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The Sustainable Campus 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.

The University of Houston is working to maintain its status as a Carnegie-designated Tier-One research university. To maintain this, the University investigates sustainability issues, to help the world develop new technologies and strategies to address sustainability initiatives¹.

The economic after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have caused budgets for sustainable initiatives on campus to be drastically reduced without a clear plan on how or when funds will be reallocated towards sustainable initiatives.

RecycleMania, an iconic programming event normally put on by the Office of Sustainability which promotes proper recycling practices and sustainable initiatives is no longer being funded.

The Students Unite party which won an overwhelming apportionment of senate seats, ran on a pillar of creating a “Sustainable Campus”, and therefore has a mandate by the student body to fulfill these obligations.

¹ <https://www.uh.edu/sustainability/resources/research/>

Section 2. Action.

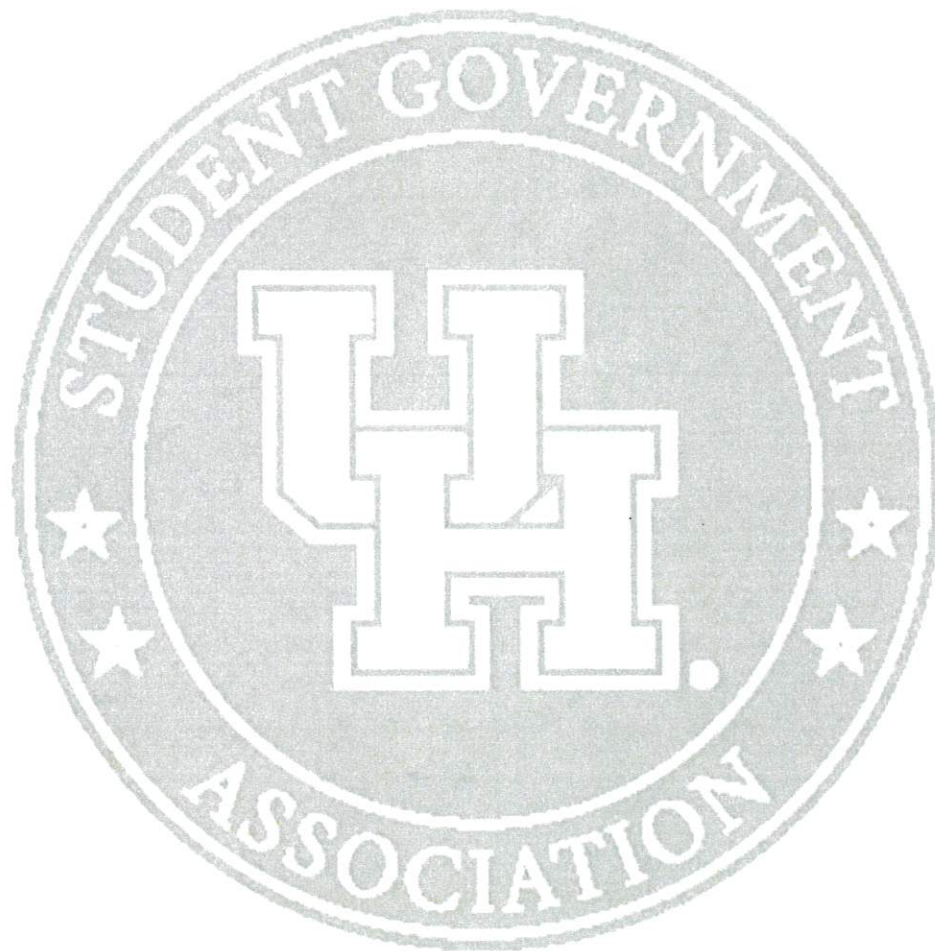
- (A) The Student Government will form a task-force to reestablish sustainable programs on campus, and search for avenues to reduce plastic use and energy waste.
- (B) That this task force is created upon this executive order's announcement to the public.
- (C) The Speaker of the Senate of the Student Government will begin soliciting applications for this task-force upon the public announcement of the task-force.
- (D) This task-force will meet at least monthly, starting in the month following its creation.
- (E) The duties of the Sustainable Campus Task-Force include, but is not limited to:
1. Researching strategies and methods to reduce wide scale plastics use in auxiliary services on campus;
 2. Working in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability, the Student Centers, the Division of Research, Administration and Finance, and any other divisions or departments deemed necessary by members of the task-force;
 3. Raise awareness of methods and avenues for:
 - (A) Reducing single use plastics and packaging usage
 - (B) Educating the campus community on proper disposal of food waste and regularly used plastic, glass, and paper products
 - (C) Identifying ledgers of funding and discretionary budgets which can be reallocated for events and programming to promote the serve to educate the campus community on sustainable lifestyle practices
 - (D) Any other activities and/or initiatives deemed necessary in

pursuit of creating a more environmentally-friendly university

4. Spur awareness and access to current services that promote sustainable practices and programs on campus.

(F) All students will be allowed to apply to this task-force.

(G) The Speaker of the Senate of the Student Government Association serve as the chair of this task-force.



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