## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## <u>Recognition of Senate Sovereignty: Affirming Senatorial Authority to Select SGA</u> <u>Appointees at their Own Discretion</u>

Whereas, the 61<sup>st</sup> University of Houston Student Government Association Senate recognizes the critical role of the Executive Branch in advancing the goals and objectives of the university student body & community;

Whereas, it is imperative to uphold the principles of democratic governance and ensure transparency and accountability in the selection process of all SGA Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, Justice Branch, University Committees & Governing Board appointments;

Whereas, the Senate has the ultimate power to advise and confirm all appointments at their own discretion and to demand all reasonable candidates for any position be put up before the Senate to enhance the representation of the diverse voices and perspectives of the Senate;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

The 61<sup>st</sup> UH SGA Senate hereby affirms its authority to advise and confirm all SGA appointments including, but not limited to the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, Justice Branch, University Committees & Governing Boards at their discretion, in accordance with the best interests of the university student body & community;

**Be it further resolved**, all candidates that are reasonable and qualified for the applied for SGA positions, University Committees & Governing Boards must **all** preside before the Senate to undergo the senatorial confirmation process before assuming their roles;

**Be it further resolved**, the 61<sup>st</sup> UH SGA Senate affirms its stance on this issue to ensure fairness, equity, transparency and meritocracy in the selection process of all SGA positions, University Committees & Governing Board appointments;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the resolution in question ensures the integrity of the appointment procedure within the 61<sup>st</sup> Student Government Association of the University of Houston, by allowing full transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in all appointment processes. The resolution is a testament to our dedication to serving the best interest of the student body and university community.

Sebastian Ballesteros Speaker of the Senate Date of Senate Approval: <u>4-10-2024</u>