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**Student Government Action Regarding Mandatory Public  
Engagement**

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.**

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the student government struggled to effectively engage its constituents through town halls, tablings, presentations and/or any other attempt to fulfill the mandatory public engagement requirements as mandated by the SGA Bylaws.

In order for senators fulfill the mission of the Student Government Association, it is essential for senators to be able to gauge their constituents' interests and concerns in a quantifiable and qualitative manner, in order to improve and enhance the quality of the student experience<sup>1</sup>.

To fulfill this obligation, it is necessary to be aware of the different college interests, needs and environment in order to plan and execute an effective public engagement event that yields the most accurate and representative feedback, in order to spur actionable legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uh.edu/sga/about/mission/index>

## Section 2. Action.

- (A) The Speaker of the Senate will select a member of each caucus to determine a date in which all members of the respective caucus will initiate an in-person meeting with their dean and/or associate dean of their respective college before September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- (B) The caucus leader will lead the effort on determining the logistics of the event before September 1<sup>st</sup>, including but not limited to:
1. Meeting with the Dean and/or associate deans and/or departmental chairs of one's respective college to initiate discussion and gauge the needs of the college's constituents
  2. Determining a date, location, time, and associated partner(s), and/or any other necessary details for hosting the event
  3. Determining the most effective route for marketing and promotion of the event to the constituents of one's college
  4. Soliciting comprehensive Qualtrics surveys and/or other polling questions/mechanisms to most accurately gauge constituents' opinions and voice on issues and matters unique to senators' constituents, to further develop into a presentation and/or discussion-based content
  5. Any other actions deemed necessary by Speaker Wilson and/or respective caucus leaders to best facilitate student feedback and/or input on how to improve the student experience of senators' respective constituencies
- (C) The caucus leaders will provide spoken or written progress reports to report on in order to keep the public informed on the progress on the progress of setting up a form of mandatory public engagement

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