

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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No Tolerance for Sexual or Violent Offenders Act

Whereas, on October 30, 2019, SGAB-56013 passed stating that no student who has previously served sanctions for offenses either violent or sexual in nature, including but not limited to sanctions regarding sexual assault, physical assault, and sexual harassment, would not be permitted to seek or hold office in the Student Government;

Whereas, students with a documented history of offenses either violent or sexual in nature should be barred from seeking and holding office in the Student Government;

Whereas, survivors of sexual or violent attacks should not be represented by their abusers on University-wide Committees;

Whereas, we, as student body representatives have a responsibility to advocate for the safety of students;

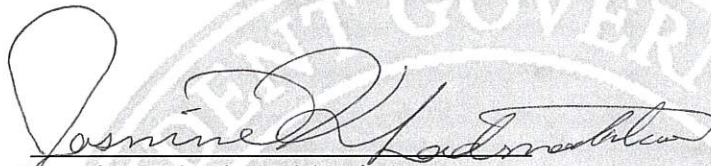
Whereas, we cannot advocate for the safety of students at the University of Houston and appoint students to University Committees who have a documented history of sexual harassment, sexual assault, violence, and any other particularly harmful act while a student at the University of Houston;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That the following section be added to Title 3, Article 1, Section 4, Clause 5 of the Bylaws:

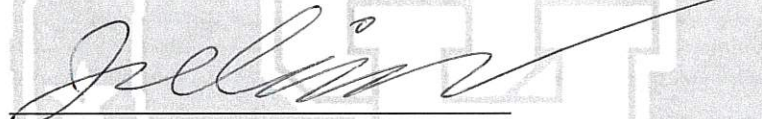
“The Vice President will not appoint any student to a University Committee who previously served sanctions for offenses either violent or sexual in nature. These include but are not limited to: sanctions regarding sexual assault, physical assault, and sexual harassment.”

Be it further enacted, that the Student Government Association include a check for served sanctions regarding issues related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, violence, and any other particularly harmful acts before appointing a student to a University-wide Committee.


Jasmine Khademakbari

Student Government President

Date of President's Approval: 8/28/2020



Julian Cheng

Speaker of the Senate

Date of Senate Approval: 8-28-2020

APPROVED