

Student Gevernment Association

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## University Bill in support of the Veterans Advisory Committee

Whereas, the University of Houston seeks to provide adequate representation for all of its students, staff, and faculty members.

Whereas, the University of Houston has a student veteran population of more than 1,500 in addition to its veteran alumni, faculty, and staff employees, which have no direct or inclusive representation of their interests in University affairs.

Whereas, the University of Houston aspires to provide recognition and awareness for the selfless public service and sacrifice of these individuals for their nation.

Whereas, the University of Houston demonstrates a high level of commitment towards veterans through providing quality veteran programs and by connecting individuals to the appropriate resources that serve them.

Whereas, the City of Houston consistently is rated among the best cities for veterans to reside due to its wealth of services, low cost of living, and veteran-friendly employers seeking military-relevant experience. It should follow that the city's flagship university be held to a commensurate pedigree.

## **THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the 50<sup>th</sup> Administration of the Student Government** Association of the University of Houston:

That it ardently supports the creation of the *Veterans Advisory Committee*, a University Committee for the representation of our honorable veteran population before the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year. This committee will be a representative body of students, faculty, and charged with:

- Informing and advising the president of the University of Houston, senior administration officials, and the general university community on issues and concerns that have an impact on veterans at this institution.
- Working in conjunction with the senior administration, deans, academic department chairs, administrative department, program managers, as well as the Student Government Association, Staff Council, and Faculty Senate to develop and implement its counsel
- Reviewing and developing programs and services available to veterans, in addition to administration policies that have an effect on veteran life at the university.

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