Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

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An Act To Establish a formal Latinx & Hispanic caucus

Introduced By: President **Breanna Soldatelli** this ___day of ___ in the Year **2019**

Sponsored By: Senator **Sebastian Alatorre** of the **Freshman Class Council**
Executive Vice President **Mehak Ali**

Referred to the senate by the **Committee on** _____ which recommends its **Passage** by a vote of _ to _.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Act to Establish a Formal Latinx & Hispanic Caucus."

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
(b) JHU, Hopkins — The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to the Johns Hopkins University.
(c) Caucus — The term "Caucus" shall refer to a meeting of members of a legislative body who belong to a particular group
(d) Latinx — The term "Latinx" is a gender-neutral term for students who identify as being of Latin descent.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

1. Findings
    a. The Johns Hopkins University undergraduate population is comprised of approximately 13% Latinx & Hispanic students.
    b. The Class of 2023 is comprised of 16% Latinx & Hispanic Students.
    c. The Johns Hopkins University SGA currently has 5 elected and appointed members who identify as Latinx & Hispanic.
    d. The SGA should further represent the interests of undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins who identify as Latinx & Hispanic; these Latinx & Hispanic SGA members want to create a codified group to strengthen the presence and inclusion of the concerns of the Latinx & Hispanic population of Johns Hopkins
2. Purposes
    a. This bill establishes and recognizes an SGA Latinx & Hispanic Caucus.

SECTION 4. THE SGA LATINX & HISPANIC CAUCUS.

1. The codified group would be called the *Latinx & Hispanic Caucus* and would focus on issues such as assurances that Latinx & Hispanic SGA members are fully involved when issues regarding Latinx & Hispanic undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins are being discussed, retention of Latinx & Hispanic SGA members, establishment of programs with other SGA committees that connect Latinx & Hispanic SGA members with Latinx & Hispanic undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins.
2. The Latinx & Hispanic Caucus would have a flexible number of seats, open to all.There will be two volunteer chairs selected from members of the Senate, chosen at the beginning of the semester.
3. In order to ensure the Latinx & Hispanic Caucus is taking into consideration all the issues facing the Latinx & Hispanic community, we will host an Open Forum once a semester in conjunction with the SGA Committee on Civic Engagement. The forum will be open to all, including all members of Latinx & Hispanic organizations on campus such as Caribbean Culture Society, Lambda Epsilon Mu, Latino Estudiantil, Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Baila!, Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers,

Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Salud, Puerto Rican Student Association, Brazilian Student Association and more.

4. The Latinx & Hispanic Caucus will abide by the SGA Constitution and will not restrict membership "on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability or on the basis of the exercise of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution … [or on the] basis of citizenship status or socioeconomic status."

THE BILL HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **X** TO **X** WITH **X** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON PASSAGE, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS BILL INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE BILL'S ADOPTION AS LAW.

Signatures of Enactment:

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Mehak Ali
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Dean Chien
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Pritika Parmar
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Eric Armstrong

Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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