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Townhall Reform Act

Whereas, Bylaw Title 1, Article 3, Section 2 states that Senators are designated to hold monthly constituent meetings,

Whereas, monthly constituent meetings are currently ineffective towards serving the student body,

Whereas, the advertisement of multiple constituent meetings are unable to effectively accomplish average turnouts,

Whereas, constituent meetings lead to increased pertinent legislation,

Whereas, under current legislation, undergraduate at-large and graduate at-large senators are not specified to attend any constituent meetings,

Therefore be it resolved be the 51st Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Title 1, Article 3, Section 2 will be entirely replaced with the following:

Section 2: Townhall Meetings

Clause 1: For the purpose of facilitating communication between students and their representative(s) in the Senate, all Senators shall join together in holding a public Townhall meeting with the student body each semester, excluding summer and winter semesters.

Clause 2: Such meetings shall be publicized in an appropriate way to the constituency involved at least seven calendar days in advance.

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Clause 3: For each semester Townhall meeting a Senator fails to attend, they shall be assessed an unexcused absence towards their Senate record, in accordance with the Senate Attendance Policy. Excused absences are left to the discretion of the Speaker.



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