Bill F-23-02
External Affairs Department Expansion

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Whereas: The Sam Houston State University Student Government Association acts as the
"Official Voice of the Student Body"; and,

Whereas: The Department of External Affairs currently focuses on working with political
entities in Huntsville and Walker County;

Whereas: The Student Government Association Constitution currently says, "The
Department of External Affairs (EA) shall be responsible for representing Students
to the City of Huntsville, Walker County, the Texas Legislature, the United States
Congress and other outside entities. The President shall appoint a Voting Member
to Chair EA," which limits their impact on the student body; and

Whereas: The SHSU Student Government Association believes that the External Affairs
Department could make a larger impact on the student body if it broadened its role
in the Constitution.

Therefore: The Department of External Affairs will be expanded in the Constitution to give
more opportunities for them to represent the Student Body.

Therefore: The new role for the Department of External Affairs will be, "The Department of
External Affairs (EA) shall be responsible for representing the Student Body to the
City of Huntsville, the Texas Legislature, the United States Congress, and other
outside entities. They are also responsible for interacting with local communities in
Walker County. This is to be executed by but is not limited to hosting political
events for the students and the city, providing community service opportunities, and
working/affiliating with outside entities and Universities. The President shall
appoint a Voting Member to Chair EA."

Therefore: This new role of the department of External Affairs in the SHSU Student
Government Association's Constitution allows for more opportunities to represent
the SHSU Student Government Association and the Student Body.

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Therefore:

Copies of this bill will be sent to Dean of Students Chelsea Smith, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Drew Miller, The Director of External Affairs Maria Rojas-Caballero, The Houstonian, Channel 7 News, and Student Body President Veronica Calderon.

Veronica Calderon  
President

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Secretary

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