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Senate Appointment Clarification Act

Whereas, according to the Preamble of the SGA Constitution, the document serves to “encourage the development of responsible student participation in the overall policy and decision-making processes of the university community”;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 4.05, Clause 1 of the SGA Constitution states that “Senatorial vacancies will be filled by appointment by the President, Vice President and/or Speaker of the Senate within the Student Government Association with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate present and voting.”;

Whereas, Title I, Article 6, Section 2, Clause 3 of the SGA Bylaws states that “the Speaker will appoint with advice and consent of those members of the Senate present and voting the other officers and staff of the Senate”;

Whereas, interested students can review vacant Senate seats of the current administration on the SGA website and can submit an application through GetInvolved;

Whereas, the Bylaws do not currently outline a detailed process by which the President, Vice President and/or Speaker select and introduce legislative candidates to the Senate;

Whereas, a timely response and communication with the applicants would enhance representation and participation in the Student Government Association;

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

The Bylaws and the Constitution of the Student Government Association will assign the responsibility to handle online applications to the Speaker of the Senate. These rules will specifically define the expectations from the Speaker to ensure timely and appropriate communication with applicants.

Be it further enacted, a new clause will be added to the Title I, Article 2, Section 1 of the SGA Bylaws: "The vacant seats in the Legislative branch will be available for review on the SGA website, and eligible applicants can apply by submitting applications through the GetInvolved website.";

Be it further enacted, a new clause will be added to the Title I, Article 6, Section 2 of the SGA Bylaws: "The Speaker will be in charge of online Senate applications and respond to them within 2 weeks from the time of their submission. The speaker will communicate the appointing process (including but not limited to status updates, appointment date, and rejection) with the applicant in a timely manner.";

Be it further enacted, a new clause will added to the Title I, Article 6, Section 2 of the SGA Bylaws: "Should a Senate position become vacant or filled, the Speaker will update the changes on the SGA website prior to the next Senate meeting.";



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Speaker of Senate

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