## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Label: SGAB-61009 Date introduced: 02-19-2025 Author(s): Chair Hubbard, Speaker Cockrell Sponsor(s): BSU President Cook, Chair Jones, Chair Jacobs, Senator Gerling-Perez, Senator Wallace, Senator Haseeb Mukhtar, Vice Chair Luong, Senator White, Senator Maria, Senator Ledezma, Senator Leonard, Chair Wallace, Committee: Draft: Vote

## The Select Committee of the Black Student Leadership Council

Whereas, the University of Houston values inclusivity, student engagement, and cultural representation

Whereas, Black registered student organizations play a vital role in fostering a sense of community, leadership, and advocacy for black students on campus

Whereas, there is currently no formal structure that ensures regular collaboration and communication among black students organization at the University of Houston

Whereas, a unified network of black student organizations will enhance campus-wide event coordination, address community concerns, and strengthens relationships between student leaders and the student government association

Whereas, the establishment of a thethe Black Student Leadership Council will create an opportunity for organizations to work collectively, share resources, and promote Black culture and excellence

**Whereas,** fostering collaboration between black student organizations and the Student Government Association will provide a direct line of communication to address issues affecting the black student population

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston: Formally establishes the Black Student Leadership Council to serve as a select committee under the Student Government Association

**Be it further enacted,** that the council shall consist of two designated representatives from each for the following Black student organizations, including but not limited to: Black Student Union (BSU), Nigerian Student Association (NSA), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Women of Gold, all active Divine Nine (D9) fraternities and sororities, and any other black student organization on campus;

**Be it further enacted,** this council shall meet on a bi-weekly basis, or as determined by the chair, to discuss campus events, student concerns, and ways to strengthen the black student community;

**Be it further enacted,** that the council shall maintain a shared calendar to facilitate coordination of events and initiatives among black student organizations;

**Be it further enacted,** that each black student organization shall have the autonomy to select its own representatives to participate in the council;

**Be it further enacted,** that no less than two designated student government senators shall be required representatives at council meetings, with their selection being at the discretion of the Student Government Association Speaker;

**Be it further enacted,** that the purpose of this council is to enhance involvement, unity, and advocacy for black student at the University of Houston by providing a structured platform for collaboration and communication;

Be it further enacted, that the Speaker of the Senate will serve as the de facto Chair until another representative within the council is selected;

Tavagoh Cockrell 3/5/25 Speaker of the Senate Date of Senate Approval: Diego Arriaga President of the SGA Date of Presidential Approval: 3/31/2025