

SGA
Legislative

Order of Business
12th Meeting of the 47th Administration
Cougar Den, University Center, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, September 15th, 2010

1. Call to order by the presiding officer
2. Opening call of the roll
3. Reading and approval of the Senate Journal from the previous meeting
4. Special Reports
 - a. American Heart Association
 - b. Disney Representatives
5. Students wishing to address their Senate
6. Two minute speeches by the members
7. Report of the President
8. Report of the Vice-President
9. Report of the Executive Chief of Staff
10. Report of the Director of External Affairs
11. Report of the Director of Public Relations
12. Report of the Director of Finance
13. Report of the Speaker
14. Report of the Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs- Tushar Chawla
 - b. Internal Affairs- Reyes Ramirez
 - c. Student Life- Michael Harding
 - d. University Administration and Finance- Julian Jimenez
15. Report of select committees
16. Special orders
 - a. Speaker Appointment of Amanda Sigurdson to CLASS Seat #1
 - b. Speaker Appointment of Arsalan Razakazi to CLASS Seat #4
 - c. Speaker Appointment of Brandon Williams to Engineering Seat #1
 - d. Speaker Appointment of Christopher Greenfield to Graduate At-Large Seat #1
 - e. Speaker Appointment of Taylor Kilroy to Law Seat
 - f. Appointment of Alan Steinberg to Safety and Security University Committee
17. Introduction and first reading of new legislation
 - a. SGAB47006: Addition of Student Scholarship to the Code of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston
 - b. SGAR47002: SGA Legislation for Allowing Students to Make Online Appointments for the Welcome Center Student Services
 - c. SGAR47003: Student Government Association Resolution in Support of the Instant CLASSic
 - d. Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011
18. Unfinished business and general orders
19. New business and general orders
 - a. Discharge from Committee
20. Closing call of the roll
21. Comments and announcements
22. Open Forum
23. Adjournment

Label: SGAB47006
Date Introduced: September 15, 2010
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Committee: Internal Affairs
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Code of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston

Title 11: Student Government Association Student Scholarship

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Article 1: General Provisions

Section 1: Purpose

Clause 1: The purpose of the Student Government Association Scholarship shall be to recognize leadership skills, outstanding community service, and academic merit, by providing the recipients of this award with an honor, award, or distinction.

Section 2: Eligibility

Clause 1: Any current, full-time University of Houston student with a minimum 2.5 GPA, except the members of the Student Government Association Executive Cabinet, Senate or Judicial branches, shall be eligible for the Student Government Association Scholarship.

Article 2: Scholarship Committee

Section 1: Composition

Clause 1: The Committee shall consist of volunteer members from the Legislative or Executive branches of the University of Houston Student Government Association, Faculty, and/or Staff of the University of Houston.

Clause 2: The final Committee membership shall be voted upon and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

a. Any members from the Legislative or Executive branches of the University of Houston Student Government Association can seek

appointment to the Committee so long as they are approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

Clause 3: Committee membership terms shall run starting, but may continue within, the first Senate meeting in April and terminating at the first Senate meeting of the following April.

Section 2: Chairperson

Clause 1: The Chairperson shall be nominated by a plurality of the Committee Membership and shall be appointed with the advice and consent of those members of the Senate present and voting.

Clause 2: The Chairperson shall oversee the intake of applications and gather them for the Committee.

Clause 3: The Chairperson shall call and preside over meetings of the Scholarship Committees.

Clause 4: The Chairperson must report to the Senate Executive Committee and/or Senate the progress and/or activity of the Scholarship Committee upon request.

Clause 5: The Chairperson will approve the wording and/or writing of the final resolution selecting a student as a Scholarship recipient.

Clause 6: The Chairperson does not hold the right to deny any recipient and/or application without consent of the plurality of the Committee membership.

Article 3: Review Process

Section 1: Rubric

Clause 1: The Committee shall compose and approve by plurality a rubric that focuses on and evaluates each application's display of leadership skills, outstanding community service, and academic merit.

