

University of Houston Clear Lake

Thank you for taking the time to vote on the University of Houston - Clear Lake Student Government Resolutions. The next questions will ask you to vote in support or non support of the information presented at the April 19th Student Government General Assembly Meeting. If you have any questions, please email SGA@uhcl.edu

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University of Houston Clear Lake

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Resolution in Support of a Child Care Center at UHCL

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents have reported that they struggle to attend in person classes¹;

WHEREAS, 93.02% of respondents to the Student Government Child Care Needs Survey in Fall 2021, said yes to the question “Do you believe that UHCL should do more to meet the child care needs of students?”¹;

WHEREAS, 20.93% of those surveyed in Fall 2021, were not UHCL Student Parents¹;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents have reported that high-stress levels caused by balancing student life and parent responsibilities causes UHCL student parents to suffer mental health issues¹;

WHEREAS, UHCL Student Health Services’ Mission states: “It’s our mission to ensure students maximize their attendance and performance in class and minimize absences and disruptions resulting from health concerns.”⁵; WHEREAS, UHCL Student Health Services’ objective is: “to keep you both healthy and educated.”⁵;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents have reported that they are not currently able to participate in the resources provided by student fees¹; WHEREAS, “University of Houston-Clear Lake recognizes that offering childcare resources is an important benefit to our faculty, staff and students with children.”²;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents have reported that they are not able to participate in UHCL organizations to feel involved, valued, and proud of being part of UHCL¹;

WHEREAS, the first sentence of UHCL's Mission states: "The University of Houston-Clear Lake places its highest priority on serving a diverse body of students in every aspect of their university experience."³;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents have reported that they are not able to study effectively for midterms, finals, or quizzes due to distractions by their children ¹;

WHEREAS, one of UHCL's core values is being learner-focused with the impact goal to "Inspire individuals to grow to their fullest potential;"³ However, if a student cannot attend class or cannot focus in class, they are unable to achieve their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, UHCL values resilience defined as "Impact: Evolve as a community to persevere through challenges and adversity."³;

WHEREAS, According to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) "About 56 percent of undergraduate student parents had a child age 5 or younger in school year 2015-16"⁴;

WHEREAS, According to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) "More than one in five undergraduate students were raising children, and about half of student parents left school without a degree, according to Department of Education (Education) data" ⁴;

WHEREAS, the Education's Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program "helped about 3,300 students pay child care costs for about 4,000 children in 2016-2017" ⁴;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents are not able to provide community service in behalf of the UHCL student body;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents are not able to hold a leadership position in organizations or partake in certain events to enjoy and benefit the UHCL culture;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents are frequently unable to meet for study groups to improve their learning outcomes;

WHEREAS, UHCL student parents are not able to take breaks in order to replenish energy for student responsibilities;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government of the University of Houston-Clear Lake: That we call upon the University of Houston-Clear Lake Administration to act in good faith by moving forward in the process to create a childcare center that is accessible to students regardless of their social identities and socio-economic status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as recommended by the United States

Government Accountability Office, “The Chief Operating Officer of Federal Student Aid should encourage schools – through appropriate means, such as the FSA Handbook – to inform students via school websites about the availability of the dependent care allowance and how to request the allowance.”⁴, as described in the FSA Handbook, Volume 3, Chapter 2;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UHCL Administration supports the opening of a child care center on campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UHCL Administration conduct research and surveys to understand their current student parents better and how to fulfill their needs so that UHCL can fulfill their mission and provide support towards their UHCL students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage UHCL administration to conduct a yearly needs assessment for on campus child care among students, faculty, and staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage UHCL administration to establish a committee to review the data from the needs assessment, and this committee should include Faculty Senate Members, University Staff, University Faculty and Administration and students at large with dependents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the child care center will not only support student parents in higher education and includes UHCL faculty, staff, and administration who may need to utilize the center;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UHCL Child Care Center will provide even more professional development and hands on experience of all majors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage administration and the University to implement child services that will enhance the well-being of student parents at UHCL;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the UHCL President , the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of the Provost, the Division of Student Affairs, The Office of Student Advocacy, the Dean of Students Office, The office of Student Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (SDEI), the Signal, Faculty Senate, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

¹Report | Qualtrics Experience Management. (2021). UHCL Student Government | Child Care Needs Survey Fall 2021. <https://uhcl.co1.qualtrics.com/results/public/dWhjbC1VUI9jQ0hEZ2hseWZsc0FDN2MtNjE3MzRkYjgzZTc4YmQwMDE3OTk2NWNi>

²Family Care Resources | University of Houston-Clear Lake. (n.d.-a). Family Care Resources | University of Houston-Clear Lake. <https://www.uhcl.edu/human-resources/work-life/family-care-resources>

3Vision, Mission and Values | University of Houston-Clear Lake. (n.d.). Vision, Mission and Values | University of Houston-Clear Lake. <https://www.uhcl.edu/about/mission>

4United States Government Accountability Office. (2019). HIGHER EDUCATION More Information Could Help Report to Congressional Requesters | Student Parents Access Additional Federal Student Aid. <https://www.gao.gov/pdf/product/701002>

5Health Services | University of Houston-Clear Lake. (n.d.). Health Services | University of Houston-Clear Lake. <https://www.uhcl.edu/student-affairs/health-wellness/health-services/>

