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**HOUSTON**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Committee:**

**Draft:** Vote

**The Select Committee on Campus Safety & Security**

**Whereas**, the Student Government Association is a representative body of the University of Houston student population;

**Whereas**, the campus is facing continuous crime, safety, and security issues;

**Whereas**, student safety and wellbeing should and must be a priority to all individuals, including administrators, on campus;

**Whereas**, recent incidents on and around campus have raised concerns among students regarding their personal safety and security;

**Whereas**, the University of Houston Police Department (UHPD) and other safety measures, while active, must have additional student input to effectively address emerging security challenges;

**Whereas**, a lack of transparency and communication between university administration, campus security, and the student body has contributed to uncertainty regarding safety protocols;

**Whereas**, the creation of a Select Committee on Campus Safety & Security would provide a structured and ongoing student-led effort to assess, advocate for, and recommend solutions to campus safety concerns;

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

That the Student Government Association effectively establishes the Select Committee on Campus Safety and Security as a Select Committee of the University of Houston Student Government Association Senate;

**Be it further enacted**, that this committee will:

1. Assess and address safety concerns through evaluation of campus safety concerns via student input, data and research, and collaboration with the relevant university departments;
2. Propose and draft policy recommendations, programs, and initiatives to enhance student safety, including but not limited to campus lighting, security infrastructure and presence, emergency communications, and transportation services;
3. Hold public forums, town halls, surveys, and other forms of outreach to ensure student voices are involved in campus safety discussions;
4. Provide regular reports to the Senate and Executive Branch, delivering findings and recommendations to both bodies for consideration and action.

**Be it further enacted**, that the committee shall consist of at minimum, eight (8) Senators, two (2) executive branch members, and any number of outside student representatives as determined by the Speaker of the Senate;

**Be it further enacted**, that the committee will be coordinated by Speaker of the Senate;

**Be it further enacted**, that Senator Terrell Wallace shall serve as the inaugural Committee Chair until the conclusion of the 61st Administration;

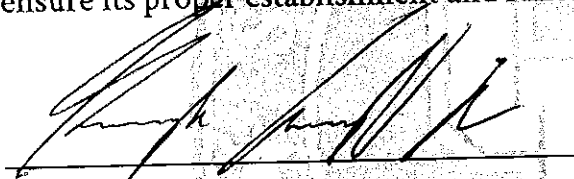
**Be it further enacted**, that the committee chair after this term will be selected by the Speaker of the Senate as a part of their coordination duties;

**Be it further enacted**, that the committee chair can be among any of the members of the committee who are also officials of the Student Government Association;

**Be it further enacted**, that the committee chair will have the authority to select a vice-chair;

**Be it further enacted**, that the committee shall remain active throughout the current administration and at minimum, the next administration, unless abolished by law;

**LET IT BE ENACTED THAT** the Select Committee on Campus Safety and Security shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval, with all necessary actions taken to ensure its proper establishment and function.



Tavagoh Cockrell  
Speaker of the Senate

Date of Senate Approval:

2/28/25



Diego Arriaga  
President of the SGA

Date of Presidential Approval:

3/31/2025