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Amendment of the Student Government Association Constitution's Bill of Rights and **Judicial Branch Article**

Whereas, parts of the Student Government Association Constitution does not reflect the recent changes to the SGA bylaws; and

Whereas, the Student Government Association Constitution does not abide by the current Stipend Student Leader Policy.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the 50th senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston that the following constitutional amendment be placed on the ballot of the 2014 general election for vote:

Amend Article 6: Judicial Branch

Section 1, Clause 1: The Judicial Branch of the Student Government Association shall consist of a supreme judicial body known as the Student Government Association Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals shall be composed of seven student members appointed by the President with advice and consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate present and voting.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy, the Justices and/or alternates of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate present and voting. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate present and voting, a Chief Justice from the membership of the Court of Appeals.

Section 4: Five Justices must be present in order to render a judgment under this Constitution. At the discretion of the Chief Justice, alternate members may be utilized to form a panel of five Justices.

Amend Article 2: Bill of Rights

Section 5: Stipend student officers within all three branches (elected or appointed) shall be in good academic and disciplinary standing while maintaining a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA). All non-stipend student officers within all three branches (elected or appointed) shall be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

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