## University of Houston-Clear Lake

## ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE OF HOUSTON

## BYLAWS

**INTRODUCTION:** The Environmental Institute of Houston was established in 1991. Its mission is to advance understanding of the environment through interdisciplinary research, education, and outreach.

The Institute is supported by a special item appropriation from the Texas Legislature as well as grants, interagency contracts, service agreements, and donations from agencies, corporations, foundations, and individuals. The Institute is led by an Executive Director and abides by these bylaws.

**REPORTING:** The Institute and its Executive Director report directly to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL).

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Executive Director serves at the will of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at UHCL.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL:** The EIH advisory council provides guidance in setting goals and objectives and connects the Institute to a greater constituency. Appointment to the committee is offered after consultation with university officials and existing committee members. The primary criterion for committee selection is active participation in environmental issues at their place of employment. The advisory council will be comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders representing University faculty and staff, industry, agencies, environmental organizations, and community representatives.

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:** The Institute is a function of the University of Houston-Clear Lake and the University of Houston System and is financially accountable to the rules and regulations of the University.

**OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY:** The Executive Director has operational responsibility for the Institute. They must ensure that the Institute complies with the rules and regulations of the University, the laws of the State of Texas, and meets the mission statement of the Institute.

**CHANGE OF BYLAWS:** These bylaws may be changed under the guidance of the Advisory Council and after consultation of the Executive Director with the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at UHCL as long as these changes do not alter the mission of the Institute and meet the requirements of the University and the State of Taxas

Texas.

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