



Presidential Veto 2324-002

Presidential Veto of Resolution 2324-034 Resolution to Grant Funds to Christian Healthcare Providers Organization

Monday, 13 November 2023

By the authority vested in me as President of the Butler University Student Government Association, and in order to ensure the fiscal responsibility and proper scope of the Student Government Association, Senate Resolution 2324-034: Resolution to Grant Funds to the Christian Healthcare Providers is hereby vetoed.

Section 1: Rationale

While I admire greatly the work that Christian Healthcare Providers anticipates doing during their trip to the Dominican Republic, this grant is not eligible to be given a portion of the student activity fee. The Student Government Association budget is not the appropriate resource for the purchase of medication that will not be serving students on our campus. It is important to note and highlight that the Student Government Association is funded solely by the money from the Student Activity Fee. This money is given to SGA to properly disseminate within defined grant guidelines and with the utmost fiscal responsibility. The spirit and the intent of the student activity fee is to promote an active community for our students, which is why I would encourage Christian Healthcare Providers to reapply for another grant that serves the students going on this trip. I would encourage this student organization to fundraise in the best way that they can, or perhaps reach out to pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies, or even their respective churches to help raise the funds to purchase this medication. Unfortunately, it is simply not appropriate to give this sum of money in this capacity.

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I always find it important to note in a veto that this is not a critique of the student organization or its mission. I highly encourage Christian Healthcare Providers to reapply with a different ask and pursue other action items to find the funding for the request in this grant that affects the Butler students going on this excursion. Like I always say, I never want to keep an organization from fulfilling its goal, but in the same regard, I must uphold fiscal responsibility and precedent for the Student Government Association.

Section 2: Authority From Constitution

According to Article 4 Section 9, the Legislative Branch will transmit legislation adopted by the Student Senate to the Executive Branch within five school days of the legislation's adoption. Within five school days of the President's receipt of the legislation, the President may enact the legislation by signing it or veto the legislation by informing the Speaker in writing. If the President vetoes the legislation, then the Student Senate may override the veto by a two-thirds vote of present members. If the President has not signed or vetoed the legislation within five school days of receiving it, the legislation will take effect as if the President has signed it.

Section 3: Authority from General Bylaws

Per Article III, Section 2 of the SGA General Bylaws, the President shall "possess the right to veto any legislation passed by the Student Senate." Per Article V, Section 6 of the SGA General Bylaws, "the President retains the ability to veto appropriate legislation within five business days of receipt of the legislation. If the President vetoes the legislation, they are to notify the branch leaders in writing. The Speaker is then required to submit the veto remarks, in writing, to the entire Senate. The agenda for the subsequent voting session will also be updated to include an announcement that the legislation has been vetoed. Any Senator will then be able to motion to override the veto



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and with a two-thirds vote, the veto shall be overrode and the legislation granted authority.”

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