## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Sponsor(s):** National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), United Greek Council (UGC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Houston Panhellenic Council (HPC), Speaker Cheng, Deputy Chief of Staff Padron, Director of Outreach Nguyen, Chief of Staff White, Director of Public Relations Al-hmoud **Committee:** Student Life

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## Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance Act

**Whereas,** fraternity and sorority life is a long standing American tradition within higher education that aims to enhance personal, social and moral development among its members<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, the death of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement sparked conversations about diversity inclusion across the nation and within the University of Houston campus community;

Whereas, although the University of Houston is one of the most diverse institutions in the nation there is still work to be done across all departments to increase inclusivity and equity;

Whereas, the creation of this standing committee for the purposes of promoting cultural competency and inclusion will showcase the commitment the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life (CFSL) has, to become a leader in diversity and inclusion for fraternities and sororities across the nation;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://uh.edu/cfsl/</u>

**Whereas,** the creation of a standing committee within the Student Government Association will promote unity among the councils within the CFSL as well as increase communication between CFSL organizations and university administration;

**Whereas,** the creation of this standing committee will provide an opportunity for CFSL organizations to advertise events, air grievances and provide an opportunity to work on initiatives that will benefit the entire CFSL community;

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

That Title I, Article 9, Section 3 be amended to read "Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance."

**Be it further enacted,** that Title 1, Article 9, Section 3, Clause 1 be amended to read "Clause 1: The purpose of this Select Committee will be to unite leaders of the five governing councils of UH Fraternity and Sorority Life; the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), United Greek Council (UGC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Houston Panhellenic Council (HPC) to streamline communication between CFSL organizations, student government and UH administration and to facilitation discussion and implementation of inclusivity initiatives";

**Be it further enacted,** that Title 1, Article 9, Section 3, Clause 2 be amended to read "Clause 2: The Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance will consist of two (2) Student Government representatives, two (2) voting representatives from each of the five governing councils of UH Fraternity and Sorority Life, and one (1) staff member representative or their designee from the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life ";

**Be it further enacted,** that Title 1, Article 9, Section 3, Clause 3 be amended to read "Clause 3: The Fraternity and Sorority Life Inclusivity Alliance representatives will be selected through a formal application process on Get Involved and selected by the Vice-President of the Student Government Association."

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Jásmine Khademakbari Student Government President Date of President's Approval: <u>91 みら/みのみの</u>

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Julian Cheng Speaker of the Senate Date of Senate Approval: <u>9-25-2020</u>