



Presidential Veto 2324-003

Presidential Veto of Resolution 2324-048 Resolution to Grant Funds to Christian Healthcare Providers Organization

Sunday, 17 December 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 2324-048: Resolution to Grant Funds to the Christian Healthcare Providers is hereby vetoed.

Section 1: Rationale

While I greatly appreciate the work that Christian Healthcare Providers anticipate doing during their trip to the Dominican Republic, and I admire their due diligence in returning to the Student Senate with an amended grant proposal, I am vetoing this grant request because of the Legislative Branch's fiduciary irresponsibility and the limited student impact that this grant request holds.

This veto is in no way a critique of this student organization's mission. While a grant of this magnitude is not necessarily uncommon, the limited impact is a major cause for concern given that this grant is essentially a scholarship for only eight students. Other grants of this magnitude typically fund events that serve more than 150 students multiple times a semester.

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

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



Katie B. Stanley, Student Body President
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