6Resolution in Support of Child Care Center at CSUEB Resolution of 2021-2022, Associated Students Inc Board of Directors | Cal State East Bay, Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/3DT4d0W>

My vote for the Resolution in support of a Child Care Center at UHCL is:

- In support
- non-support
- Abstain

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Sponsor(s): Black Student Association at UHCL, Woman's Studies Student Association at UHCL, Muslim Student Association at UHCL, Latinx and Indigenous Students Taking Action at UHCL, Society for Advancement of Chicanos/ Hispanics/ Native Americans in Science at UHCL, Green Thumb League at UHCL, Helping Hands at UHCL

Protection and Support of Pro-Palestine Students and Activism Resolution

Whereas, the University of Houston - Clear Lake Student Government stands in solidarity with its Students, Faculty, and Administration of marginalized populations, and aims to advocate against acts of injustice;

Whereas, the University of Houston - Clear Lake, as a public institution, is bound to the tenants of the First Amendment, which outlines the right of freedom of expression and assembly;

Whereas, the University of Houston - Clear Lake's Anti-Discrimination statement "prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex (including pregnancy), religion, national or ethnic origin, age (40+), disability, veteran status, genetic information,

gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation (collectively referred to as a “Protected Class”)[];

Whereas, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is a registered student organization at the University of Houston Clear - Lake whose mission statement is to “promote awareness and education on campus regarding the occupation of Palestine and the Palestinian struggle. We aim to show solidarity with Palestinians fighting for their freedom, justice, and equality as well as promoting BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) as a peaceful form of resistance to voice change”;

Whereas, Zionism is a system of oppression defined by its victims as “a settler colonial movement whose goal was the establishment of a Jewish State on the ruins and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people” [];

Whereas, for over 73 years, Israel has subjected Palestinians to home demolitions, forced expulsion, mass imprisonment of youth, and both an expropriation and denial of their natural resources by Israel [];

Whereas, anti-Palestinian Racism (APR) is one of the many tactics used to stifle political expression of Palestinian and Pro-Palestinian organizers, not only on campus, but at a grassroots level;

Whereas, constitutionally protected Palestinian and Pro-Palestinian activism has been “routinely maligned as uncivil, divisive, antisemitic, or supporters of terrorism” as a tactic used to stifle Pro-Palestinian activism and speech on campus [];

Whereas, the association of constitutionally-protected pro-Palestine activism with antisemitism is reflective of an orientalist, discriminatory and outdated framework utilized to demonize Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims;

Whereas, this association, as well as any attempt to minimize the impacts and harm of Israel’s colonization of Palestine, is an example of APR;

Whereas, “Between January 2014 and January 2015, Palestine legal responded to nearly 300 incidence of suppression; 85% of those incidents targeted students and professors, on a total of more than 65 US college campuses,” demonstrating an increase in APR and suppression [];

Whereas, Students for Justice in Palestine, and the broader Palestine solidarity movement, is built and sustained through a deep camaraderie with other marginalized communities, and opposes all forms of oppression on a local, national, and global scale;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government at the University of Houston - Clear Lake: The University of Houston - Clear Lake Student Government affirms that speech, action, protest, and campaigns — including the pursuit and support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against the settler state of Israel

— as well as the existence of Palestinian solidarity organizing and other expressions of Palestinian freedom on campus is a protected right at the University of Houston Clear Lake.

Be it further resolved, The University of Houston Clear - Lake Student Government unequivocally rejects the debasement of Palestinian activism through the false conflation of anti-Zionism with antisemitism;

Be it further resolved, The University of Houston - Clear Lake Student Government calls on University of Houston Clear - Lake Administration to issue a public statement affirming the right of students to organize and advocate for Palestine.

My vote for the Protection and Support of Pro-Palestine Students and Activism Resolution is:

- In support
- non-support
- Abstain

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First Official Sport

Esports Esports is a UHCL organization that creates a collaborative and safe online experience for UHCL students to play and compete individual or on a team for the game of their choice.

Whereas, the University of Houston Clear Lake student population has large competitive gaming interest inside of the Esports club (~200) and various clubs within the University;

Whereas, the current area the students use for small tournaments is the student lounge with their own materials;

Whereas, there is a large number of students formed in multiple teams, for multiple titles for the campus of University of Houston Clear Lake to compete nationwide;

Whereas, the University of Houston Clear Lake does not offer an area with access to play competitive games at a collegiate level at any time of the day (10 am – 9 pm, M-Sat, 'Sunday available with reduced hours', recommended),

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

Lake:

That the university's Student Affairs Administration provide an option to the students of the esports organization, a large room with multiple stations for players to compete for their teams on all operational days, any hour.

Be it further resolved, the University of Houston Clear Lake's Student Affairs Administration provide space for up to 25 students at one time;

Be it further resolved, the Student Affairs Administration monitor the utilization of the room and equipment, will then look to expand the space and equipment if occupancy exceeds initial limit;

Be it further resolved, the equipment to be used is specific for games to run at an accelerated and competitive rate;

Be it further resolved, that Student Affairs Administration entrust student access to utilize this center for gaming on January 31st, 2022;

Be it further resolved, the University of Houston Clear Lake create the first official sport on campus to be Esports as a fee funded organization.

My vote for the First Official Sport Resolution is:

- In support
- non-support
- Abstain

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