

## **CA-001: Stipend Restructure Bill**

Below is the proposed amendment to the current UHD SGA ByLaws that focuses on stipends for members of the SGA.

The purpose of this amendment is to create a transparent, open, and concise approach to the discussion and distribution of stipend payments that students shall receive if appointed/elected into a position within the UHD SGA. Currently, stipend payment to members is deferred until the end of the term which does not align with the purpose of the SGA which is to create an accessible and open organization for all students seeking help or guidance and to advocate for the students best interests. This amendment would also change the stipend amount for each qualified position in the UHD SGA.

Below are the proposed changes to the language surrounding stipends in the UHD SGA ByLaws that will go under, "SECTION V. Compensation for Officers and Senators". The amendment shall read as follows:

Amendment to:

## BYLAWS FOR THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN

Revised October 5, 2022

## **SECTION V. Compensation for Officers and Senators**

(a) All Students receiving money from the Student Government Association fund account for the purpose of stipends cannot be denied the allocated amount unless removed from position by student membership of the organization or resignation. Any dispute concerning remaining allocated funds after removal from position will be at the discretion of the office of Student Activities

- (b) Seated officer stipends will remain the same from here on, and at the two-year period the Senate will convene to discuss any adjustments to the stipends that will be put into the constitution.
- (c) Stipend positions will receive payment on a monthly basis starting the month after the new student government association has taken office for the new academic year (June). It shall be paid on a 12-month basis from July of the start of the new SGA academic year to June the end of the academic year.
- (d) If members resign from their position at any point during their term, a payment will be issued to the member in the amount equal to the time served in their role/position.
- (e) Stipends shall only be paid to qualifying officers of the SGA which include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and elected Senators. Committee Chair positions shall not qualify to receive stipends.
- (f) The amount of stipends that each qualifying member will receive can be seen below:

| Over 12 Month Period   |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Stipends   | Received          |
| President Stipend  | \$2500.00         |
| Vice-President Stipend                                       | \$2500.00         |
| Secretary  | \$1600.00         |
| Treasurer  | \$160000          |
|  |                   |
| Speaker of The House   | \$500.00 addition |
| Graduate Senator College of Public Service                   | \$1500.00         |
| Undergraduate Senator College of Public Service              | \$1500.00         |
| Graduate Senator College of Science & Technology             | \$150000          |
| Undergraduate Senator College of Science & Technology        | \$1500.00         |
| Graduate Senator College of Humanities & Social Science      | \$1500.00         |
| Undergraduate Senator College of Humanities & Social Science | \$1500.00         |
| Graduate Senator College of Business                         | \$1500.00         |
| Undergraduate Senator College of Business                    | \$1500.00         |
| Total  | \$23,700.00       |

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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