



Court Order 2324-001

Order in the Matter of: Opening an Investigation into the Student Government Association's Grant Requirements and Processes

Description of Court Order

Petition Numbers:

2324-001 and 2324-002

Petition 2324-001 Filed: Wednesday, November 01, 2023

Petition 2324-002 Filed: Thursday, November 02, 2023

Order Handed Down: Monday, November 06, 2023

Court Action:

In the matter of Petition 2324-001 and Petition 2324-002, the Butler University Student Body Supreme Court hereby opens an investigation into the Student Government Association's grant requirements and processes. The opening of this investigation necessitates the temporary injunction of SR2324-034 due to pending clarification of university policy concerning the purchase of medicine. In order to resolve these concerns, the Court orders the Speaker of the Senate and the Senate Appropriations Committee to develop an amendment to Appendix D of the SGA General Bylaws that outlines specific restrictions on how funds can be used. In addition, the current list of guidelines and restrictions on the SGA website page titled "Grants" must be removed until new guidelines are in place.

Reasoning:

Petition 2324-001 states that the Student Government Association Senate exhibited bias when making decisions concerning grants. Petition 2324-002 states that the Student Government Association as a whole has created a grant process that is too complex to allow all students a fair advantage in acquiring appropriate funds. Given the rise of these

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critiques, the Court has decided it would be best to simplify and clarify the guidelines and requirements that organizations must follow for grants. This would solidify the grant process and its regulations under law rather than allowing them to be set by precedent. In addition, the current grant guidelines and restrictions listed on the SGA website have no basis in any SGA governing document. This means that they are essentially unenforceable in their current form. This has also brought into question the usage of the Student Activity Fee, as its usage may need to be redefined under the revised grant guidelines and requirements. The purpose of the Student Activity Fee has always been to give back to students on Butler's campus. Thus, the Court has decided it is in the best interest of the student body to put an injunction on SR2324-034 until investigation into university policy determines whether or not the items under this grant are able to be purchased with the Student Activity Fee.

Justices:

All Justices concur.

It is so ordered.



APPENDIX A: Petition 2324-001

Form: SGA Anonymous Complaint Form

Submitter: Anonymous

Subject: Grant Bias

Received: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 9:03 PM

Shared Information:

“SGA Senate exhibited personal bias when deciding grant information and used it against an organization.”

APPENDIX B: Petition 2324-002

Form: SGA Anonymous Complaint Form

Submitter: Anonymous

Subject:

Received: Thursday, November 2, 2023 11:43 AM

Shared Information:

“Student Government appears to be facing challenges in effectively utilizing student fee dollars within the grant process. The existing grant guidelines appear to be overly complex. Organizations like mine are often confused and negatively impacted by current education surrounding the grant process and guidelines. These rules need significant clarification. We are requesting that Student Government establish clear parameters and guidelines to ensure that groups understand when it is permissible to receive SGA funding and recognize all the ways in which these funds can be applied. The current process does not have transparency or fairness, which is a must if they want to better serve the interests of the students and organizations.”



APPENDIX C: SGA General Bylaws, Appendix D

Article 1: Student Organization Grants

Section 1: Overview

The undergraduate student organization grant process is overseen by the Legislative Branch. The Speaker of the Senate must open a designated form for grant applications at least one week prior to the start of each legislative session. Organizations must submit grant applications a minimum of ten school days prior to the expected expense. While organizations may not apply for past expenditures, the Student Government Association may grant funds to an organization who submitted their application on time but was not approved prior to the expense due to the timing of Student Senate meetings. Student organizations should be aware that, if the Senate does not approve their grant request, they must obtain funds through alternative means or make significant changes in order to restart the grant application process.

Section 2: Grant Application Process

1. Prospective organizations shall submit their application for a Student Government Association grant via the designated form.
2. The Speaker of the Senate, having received the application, shall send it to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
3. The committee chair shall present the Resolution in their committee's respective meeting. The Appropriations Committee shall have the responsibility of confirming a demonstrated need for funding, verifying prices on the presented

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budget, and confirming the grant request aligns with any and all spending and funding requirements outlined by both the Student Government Association and Butler University. The committee, or members thereof, may pose queries to the organization, and it is the duty of the committee chair to coordinate between



prospective organizations and Senators in regards to such questions.

- a. The grant Resolution shall pass committee with a simple majority of voting members in favor.
- b. As with other Resolutions, the Speaker of the Senate may choose to expedite a grant Resolution.
- c. As with other Resolutions, a denial by a committee may be overrode by a vote on the Senate floor.

4. After passing through committee, the prospective organization must present to the full Student Senate regarding their organization and its need for funding.

Student organization grant requests, in the same meeting as the presentation, may be approved by a simple majority of the voting members of the Senate, and such Resolutions require presidential approval and are subject to judicial review.

