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UH in 4 All Act

Whereas, UH's four-year graduation rate at the end of the 2014-2015 year was found to be 18%; and

Whereas, this graduation rate has been increasing gradually for the past several years; and

Whereas, increased graduation rates have partly been the result of initiatives like UH in 4 that incentivize timely graduation; and

Whereas, historic low graduation rates have had a strong negative effect on UH's academic rankings, funding, and public perception; and

Whereas, to encourage timely graduation, many universities have adopted programs that incentivize and facilitate four-year graduation that include features such as clear degree plans, advising, and fixed tuition plans; and

Whereas, students must currently opt into UH in 4 to receive a fixed four-year tuition plan; and

Whereas, this requires students to be aware of the UH in 4 program beforehand and know how to sign up for it; and

Whereas, this has resulted in numerous students not signing up for UH in 4 that would have otherwise; and

Whereas, these students represent missed opportunities to incentivize four-year graduation.

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Therefore be it enacted by the 52nd Administration of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That upon acceptance of admission, all eligible newly admitted students be placed in the UH in 4 fixed tuition plan.

Further be it enacted, that both admissions packages and advertising materials include information about all UH in 4 programs.

Further be it enacted, that all students automatically placed in a UH in 4 program be notified via e-mail and provided all necessary information about the benefits and responsibilities that come with the program.

Further be it enacted, that students who are signed up for too few credit hours, or have otherwise put themselves at risk of disqualification from any UH in 4 program, receive warnings notifying them of their potential disqualification.

Further be it enacted, that any student currently or automatically signed up for a UH in 4 program be able to actively opt out at any time.

Further be it enacted, that all students considering opting out of any UH in 4 program be made clear prior to their decision the full consequences of opting out.

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