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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Campus Safety Task Force

By the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the University of Houston Student Government Association, and consistent with Title III, Article 3, Section 1, Clause 1 of the Bylaws, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. Purpose.

Many students lack trust in the University of Houston's Police Department to provide adequate and proper security on campus.

Recent events on campus have weakened students' trust in UHPD to adequately recognize dangerous situations, make the right judgements, and facilitate clear communication with university officials and students alike, making it difficult to fulfill their mission of keeping students safe¹.

Campus security is a major concern for students at the University of Houston and the Student Government Association must do everything in its power to advocate for students and assist in efforts to provide as safe an environment as possible.

Cougar Pack was a service provided under the Student Government Association in the 55th and 56th administration to provide a golf-cart security service, which has since disappeared that is in dire need of being revived.

¹ <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/education/article/uh-cop-pulls-gun-black-theater-student-rehearsing-17751229.php#photo-23419483>

Section 2. Action.

- (A)** The Student Government will form a task-force to address student safety on campus.
- (B)** This task-force be created upon this executive order's announcement to the public.
- (C)** The Director of Outreach of the Student Government Association will begin soliciting applications for this task force upon this announcement of the task-force.
- (D)** This task-force meet at least monthly, starting in the month following its creation.
- (E)** The duties of the Campus Safety Task Force include, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Researching strategies and methods to better improve;
 - 2. Working in collaboration with the University of Houston Police Department to identify response
 - 3. Raise awareness of methods and avenues for:
 - (A)** Promoting the reestablishment of Cougar Pack among the student body
 - (B)** Working with Administration and Finance and the campus police department to figure out logistics and details for running Cougar Pack permanently
 - (C)** Identifying resources for prioritized promotion and opportunities for educating the campus community on resources offered by the campus police department through social media posts and proposals for additional events/and or opportunities to engage and connect with the community
 - (D)** Any other activities and/or initiatives deemed necessary in pursuit of creating a safer campus
- (F)** All students will be allowed to apply to this task-force.

(G) The Director of Outreach of the Student Government Association will serve as the chair for this task-force.



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