



Senate Resolution 2223-094

Resolution to Amend the General Bylaws Concerning Awards,
Recognition, and Scholarships

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023

Whereas the Student Government Association hosts and has the responsibility of planning the end-of-year Student Leadership Banquet, and

Whereas it is at this event that the Oaths of Office for incoming Student Government Association leadership takes place, and

Whereas it is at this event where Student Government Association allocated scholarships are awarded, and

Whereas there are currently minimal regulations codified concerning how scholarships are awarded by the Student Government Association, and

Whereas a point forwarded by the faculty advisor to the Student Government Association at the fall executive retreat was the lack of awards for internal service to the student government, and

Whereas the Student Government Association also lacks awards bestowed solely by the organization to recognize exemplary members of the Student Body who help and empower the campus community, and

Whereas such awards should be able to be presented at any point during the academic year in order to recognize accomplishments in real time, and

Whereas recipients of such awards should still be recognized at the Student Leadership Banquet for their service to the Student Body and campus community, let it be

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

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

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Primary Sponsor:

Maggie Spence, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Secondary Sponsor:

Justin Deem-Loureiro, Class of 2026

Vote:

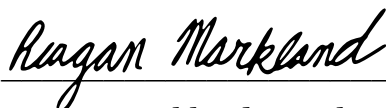
In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Resolution PASSES

Signatures:



Reagan Markland, Speaker of the Senate

Note: The signature of the Speaker serves only as verification of vote count and does not indicate support of a resolution



Cade Chezem, Student Body President



APPENDIX A

Proposed amendments to the Student Government Association General Bylaws

Document to be Amended:

Student Government Association General Bylaws

Article/Section (if available):

Article XVI Sections 1-5 (New; other article numbers adjusted appropriately)

Current Text:

N/A

Proposed Text:

Article XVI: Scholarships, Awards, and Recognition

Section 1: Overview

The Student Government Association seeks to advocate for the student body and to promote organizations on campus for the betterment of the student experience. This goal is seldom accomplished alone, and as such relevant student leaders may be presented with an award for their services to the student government or to the student body at large. For a student to be eligible for an award, they must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student of Butler University. Undergraduate students are regarded as any student eligible to receive traditional undergraduate financial aid. In addition, the role academic faculty take in the lives of students and in the furtherment of their fields is also recognized by the Student Government Association, and these vital members of our campus community likewise deserve acknowledgement for their betterment of our university and the students they influence.



Section 2: Student Leadership Banquet

At the conclusion of each academic year, the Student Government Association shall host a Student Leadership Banquet, which shall be open publicly to the Student Body and invited guests of the organization. The responsibility of planning the formal banquet resides with the Student Government Association. It is at the Student Leadership Banquet that the oath of office shall occur for the President-elect, Vice President-elect, Speaker-elect, and Chief Justice-elect, and from that moment they will assume leadership of the Student Government Association. The Student Leadership Banquet will also be the time of the awarding of any and all scholarships and provide an opportunity for recognition of recipients of other awards from the Student Government Association, or in collaboration with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and other university administration offices.

Section 3: Student Government Association Scholarships

The Student Government Association may elect to give out scholarships in recognition of exemplary students and their commitment to fostering ideals embodied in the mission of the Student Government Association or who demonstrate outstanding leadership on campus. Scholarships shall be awarded at the discretion of the Judicial Branch, but the processes for such awards may be appealed to the Executive Branch, as can alleged cases of nepotism or bias. The Judicial Branch must create a transparent system for the awarding of such scholarships and a process by which students might apply for them. A student may only receive one Student Government Association scholarship per academic year and no scholarship may exceed \$500. A minimum of two-thirds of all scholarship dollars allocated must be awarded to students who are not members of the Student Government Association. Scholarships will be awarded at the Student Leadership Banquet and will be applied to the costs of the next academic year. All scholarships shall be processed through the Office of Financial Aid. No scholarships may be awarded to students graduating Butler University that academic year, and should a student have no out of pocket costs a scholarship could apply to, standard procedures of the Office of Financial Aid shall apply. All scholarship awards are subject to oversight by the Audit Board and faculty advisors.

Section 4: Award for Service to the Student Body

The Award for Service to the Student Body shall be presented to enrolled undergraduate students on campus who have shown exceptional commitment to fellow members of the student body or to organizations which serve the student body. These students should



showcase elements of service laid out in the Student Government Association mission, vision, and values statements, but are not limited to members of the organization. The purpose of this award is to recognize members of the campus community who go above and beyond to improve the student experience. This award shall be given by the members of the Senate via resolution. Such a resolution shall require an affirmative vote two-thirds majority of members present, and shall not require the approval of the president, but is subject to judicial review. The Senate may not present an Award for Service to the Student Body more than five times in a single academic year, but may present them at any point throughout the year. Recipients of this award shall be recognized at the Student Leadership Banquet. An Award for Service to the Student Body may be the basis of the awarding of a Student Government Association Scholarship, but may not itself contain a scholarship or monetary award. Recipients of this award shall be acknowledged in the official Student Government Association office.

Section 5: Award for Service to the Student Government

The Award for Service to the Student Government shall be presented to current or former members of the Student Government Association, provided they are still enrolled undergraduate students of Butler University, who have shown an extraordinary commitment to this organization. These students should showcase elements of service laid out in the Student Government Association mission, vision, and values statements, and should have provided exceptional service to the organization through the role or roles they have held. Any current or former member, having met the aforementioned conditions, shall qualify for the award, regardless of the position they held within the Student Government Association. This award shall be given by the incumbent President via Executive Order, and is subject to any conditions thereof. The President may not present an Award for Service to the Student Government more than five times in a single academic year, but may present them at any point throughout the year. Recipients of this award shall be recognized at the Student Leadership Banquet. An Award for Service to the Student Government may be the basis of the awarding of a Student Government Association Scholarship, but may not itself contain a scholarship or monetary award. Recipients of this award shall be acknowledged in the official Student Government Association office.