- a. In order to ensure Senate efficiency, student organizations do not have to present before the Senate for grant funding below a cumulative total of \$250.00 per semester. Should an organization exceed this cumulative total of funding in a single semester, they will be required to present before the Senate. A student organization may choose to present even if they are not required to. The Speaker of the Senate, or any two Senators in agreement, may require an organization to present before the body even if they have not exceeded a cumulative total of \$250.00 in that semester.

Organizations must be notified at least two school days prior to their presentation date if this is the case. Grant requests not required to be presented are subject to the same regulations as other grant requests

5. Upon the President's approval of a grant request Resolution, the Speaker of the Senate has three school days to send relevant materials to the Office of Student

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Activities. It is the responsibility of the Speaker of the Senate, or designee, to notify organizations of their final grant application status.



6. After receiving a grant, organizations are required to submit documentation of spending to the Student Government Association. The Executive Branch's Audit Board will audit granted funds not spent by organizations for approved purposes back to the Student Government Association. Failure of an organization to provide documentation of spending, falsification of such documentation, or failure to comply with Audit Board requests for funding returns shall result in an organization being disqualified from applying for grants for the current and following academic year, as well as possible University consequences.

Section 3: Requirements

The grant application must include a demonstrated need for funding and an itemized budget of expenditures. Additional information may be required by the Student Senate. Diversity, Equity, and Student Belonging grant requests must be approved by both that respective Senate committee and the Appropriations Committee. Grant applications may only be submitted by Student Government Association endorsed student organizations. Any organization granted funds by the Student Government Association must acknowledge such funding in related digital or print promotional materials.

Section 4: Grant Appeals

The Student Government Association Supreme Court shall be tasked with the creation of an appeals system for grant applications. Decisions of the Student Senate in endorsement matters may only be fully overturned by the Court in matters of procedural error. Should a prospective organization be validly denied a grant by the Student Senate, there will be no grounds for appeal to the Supreme Court.

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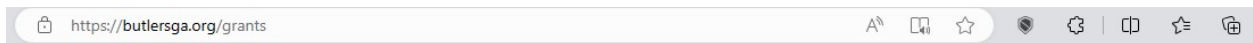
Section 5: Out of Session Grants

No later than 20 school days before the end of the Spring legislative session, the Speaker will open applications for organizations seeking funding during the following Summer



or Fall prior to time that the Student Senate will reconvene for that academic year. These grants are subject to all of the same regulations as traditional grants. Funds granted in this fashion shall receive their own dedicated line item in the Student Government Association budget in that academic year.

APPENDIX D: SGA Website Grant “Guidelines and Restrictions”



Guidelines & Restrictions

1. Budgeted expenses **must** exceed budgeted revenues.
2. Organizations **cannot** profit from an SGA grant.
3. A student organization can apply for multiple grants in a single year. However, financial need **must** be displayed for each grant request.
4. Grants may **not** be used to:
 1. Provide financial support for political programs, parties, individual political candidates, or direct lobbying efforts.
 2. Provide contributions for any private person, group, association, or business.
 3. Pay debts and expenditures incurred from any previous events.
 4. Purchase alcohol.
 5. Infringe on guidelines established in the Butler University Student Handbook.
 6. Pay for an event or expense not occurring in the current academic year.
 7. Pay for club shirts.

APPENDIX E: Senate Resolution 2324-034

Senate Resolution 2324-034

Resolution to Grant Funds to Christian Healthcare Providers Organization

Wednesday, November 1, 2023



Whereas The Student Government Association’s Appropriations Committee wishes to approve the Christian Healthcare Providers Organization grant proposal presented on November 1, 2023, and

Whereas Christian Healthcare Providers Organization wishes to provide medications and supplies brought to the Dominican Republic on a medical mission trip with the medication and healthcare will be administered by Butler Students and medical professionals through a pop-up clinic, and

Whereas, all grants are distributed by the Student Senate, and

Whereas all student organizations receiving grant money must include SGA’s logo and “Sponsored by” on marketing materials related to their grant funded initiatives, and

Whereas all grants are are subject to the oversight of the Student Government Association’s Audit Board, let it be

Resolved that the Student Government Association’s Student Senate authorizes a grant from the General Grant account to Christian Healthcare Providers Organization in the amount of \$5,147.81



Resolution 2324-034: Resolution to Grant Funds to Christian Healthcare Providers Organization

Primary Sponsor:

Gracie Walls, Class of 2026 Senator

Secondary Sponsor:

Sydney Haworth, College of Communication Senator

Vote:

In Favor:

Opposed:

Abstained:

Resolution PASSES

Signatures:

James A. Boes IV, Speaker of the Senate

Note: The signature of the Speaker serves only as verification of vote count and does not indicate support of a resolution

