

# The Official Charter of the Butler University Student Government Association

Founded: 1929 – Rechartered: 1977

April 18, 2022 – Annual Student Leadership Awards Reception

Whereas, the Butler University Student Government Association was first chartered in 1929 as the Butler University Student Council, just a year after Butler University moved to its Fairview Campus, and

Whereas, at that time, the Butler University Student Council was responsible for supervising all-campus elections and providing general oversight to all campus student organizations, and

Whereas, the a constituent assembly was formed in 1967 to create a new model of student government, and

Whereas, the Student Assembly and the position of Student Body President were established in 1968 after the Board of Trustees approved the organization's proposed constitution, and

Whereas, the Student Government Association has been forced to evolve and adapt in order to become more transparent, uphold integrity, and ensure proper representation, and

Whereas, the Student Government Association was most recently rechartered in 1977 under a different organizational structure, and

Whereas, the Student Assembly has since been replaced by the Student Senate, and

Whereas, the Student Government Association has been restructured to allow for a three-branch system of government, and

Whereas, the Student Government Association has recently undertaken the task of writing a new Constitution to give the student body the power to democratically select their representation, and

Whereas, this Constitution was ratified on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, and

Whereas, this Constitution was last amended on Thursday, January 13, 2022, to change the Student Senate's composition to be based on academic class and college with equal representation based on class and proportional representation based on college, and

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Student Government Association's senior leadership that these substantial changes warrant a rechartering of the organization, and

Whereas, this document has been approved by the Student Senate, let it be

Resolved, that the Student Government Association's mission, as representatives of the student body, is to advocate to University executives, provide a channel for the expression of the student body's ideas, opinions, and concerns, promote campus unity and cooperation, embrace diversity, address important campus issues, promote and sponsor student services, empower student organizations, and build greater community relationships, and let it be

Resolved, that the Student Government Association is the recognized government of the Butler University student body in the internal and external community and acts as the instrument through which students are able to provide input into the internal policies of Butler University, and let it be

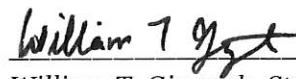
Resolved, that Butler University hereby authorized the Student Government Association to represent the students of Butler University, and let it be


Resolved, that administration of Butler University and the Student Government Association agree to engage in mutual collaboration and maintain open channels of communication, and let it be

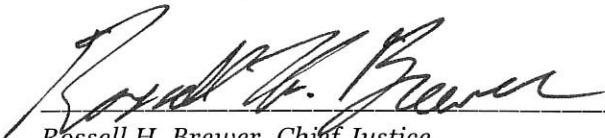
Resolved, that the Student Government Association fulfills its mission with funding support from the Student Activity Fee, and let it be

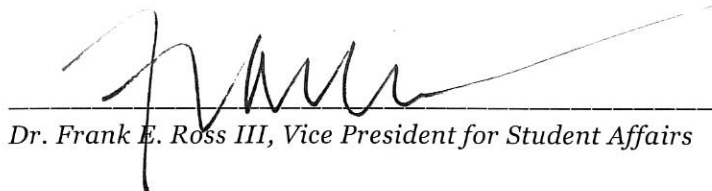
Resolved, that this charter may only be terminated by mutual agreement of the below parties, or the incumbents of their offices.

Signed this 18th day of April 2022

  
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*William T. Gigerich, Student Body President*

  
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*M. Cade Chezem, Speaker of the Senate*

  
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*Rossell H. Brewer, Chief Justice*

  
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*Dr. Frank E. Ross III, Vice President for Student Affairs*