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Committee: Student Life

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Recognition of the SGA Hispanic Caucus

Whereas, the University of Houston has been federally designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) since 2011;

Whereas, University of Houston became the first public research university in Texas to receive the designation of HSI is a predominantly Hispanic serving Institution;

Whereas, in the Fall of 2020, the University of Houston served more than 15,600 Hispanic students;

Whereas, Texas' Hispanic population has grown by more than 2 million since 2010, according to population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau;

Whereas, Harris County's growth population has come from the Hispanic population;

Whereas, University of Houston has been ranked among the top 100 Hispanic-Serving Institutions in the nation by Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine in the years of 2020 & 2021;

Whereas, the 88th Texas Legislature passed SB 17 to eradicate DEI offices in public universities and has left students that identify of minority decent without adequate representation and/or resources;

Whereas, University of Houston's Student Government Association has only had 4 Hispanic SGA Presidents in the history of the association;

Whereas, advocating for Hispanic/Latino students will be fundamental to the 61st UH SGA Hispanic Caucus;

Whereas, cultivation of ideas, initiatives, thoughts, expressions, culture, and equality is important to those who are part of the 61st UH SGA Hispanic Caucus;

Whereas, UH SGA's Hispanic Caucus will be stewards of advocacy for Hispanic/Latino students across all colleges at the University of Houston;

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

In recognition of the newly established 61st University of Houston Student Government Association's Hispanic Caucus;

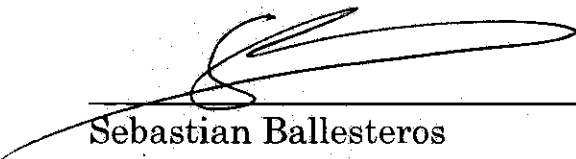
Be it further resolved, Senator Nieto be the Chair and ranking member of the 61st UH SGA Hispanic Caucus;

Be it further resolved, Senator Ballesteros be the Vice-Chair of the 61st UH SGA Hispanic Caucus;

Be it further resolved, Senator Otero be the Caucus Whip of the 61st UH SGA Hispanic Caucus;

Be it further resolved, Senator Nieto, Senator Ballesteros, Senator Gerling-Perez, Senator Ledezma, Senator Otero, Senator Salinas, Senator Soto and any other member of the SGA Senate that identifies as Hispanic/Latino be the members of the 61st UH SGA Hispanic Caucus;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 61st UH SGA recognizes the establishment of the Hispanic Caucus within the UH Student Government Association.



Sebastian Ballesteros
Speaker of the Senate

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