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Committee: Administration and Finance

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Disapproval of the Revisions of SFAC Bylaws by Vice President of Student Affairs

Whereas, Dr. Paul Kittle, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, gave a directive to Donell Young, Associate VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, to change the approved SFAC bylaws without internal committee approval or consultation;

Whereas, the new bylaws are poorly organized with numerous spelling and formatting errors;

Whereas, the new bylaws remove important checks and provisions that maintain student transparency and deliberation on the process as a whole, shortening a 62-page document to only 4;

Whereas, prior provisions in the earlier approved bylaws stated that changes can only be made through the request of SFAC and with approval by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs;

Whereas; changing the SFAC bylaws and only notifying committee members the day of the questionnaire review shows either a rushed upheaval, or a purposeful lack of transparency;

Whereas; the new bylaws remove the necessary provision that only a Student Member of SFAC can be committee Chair and Vice Chair;

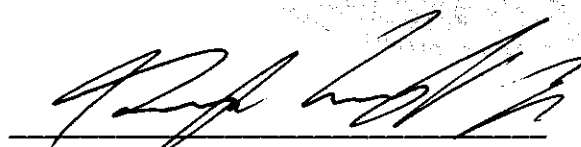
Whereas, the timing and upheaval of the information and disbursement follow a trend of outside administrative bodies undermining student transparency, SFAC committee checks, and committee power within the University process that was mandated through the Texas Education Code; Chapter 54; Section 54.5062;

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

That the Student Government Association disapproves of the newly revised bylaws, authored by the Vice Chancellor/Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Paul Kittle.

Be it further resolved, the Student Government Association recommends that the Bylaws of the Student Fees Advisory Committee of the University of Houston be revised strictly through consent of the SFAC Chair, and a vote by approved sitting members of the committee.

Be it further resolved, until these provisions are met, the Student Government Association recommends that the bylaws of prior approval be reinstated.



Tavagoh Cockrell

Speaker of the Senate

Date of Senate Approval: 11/13/24

