



Executive Order 2324-004

Order to Create a Task Force to Investigating the Creation of Veteran Organization

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

By the authority vested in me as President of the Butler University Student Government Association, and in order to promote the inclusion of veterans on Butler University's Campus, it is hereby ordered that a task force centered on Veteran Belonging be created.

Section 1: Mission

The main charge of the Student Government Association is to advocate for students from all walks of life. According to Article IV Section 1 of the Executive Branch Rules and Procedures, the President "possesses the ability to create task forces to investigate and solve campus-wide issues." Whereas there has been a need on campus to support veterans, it is our charge as an organization to positively influence and uplift our most vulnerable corners of campus.

Section 2: Justification

In the past academic year, our campus community has mourned the loss of two students who served in the military: Joshua Mauzy, a first-year student who served in the United States Army, and Dylan Duggan, a PA student who served in the United States Air Force. Unfortunately, these tragic losses underscore a recurring trend and highlight an urgent need within an overlooked segment of our Student Body. While this loss is a starting point for the creation of this task force and eventual campus entity, it is important to note that the inclusion and creation of space for veterans goes beyond the loss of these two students. As our Student Government Association and Butler University take strides towards fostering an inclusive environment, it is imperative that we prioritize the establishment of a supportive space for veterans, both protected and otherwise, graduate or undergraduate. While Butler has been ranked as a top institution nationally for

veterans and supporting them- being able to recognize the unique needs and experiences of these individuals has immense value in ensuring they have the opportunity to forge their own vibrant community of support within our campus.

Section 3: Implementation

The task force consists of Chief of Staff Lucy Olmstead, Director of Mental Health and Well-Being Julia Fryrear, veteran and first-year Caleb Ball, myself, and relevant staff from Student Affairs. This investigation aims to create a standing entity within Student Affairs to provide students who have served in the military with a network of support and belonging.

Section 4: Authority

Under Article IV Section 10 of the Student Government Association Constitution, the Student Body President holds the authority to “issue Executive Orders to forward the goals of the organization as a whole and of the presidential administration”. This order is subject to actions by the Student Senate as laid out by Article IV Section 10 of the Constitution and is subject to Judicial Review in accordance with Article IV Sections 10 and 11 of the Constitution. Additional authority for this particular action comes from the Executive Branch Rules and Procedures Article IV Section 1, duties of the President.



Katie B. Stanley, Student Body President
Signed and effective 2:00pm, February 7, 2024

