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Committee: StudentLife

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Recognition of the SGA Black Caucus

Whereas, the University of Houston is located in Third Ward, a historically Black neighborhood;

Whereas, in the Fall of 2021, the University of Houston served more than 4,000 Black identifying students;

Whereas, Texas is the home to the largest Black population among all U.S. states;

Whereas, Harris County's Black population has grown by 46% since 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau;

Whereas, the University of Houston only admitted its first Black student in 1961;

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

Whereas, Africana-centric student groups will be supported by the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus;

Whereas, all members of the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus will increase and enhance the involvement of Black students on campus and in the greater Houston community;

Whereas, every member of the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus will have their opinions and ideas heard, ensuring equality and inclusion;

Whereas, every member of the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus will be stewards to the student body prioritizing the advocacy of Black students;

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 Black Caucus;

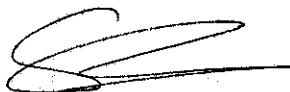
Be it further resolved, Senator Gerling-Perez be the Chair and ranking member of the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus;

Be it further resolved, Senator Randle be the Vice-Chair and ranking member of the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus;

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

Be it further resolved, Senator Gerling-Perez, Senator Randle, Senator Kariuki, Senator Toussah, Senator Hubbard and any other member of the SGA Senate that identifies as African American/Black be the members of the 61st UH SGA Black Caucus;

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



Sebastian Ballesteros

Speaker of the Senate

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