Commission : In partnership with the Office of the Provost we created this commission to tackle academic issues and student success
- Syllabus Improvement: Established a set format to be used by all professors to release syllabuses prior to the year comencing





# EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

## SGA X Doctors Without Borders

Water Balloon Fundraiser

- Fundraised over \$600 for medical resources .



## FIESTA Tent

Hosted a FIESTA tent during family night to bring fun activities for kids and increase engagement with past and future cougars .



## SGA Training

Trained our senators and leadership team to prepare for the semester by going over communication skills, leadership, & governing documents.



## Voter Registration Finale

Registered a total of 348 students to vote on the last day of voter registration. This was in collaboration with 3 different groups throughout campus.



## Big 12 Conference

Attended a conference in Iowa State University where we were able to share initiatives and discuss future advocacy in partnership with all Big 12 schools.



## End the Stigma

Collected over 1,100 shirts, each representing each life lost to suicide on college campuses per year, from different departments and organizations on campus and then donated the to cougar closet.



## HSI Day

Worked on the HSI Day planning committee to participate in any capacity, mainly volunteering. We were able to represent our 33% Hispanic population.



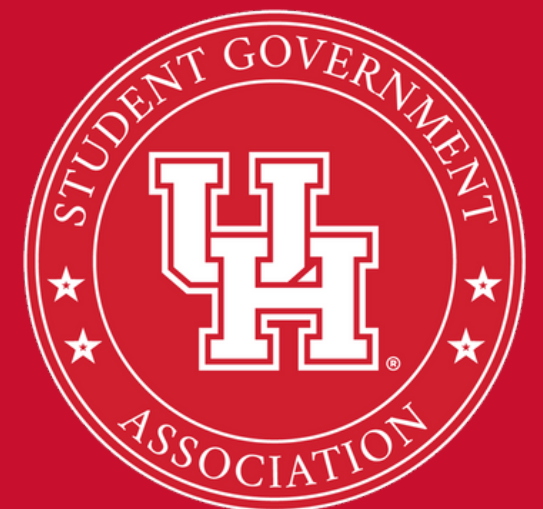


# EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

## Weeks of Welcome

Participated in over 10 events in during weeks of welcome engaging with over 15,000 students. Below are our hosted/highlight events:

- **Be the Advocate** Increase engagement and knowledge of what SGA is. Turn out was 60 people.
- **Glow party**: Was a key organization in providing glow items, volunteers, and helping with logistics. it had over 800+ students in attendance
- **Speed Friending** MC'd, Volunteered, and coordinated events with the Health and Wellness Departments.
- **Shastas Open House** Had an attendance of over 150 students come by our office
- **Healthy Tailgate** In collaboration with DOS and the Health & Wellness Center by volunteering to provide food to students, staff, faculty, and guests.
- **Student Mixers**: Tabled at every student mixer as well as gave out promotional items and taught the importance of SGA and for students voices to be heard





# EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

## Preparing for the Polls with Beto

Held voter registration tabling with special guests and registered over 150 students in two hours.



## Presidential Debate Watch Party

SGA collaborated with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. to watch the Presidential Debate. We had a turn out of approximately 150 students.



## Hispanic Voter Registration Party

We partnered up with Somos UH, and focused on registering Hispanic students to vote during Hispanic Heritage Month.



## Press Conference with DA

After 4 months of hard work and writing a proposal, the District Attorneys Office gave the Student Government Association \$63,250 for our Sexual Assault Initiative.



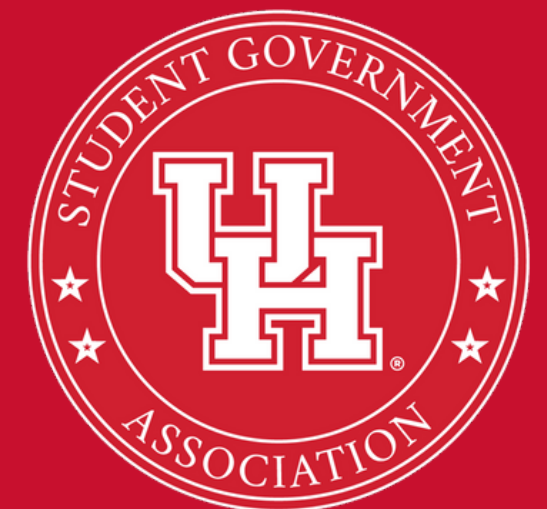
## National Voter Registration Day Bonanza

Partnered up with Move Texas and registered 116 students to vote while having fun activities like giant jenga, spray tattoos, photobooth, and painting wall.



