



SENATE RESOLUTION 2223 – 066
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SGA GENERAL BYLAWS CONCERNING THE
DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Whereas the President is the recognized leader of the Student Government Association, and

Whereas the role of the President over the past years has shifted to include broader duties outside of the Student Government Association including representation of this organization to university groups, boards, departments, and other such subsets, and

Whereas the duties of the president already include acting generally as a spokesperson for the Student Body, but do not include a similar provision concerning the Student Government Association, and

Whereas there is a need to codify the practice of the President delivering the State of the Student Government Address on an annual, as opposed to semesterly, basis, and

Whereas the President is currently empowered to veto resolutions that have been passed by the Student Senate, and

Whereas it is currently assumed that the President is barred from issuing line item vetos to eliminate only certain points of a resolution but allowing others to be enacted, and

Whereas this has yet to be tested before the Supreme Court, but should nonetheless be codified as the practice for how vetoes might be issued, and

Whereas all of these points clearly and directly relate to the duties of the Student Body President, let it be



Resolved that the Student Senate approves the attached amendments to the Student Government Association General Bylaws (Appendix A), and let it be further

Resolved that the amendments be considered severable in matters of constitutionality.

Primary Sponsor:

Justin Deem-Loureiro, Class of 2026 Senator

Secondary Sponsor:

Maggie Spence, Liberal Arts and Sciences Senator

Vote:

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Signatures:



Reagan Markland, Speaker of the Student Senate



Cade Chezem, Student Body President



Appendix A:

Document to be amended:

Student Government Association General Bylaws

Article/Section (if available):

Article III, Section 2

Article V, Section 6

Current text:

Article III, Section 2. Duties of the President

The President of the Student Government Association shall:

1. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Student Government Association.
2. Serve as the primary spokesperson for the Student Body.
3. Appoint members of the Executive Branch with the advice of the Vice President and applicable Cabinet Members.
4. Assume responsibility for the proper execution of Student Government Association business.
5. Oversee the implementation and dissemination of legislation passed by the Student Senate.
6. Coordinate student representation on Butler University committees.
7. Work actively with the University Administration to ensure the well-being of the student body.
8. Possess the right to veto any legislation passed by the Student Senate.
9. Possess the authority to enter into contractual agreements with external agencies and organizations with the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee.
10. Possess the ability to create task forces to investigate and solve campus-wide issues.
11. Possess the ability to call an emergency meeting of the senior Student Government Association officers (Branch Leaders, Vice President, and Chief of Staff, or designees) or the Executive Cabinet by email or in writing with at least 24 hours notice.
12. Use Executive Orders to aid in the mission of the Student Government Association.
13. Convene and preside over meetings of the Executive Cabinet and Executive Cabinet Advisory Board.
14. Deliver a semesterly State of the Student Government address before the Student Senate.
15. Create and present a list of goals and objectives to the Executive Cabinet and Student Senate.
16. Report to the Student Senate on the status of legislation implementation on a semesterly basis.
17. Meet weekly with the other Student Government Association Branch Leaders.
18. Hold a minimum of two office hours per week in the designated and recognized Student Government Association office.

Article V, Section 6. Executive Approval

In accordance with Article IV, Section 9 of the Student Government Association Constitution, the President retains the ability to veto appropriate legislation within five school 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. If the remarks are received within the two days prior to a Senate meeting, the veto may be discussed and overrode then, but may be tabled until the next meeting to give



Senators the proper time to review the remarks. Any Senator will then be able to motion to override the veto and with a two-thirds vote of present members, the veto shall be overrode and the legislation granted authority.

Proposed Text:

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5. Oversee the implementation and dissemination of legislation passed by the Student Senate.
6. Coordinate student representation on Butler University committees.
7. Work actively with the University Administration to ensure the well-being of the student body.
8. Possess the right to veto any legislation passed by the Student Senate.
9. Possess the authority to enter into contractual agreements with external agencies and organizations with the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee.
10. Represent the Student Government Association to the organizations of Butler University faculty, staff, and administration including the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly, Executive Council, President's Cabinet, and Board of Trustees.
11. Possess the ability to create task forces to investigate and solve campus-wide issues.
12. Possess the ability to call an emergency meeting of the senior Student Government Association officers (Branch Leaders, Vice President, and Chief of Staff, or designees) or the Executive Cabinet by email or in writing with at least 24 hours notice.
13. Use Executive Orders to aid in the mission of the Student Government Association.
14. Convene and preside over meetings of the Executive Cabinet and Executive Cabinet Advisory Board.
15. Deliver an annual State of the Student Government address before the Student Senate.
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