



## **CA-002 : Committee Restructure Bill**

Below is the proposed amendment to the current UHD SGA Constitution that focuses on the structure of the Committees of the SGA.

The purpose of this amendment is to better structure the function and purpose of the standing Committees of the UHD SGA. The current structure of the standing Committees of the SGA do not allow Senators to participate in the Committees in any capacity. We feel that allowing Senators who are elected by the UHD student body would allow for higher performance and a better functioning SGA system. This amendment would also remove the status of Committee Chair positions from being paid positions. We feel that making this change would also allow for better use of SGA funds which will assist in the organization's mission to serve the best and advocate for the best interest of the student body.

Below is the proposed changes to the language surrounding standing committees in the UHD SGA constitution as follows:

### Committees

#### **Section One. Standing Committees.**

##### A. Committees.

There shall be the following SGA standing committees: 1) Community Outreach Committee; 2)Nominations and Elections; 3) Public Relations and Marketing; and the 4)Student Engagement Committee.

##### B. Composition and Duties.

1. Community Outreach Committee shall provide engage with and construct service-oriented relationships for the Student Body within the community of the City of Houston. The committee shall consist of five (5) members including a chair, nominated by the SGA President, and confirmed by the SGA.

2. Nominations and Elections Committee shall be responsible for the coordination and supervision of Student Government Association elections. The committee shall consist of five (5) members including a chair, nominated by the SGA President, and confirmed by the SGA.

The committee shall be appointed no later than two (2) weeks after the start of the semester and shall disband after each election has been completed. Members may not be candidates in the election to be conducted.

3. Public Relations and Marketing Committee shall organize and maintain a social media presence on behalf of the SGA and publicize items of interest to the Student Body. The committee shall consist of seven (7) members including a chair, nominated by the SGA President, and confirmed by the SGA. All members must hold office within the SGA.

4. Student Engagement Committee shall be responsible for planning and organizing events which increase the visibility of the SGA. The committee shall consist of five (5) members including a chair, nominated by the SGA President, and confirmed by the SGA. All members must hold office within the SGA.

### **Section Two. Special Committees.**

Special Committees shall be created as ordered by the SGA. Special Committees shall consist of a chairperson and at least two (2) other members, nominated by the SGA President and confirmed by the SGA.

### **Section Three. Powers of Committees.**

Unless otherwise stated, committees are not authorized to act on their own will. Committees shall make recommendations to the SGA for any action that is to be taken on behalf of the SGA. Committees shall report as required or when requested by the SGA to do so.

### **Section Four. Membership.**

Unless otherwise stated, committees shall have as their chairs members of the SGA including, but not limited to Senators and members of the executive committee of the SGA. Their membership may be comprised of any member of the University of Houston-Downtown Student Body.

### **Section Five. Representation on University Committees.**

Students appointed by the SGA President to serve on University of Houston-Downtown committees shall:

1. Attend University committee meetings as their schedule permits, notifying the SGA Secretary when they are unable to do so.
2. Report on the work of their assigned committee as required or requested by the SGA.
3. Communicate to the committee the wishes and expectations of the Student Body as voted upon the SGA.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruben A. Salazar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ruben" being the most prominent.

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