## Ready to Vote with Beto

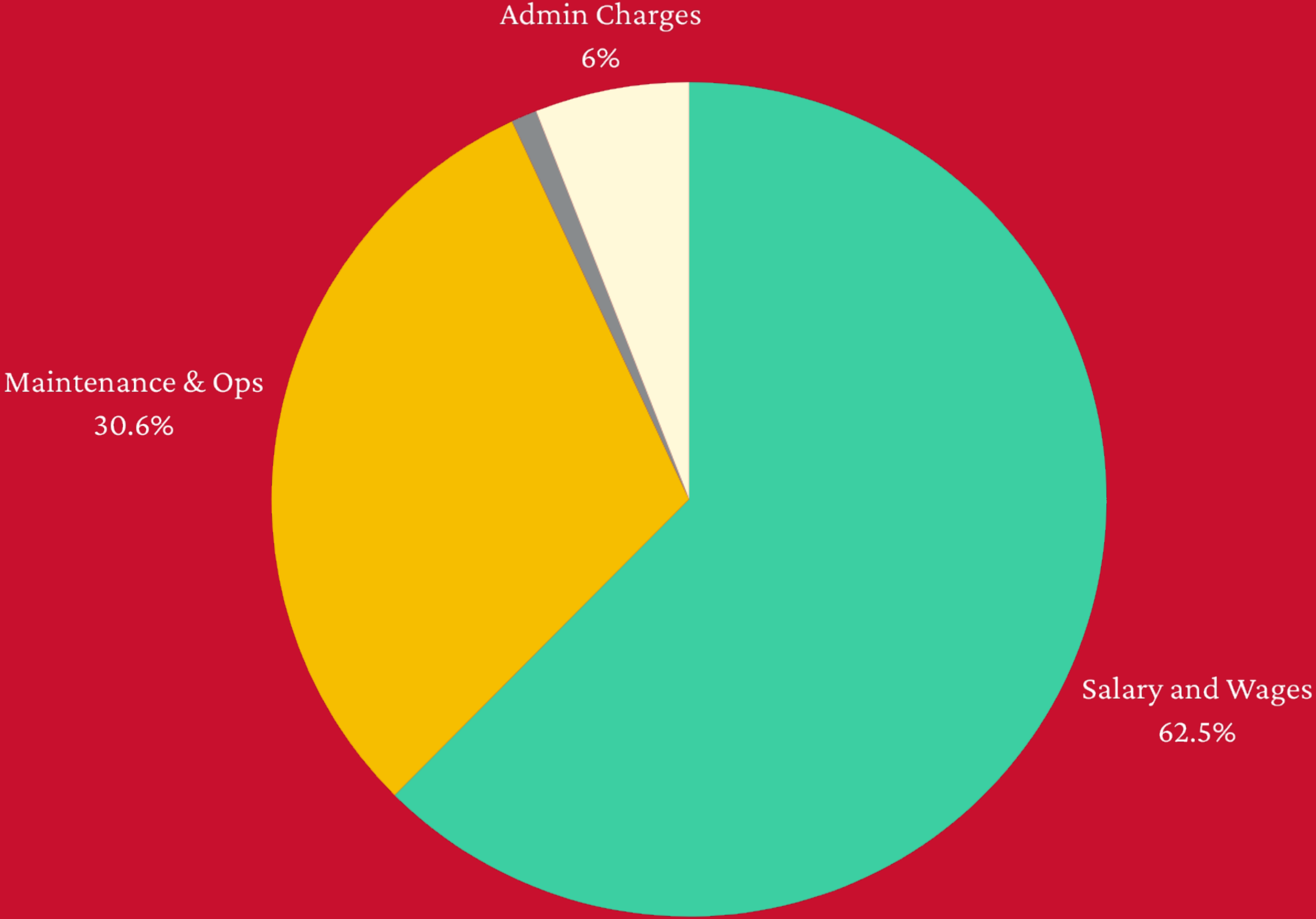
Partnered up with UH BLACK to have a conversation about voter registration. In this event, we were able to engage with over 400 students and register 178 students to vote.



# BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Budget: \$171,906

Budget Node	FY24 Budget	FY24 Actuals	Variance	FY25 Budget
Salary and Wage	\$131,765	\$62,678	\$69,087	\$107,822
Maintenance & Ops	\$51,574	\$41,035	\$10,539	\$52,800
Travel & Business	\$1,500	\$1,502	\$(2)	\$1,500
Admin Charges	\$9,175	\$6,313	\$2,862	\$9,784
TOTAL	\$194,014	\$111,528	\$82,486	\$171,906





# BE THE ADVOCATE FY26

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One - Time Request  
Total Request: \$2,650

Be the Advocate is an event increase constituency engagement, institutional information and centralization of information regarding not only SGA but the shared governance model at UH. This is done by hosting a mutli-tabling event. we are requesting \$2,650 to go towards outreach, food, and promotional items for students



# END THE STIGMA

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One ~~FY26~~ Time Request  
Total Request: \$1,060

End the Stigma is an Event recognizing the need to continue the conversation of mental health by honoring the 1,100 students who commit suicide every year across college campuses. SGA is requesting \$1,060 to increase the marketing and awareness of the event by increased tabling as well as begin tracking student engagement.





# INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY FY26

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One - Time Request  
Total Request: \$2,120

International mother language day is an event created to recognize all the languages of the various cultures across UH. We are requesting \$2,120 to cover the food court of food for the event as well as the tabling and outreach necessary to truly engage the student body



# SGA SENATE FORUM/CONFERENCE FY26

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One - Time Request  
Total Request: \$2,120

The SGA Senate Forum is an opportunity to bring a greater awareness and engagement with students specifically by interacting with Senator Candidates from all parties in the election. SGA is requesting \$2,120 to cover the cost of food, tabling as well as the marketing and outreach necessary for an event of this size.



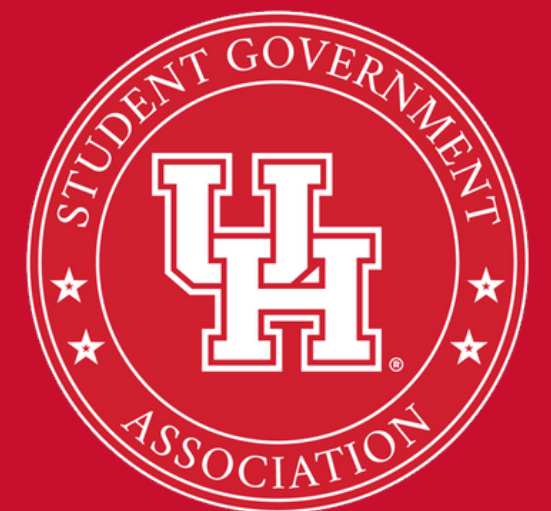


# SHIELA JACKSON LEE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM FY26

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One - Time Request  
Total Request: \$1,590

The SJL Emerging Leaders Program aims to develop future campus and community leaders through interactive learning experiences and internships within SGA. As the responsibilities of the Emerging Leaders within our organization have expanded, the 61st administration would like to increase the funding of the program to improve further the outcome of the program and the student-to-student engagement rate within the program. Hereby, creating the leaders of tomorrow within the organization and the university. \$1,500 would cover all the event expenses including, food, outreach/collaboration, marketing, decorations, etc and \$90 would cover the business and administrative fees.



# STIPEND FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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One - Time Request  
Total Request: \$1,272

The attorney general is a crucial portion of SGA and carries out extensive duties with the stipend for the position it brings about greater interaction for students to apply for the position as well as accurately compensate the student for the responsibilities necessary for the position.





# Thank you!

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