



# SMU Student Senate

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## A Resolution to Create a Director Position for the House of Representatives Forum

### WHEREAS

Article IV Section 2(10) of the SMU Student Senate By Laws currently states: "Three topics will require Directors each year without exception: the Director of Sexual Assault Prevention (DSAP), the Director of Disability Advocacy (DDA), and the Director of Investments"; and

### WHEREAS

the 109th Student Senate established "House of Representatives" (HOR) as a collaborative forum to provide campus leaders with the opportunity to share initiatives within their organizations as well as serve as a mutual catalyst for each other's successes.

### ACKNOWLEDGING

this forum allows chartered organizations, non-chartered organizations, and appointed department representatives to come together to bridge the gaps between diverse communities and strengthen the relationship between the student body and administration.

### NOTING

the potential HOR brings to campus as in its first year, it connected organizations that have not collaborated before: Sigma Nu x IfYoureReadingThis; Sigma Chi x Arab Culture Club; Liberty in North Korea x Phi Gamma Delta, with the larger goal of merging different areas of campus.



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## RECOGNIZING

the establishment of a director position to work alongside the student body president and lead HOR is a necessary step to promote a sense of community, collaboration, and connection on campus, thus acknowledging the forum's significance to help bring together the student body; and

## FURTHER RECOGNIZING

a designated director position will allow for greater accountability and representation of various organizations on campus and ensure the forum is properly organized and facilitated which will allow Student Senate to efficiently track progress, identify areas of improvement, and ensure all voices are heard, represented, and elevated.

## BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

Article IV Section 2(10) will state: "Four topics will require Directors each year without exception: the Director of Sexual Assault Prevention (DSAP), the Director of Disability Advocacy (DDA), the Director of Investments, and the Director of House of Representatives (HOR).

- a. The Director of Sexual Assault Prevention will follow the guidelines set out for the position in S-108-09.
- b. The Director of Disability Accommodations will be recommended to serve on the President's Commission on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities (PCNPD) and advocate for the needs of disabled students on campus. If the DDA is a senator, they will be granted a seat on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion topical committee. If the DDA is a general member of senate, they will be granted a general member seat on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion topical committee and will have rights to co-sign on pertinent legislation.
- c. The Director of Investments will be responsible for overseeing the Student Senate Investment



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Fund. They will give quarterly updates to the Chamber on the performance of the portfolio, sector allocation, factor attribution, and distributions of the existing funds in the Student Senate Bank Account. Any investments advised by the Director of Investments will be governed by an Investment Policy Statement (IPS), approved by the Director of Investments. The Director must be an executive member of Boulevard Investment Group.

- d. The Director of House of Representatives (HOR) will assist and work alongside the student body president in planning, organizing, and executing events to bring together campus organizations, increase transparency, and promote a sense of belonging among the student body"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

that this is a necessary position required to create a long-term unification by connecting communities across campus in a genuine, authentic way.

Respectfully Submitted,

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