Katie B. Stanley, Student Body President



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EXPENSES		
Item	Amount	Justification
250 ACETAMINOFEN 125MG 60MLJBE (COLIN)	\$ 244.26	All medications are distributed through the pharmacy
50 ACETAMINOFEN 500 MG C/100 TABS. (LARK)	\$ 225.90	
150 UND IBUPROFEN 100MG 60ML SUSP (COLIN)	\$ 188.97	
5 IBUPROFEN 800 MG C/100 TABS. (LARK)	\$ 46.89	
400 UND ALBENDAZOL 400MG 10ML SUSP (LARK)	\$ 195.41	
3 ALBENDAZOL 400MG C/100 TABS(LARK)	\$ 25.54	
5 AMOXICILINA 500MG C/100 CAPS (COLIN)	\$ 40.50	
70 AMOXICILINA 250MG 60ML SUSP (LARK)	\$ 75.59	
1 UND AZITROMICINA 500MG C/60 CAPS (SABA)	\$ 34.20	
15 COLAZITHRO 200MG 30ML SUSP	\$ 43.47	
2 UND CEFALEXINA 500MG C/100 CAPS (SABA)	\$ 23.00	
10 UND CEFALEXINA 250MG 60ML SUSP (COLIN)	\$ 16.20	
1 UND METRONIDAZOL 500MG C/100 TABS (SABA)	\$ 7.92	
25 UND CLOTRIMAZOL 1% 30GR CREMA (LARK)	\$ 30.86	
10 UND HIDROCORTISONA 1% 15GM CREMA TOPICA(LARK)	\$ 15.17	
30 UND BETA 0.1% +CLOT 1% +GENTIA 0.1% 30GR CREMA(COLIN)	\$ 57.86	
100 ANTIACIDO 120ML SUSP (COLIN)	\$ 138.58	
10 OMEPRAZOL 20 MG C/100 CAPS. (LARK)	\$ 55.93	
15 UND LORATADINA 10MG C/100 TABS (COLIN)	\$ 104.14	
15 UND LORATADINA 10MG C/100 TABS (COLIN)	\$ 12.34	
4 UND LOPERAMIDA 2MG C/100 TABS (LARK)	\$ 134.99	
30 ASPIRINA 81MG C/100 TABS (COLPRESS)	\$ 43.20	
1 UND FLUCONAZOL 150MG CAPS (LARK)	\$ 899.91	
500 HBCOL 120ML JBE	\$ 543.83	
450 MULTIVITAMINICOS 120ML JBE - TIMS	\$ 51.43	
20 COMPLEJO VII-B C/100 TABS (COLPIX)	\$ 39.60	
20 PERMETRINA 5% CREMA	\$ 29.07	
10 DIFENIDRAMINA 12.5 MG 60 ML JBE	\$ 581.54	
30 CALCIO CARBONATO + VIT-D3 600MG+ VITD3 400UI/COMP.	\$ 37.79	
50 UND HIERRO VITAMINA D0 120MLJBE (COLIN)	\$ 127.28	
50 NIFEDIPINA 20MG C/100 TAB (LARK)	\$ 286.07	
50 UND ENALAPRIL 20MG C/100 TABS (COLIN)	\$ 95.14	
20 ATENOLOL 50MG C/100 TABS. (LARK)	\$ 69.42	
60 ACETAMINOFEN 100MG/15ML GOTAS (COLAPHEN)	\$ 20.89	

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25 CLORANFENICOL OFTALMICO 10ML (COLIN)	\$ 35.36	
25 UND KETOCONAZOL 2% 30GR CREMA (COLIN)	\$ 124.70	
100 UND DICLOFENAC 1% 20GR CREMA (LARK)	\$ 17.10	
1 BACTERODINE (YODO) SOLUCION GLN	\$ 39.60	
2 ALCOHOL ISOPROPILICO 70% GALON	\$ 14.04	
2 UND GASA ESTERIL 4"X4" (10X10) C/50 SOBRES DE 2-SABA	\$ 126.00	
100 UND PRUEBA DE EMBARAZO (SABA)	\$ 9.56	
1 GUANTES DE EXAMEN C/100 MEDIUM - COLIN	\$ 9.56	
1 GUANTES DE EXAMEN C/100 LARGE - COLIN	\$ 89.10	
2 UND AMOXYLAN 625MG C/50 TABS FUROSEMIDA 40MG C/100 TABS (COLIN)	\$ 4.23	
522 OVULOS CLOTRIMA ZOL 100MG	\$ 54.50	
3 UND CELECOXIB 200MG C/100 CAPS (COLIN)	\$ 36.67	
3 ACIDO MEFENAMICO 500MG C/100 TABS (LARK)	\$ 25.33	
50 UND KETOCONAZOL 2% 100ML SHAMPOO (COLKET)	\$ 74.57	
5 UND MECOBALAMINA 500MCG C/100 CAPS (LARK)	\$ 77.13	
5 VITAMINA E 400UI C/100 CAPS (SABA)	\$ 32.13	
15 METRONIDAZOL 250MG 60ML SUSP (LARK)	\$ 17.36	
sacks and medication bags	\$ 130.00	Bags are used to distribute meds to patients
Reading Glasses	\$ 108.00	Distributed to patients who need them
TOTAL	\$	5,567.81
NET LOSS	-\$	5,147.81

