## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Stipend Policy Readjustment Act**

Whereas, the Student Government Association of the University of Houston is a government body which contains paid positions;

Whereas, Title III, Article 2, Section 3, Clause 3 of these bylaws currently states "Acting appointments shall not receive compensation until confirmed by the Senate."

Whereas, previous Student Government Associations have provided compensation to acting appointments through the discretionary budgets allotted by the senate<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, this violates the spirit of Title III, Article 2, Section 3, Clause 3 of the bylaws of the Student Government Association of University of Houston;

Whereas, a misuse of these funds leads to an erosion of trust in the Student Government Association of the University of Houston;

Whereas, a disregard for the bylaws of the Student Government Association of University of Houston leads to an erosion of trust between the Student Government's executive and legislature;

Whereas, because acting appointments exist, the main mechanism for senate oversight on executive appointments is through Title III, Article 2, Section 3, Clause 3;

Whereas, without strict enforcement of Title III, Article 2, Section 3, Clause 3 of the bylaws of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston, the senate's nomination process is rendered moot;

Therefore, be it enacted by the 54th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Title III, Article 2, Section 3, Clause 3 of the bylaws of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston be removed

Title III, Article 2, Section 3, Clause 4 will now be labeled as Clause 3

That Title III, Article 2, Section 3 of the bylaws of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston add the following Clauses: "Clause 4: Acting appointments are eligible for probated wages up until the senate meeting where they are first eligible for a confirmation vote."

"Clause 5: Acting appointments who fail to be confirmed by the senate, at their first eligible confirmation vote, are not eligible for probated wages for the period following their failure to be confirmed."

"Clause 6: No funds granted to the Student Government Association may be disbursed to acting appointments through any mechanism."

"Clause 7: Acting appointments must be fully informed on Title III, Article 2, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston." 1. Student Government Association of the University of Houston (2016). FY 16 Budget.

