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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Committee: Administration and Finance

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The Life Skills & Campus Success Act

Whereas, the transition to college life can be challenging for many incoming students, particularly those who have been highly dependent on parental assistance for daily living tasks;

Whereas, many students arrive at the University of Houston lacking essential life skills such as cleaning, laundry, effective communication, self-advocacy, personal safety awareness, and the proper use of residential facilities;

Whereas, ensuring that students are equipped with these fundamental skills foster a more responsible and self-sufficient student body, contributing to a more positive and well-maintained campus environment;

Whereas, hosting a town hall at the beginning of each fall and spring semester will provide students with the necessary information to navigate campus life successfully and alleviate potential stressors associated with independent living;

Whereas, the Student Government Association (SGA) serves as a bridge between students and the administration and should take an active role in fostering student success and campus engagement;

Whereas, a semesterly town hall will allow SGA to connect with incoming students and ensure that they feel welcomed, prepared, and confident in their ability to thrive at the University of Houston;

Whereas, the orientation days that is provided primarily focuses on class scheduling and speaking with advisors, only brief covering the basics of independent living, leaving many students without the essential knowledge needed to navigate daily life on campus;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston: that the Student Government Association will host a town hall at the beginning of each fall and spring semester aimed at educating incoming students essential life skills and campus resources;

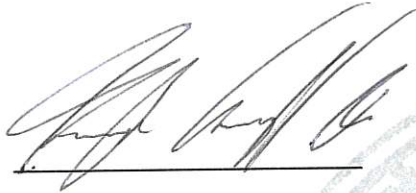
Be it further enacted, that this town hall shall cover, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- Proper room cleaning and personal hygiene habits
- How to do laundry correctly
- Professional and effective email communication
- Proper etiquette when engaging with residential advisors, faculty, and administration
- How to seek help when needed and access university support services
- Recycling procedures and sustainability practices
- Campus safety awareness, including how to contact emergency campus police
- Proper treatment of public spaces and shared facilities
- How to interact with individuals exhibiting non-traditional behaviors in public spaces
- Safe and correct usage of residential kitchen appliances, including how to properly use kitchen appliances
- How to make better financial decision, including budgeting, saving, and managing personal finances
- Effective grocery shopping strategies, including budgeting for meals and selecting cost-effective options
- Tips for preparing easy and nutritious meals in advance, including meal prepping and simple recipes for students on the go

Be it further enacted, that the town hall shall be advertised through various university communication channels, including but not limited to, emails, social media, digital, signage, and student organization outreach, to ensure maximum participation;

Be it further enacted, that this initiative shall be overseen by the SGA Administration & Finance Committee in collaboration with the Student Life Committee and the university's Student Housing & Residential Life Advisory Committee to ensure continued success and improvement of the program;

Be it further enacted, that this bill will be implemented immediately upon approval by the senate, with the first town hall taking place in the next fall semester;




Tavagoh Cockrell

Speaker of the Senate

Date of Senate Approval:

3/5/25



Diego Arriaga

President of the SGA

Date of Presidential Approval:

3/31/2025