Clause 2: The rubric must be approved each year concurrent with the Committee membership.

a. The Committee may reuse a rubric from past Committee terms.

b. The Committee may alter the rubric with a plurality of the Committee membership's approval.

Section 2: Application Review Process

Clause 1: Each Committee member shall review each application according to the standards set by the approved rubric.

Clause 2: The Committee shall gather each rubric from each member and select recipients according to the highest average scores.

Section 3: Selection Process

Clause 1: When the Committee has agreed upon, by plurality, the recipients, a resolution

shall be drafted supporting the students to receive the Scholarship.
Clause 2: Per Student Government Association Constitution, the two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate present and voting shall agree to pass the resolution recognizing the recipients officially.

Article 4: Scholarship Application

Section 1: Composition of Application Form

Clause 1: The Application Form may ask the following of each applicant:

- a. Name
- b. Address including City, State, and Zip Code
- c. Cell Phone Number
- d. Email
- e. GPA
- f. Classification
- g. Graduation Date
- h. College/Major

Clause 2: In addition to a completed Application form, the Applicant must submit the following:

- a. List of involvements and achievements or resume
- b. Two letters of recommendation
- c. Unofficial transcript with overall GPA
- d. A 500-word essay describing the applicant's (TBD)

Clause 3: The Application must be approved each year concurrent with the Committee membership.

- a. The Committee may reuse an application from past Committee terms.
- b. The Committee may alter the application with a plurality of the Committee membership's approval.

Article 5: Miscellanea

Section 1: Limits

Clause 1: There is no limit on the number of recipients per to select recipients.

Clause 2: Any Administration of the University of Houston Student Government Association reserves the right to not select any recipients for the Student Government Association Scholarship.

Clause 3: The composition of the Code of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston is subject to change according to any national, state, or University, Campus Activities laws and/or regulations.

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Author(s): Johnnie Jackson, Anna Zulfiqar

Sponsor(s):

Committee: Administration and Finance Committee

Draft: First reading

**SGA Legislation for allowing students to make Online Appointments for the Welcome Center
Student Services**

Whereas, the students with financial aid problems must visit the Welcome Center Student Services and;

Whereas, students must wait a great deal of time to visit with a student services representative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 47th Student Government Association of the University of Houston put into effect an online appointment scheduler system that would allow students to schedule meeting(s) with student services representatives and/or, the students may continue to wait in line if an appointment is not available for the time requested;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED if the student requests an appointment and misses the appointment two times, he or she will not be able to use the service for the remaining of the semester.

Label: SGAR47003

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Author(s): Mike Nguyen, Ryan Johnson, Dean John Roberts, Dean Sarah Fishman, Hernan Fernandez, Matt Cormier

Sponsor(s): Brandon Balwant, Julian Jimenez

Committee: Student Life, University Administration and Finance

Draft: First Reading

Student Government Association Resolution in Support of the Instant CLASSic

Whereas, the Student Government Association is the crux student organization of the University of Houston, and

Whereas, the Student Government Association has a number of senators elected to act in the best interest of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and

Whereas, all University of Houston degree plans have at least 27 required credit hours of instruction that takes place within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, regardless of their intended major, and

Whereas, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is the largest college at the University of Houston yet does not have its own representational department and organization fair, and

Whereas, the Instant CLASSic shall be the representational department and organization fair of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and

Whereas, the Instant CLASSic shall improve the visibility, image, and reputation of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences through advertising and promotion, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 47TH ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1: The Student Government Association shall support the Instant CLASSic with their annual endorsement,

Clause 1: The Student Government Association is under no obligation to provide financial support for the Instant CLASSic,

Section 2: The Instant CLASSic day to day activities, operations and event set up shall overseen by a committee in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Clause 1: The committee membership shall be composed of University of Houston students, faculty and staff which may include members of the Student Government Association and alumni.

Clause 2: The committee shall work with the deans of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences for financial support and guidance.

Section 3: The committee shall adopt a bylaw that all members of the committee shall adhere to.

Section 4: The committee shall meet as frequently as needed in order to organize the Instant CLASSic and ensure its success.