# **Butler University Student Government Association By-Laws**

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# **Article 1- Executive Board**

Section 1

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the leadership and direction of the Butler SGA through the implementation of general operating procedures and activities.

#### Section 2

In Executive Board meetings, the President may call a vote of the Executive Board. Each member shall have one vote.

# **Article II- Council on Presidential Affairs**

Section 1

The Council on Presidential Affairs shall serve as the liaison between the students and the administration to help address campus issues and work proactively towards change in the Butler community.

#### Section 2

The Council on Presidential Affairs shall be structured as follows:

- A. Vice President of Administration (chair)
- B. SGA President (ex-officio)
- C. Full time students who are selected, through an interview and application process, by the SGA President and Vice President of Administration

#### Section 3

The members of the Council on Presidential Affairs shall serve as voting representatives of the SGA Assembly and may not represent any other organization or residence.

# Section 4

No student may serve on the Council on Presidential Affairs and any other SGA Board simultaneously.

# **Article III- Finance Executive Board**

Section 1

The Finance Executive Board shall work with the SGA Assembly, Program Board, CPA, Public Relations, R.E.A.C.H., and other student organizations to aid in financial assistance through fundraisers or grants.

# Section 2

The Finance Executive Board shall be structured as follows:

- A. Vice President of Finance (Chair)
- B. Student Government President (ex-officio)
- C. Full time students who are selected, through an interview and application process, by the Vice President of Finance

# Section 3

The members of the Finance Executive Board shall serve as voting representatives of the SGA Assembly and may not represent any other organization or residence.

# Section 4

The Finance Executive Board shall provide a process for grant allocation to provide student organizations with sufficient funds.

#### Section 5

The Finance Executive Board shall provide information for fundraising opportunities to recognized student organizations.

#### Section 6

No student may serve on the Finance Executive Board and any other SGA Board simultaneously.

# **Article IV- Program Board**

#### Section 1

The Program Board shall work with the SGA Assembly towards developing and implementing broad cultural, intellectual, social, public service, and recreational programs for the students of Butler University.

#### Section 2

The Program Board shall be structured as follows:

- A. Vice President of Programming (chair)
- B. Student Government President (ex-officio)
- C. Vice President of Finance (treasurer)
- C. Full time students who are selected, through an interview and application process, by the Vice President of Programming

#### Section 3

The members of the Program Board shall serve as voting representatives of the SGA Assembly and may not represent any other organization or residence.

#### Section 4

No student may serve on Program Board and any other SGA Board simultaneously.

# Article V- Respecting, Embracing and Achieving Community Harmony

#### Section 1

R.E.A.C.H. shall work with the SGA Assembly towards developing and implementing broad cultural, intellectual, and public service programs with a diversity focus, and towards addressing diversity concerns for the students of Butler University.

### Section 2

The R.E.A.C.H. board shall be structured as follows:

- A. Vice President of Diversity (chair)
- B. Student Government President (ex-officio)
- C. Vice President of Finance (treasurer)
- D. Full time students who are selected, through an interview and application process, by the Vice President of Diversity

# Section 2

The Members of R.E.A.C.H. shall serve as voting representatives of the SGA Assembly and may not represent any other organization or residence.

#### Section 3

No student may serve on the R.E.A.C.H. board and any other SGA Board simultaneously.

# Section 4

There shall be a R.E.A.C.H. Assembly, chaired by the Vice President of Diversity, and comprised of residential and organization representatives.

# Section 5

R.E.A.C.H. Board members shall be charged with the responsibility of reviewing requests for R.E.A.C.H. grants, and making recommendations to the R.E.A.C.H. Assembly.

#### Section 6

The R.E.A.C.H. Assembly shall approve R.E.A.C.H. Grant applications.

# **Article VI- Public Relations Board**

#### Section 1

The Public Relations Board shall work with the SGA Assembly and all recognized student organizations to aid in promotions and advertisements of events and programs. as well as assist in the operations of the SGA Assembly. (removed)

#### Section 2

The Public Relations Board shall be structured as follows:

- A. Vice President of Public Relations (chair)
- B. Vice President of Finance (treasurer)
- C. Student Government President (ex-officio)
- D. Full time students who are selected, through an interview and application process, by the Vice President of Public Relations.

#### Section 3

The members of the Public Relations Board shall serve as voting representatives of the SGA Assembly and may not represent any other organization or residence.

#### Section 4

No student may serve on the Public Relations Board and any other SGA Board simultaneously.

#### **Article VII- Operations Board**

#### Section 1

The Operations Board shall work with the SGA Assembly to maintain internal communication and assist in the operations of the SGA Assembly

#### Section 2

The Operations Board shall be structured as follows:

- A. Vice President of Operations (chair)
- B. Student Government President (ex-officio)
- C. Full time students who are selected, through an interview and application process, by the Vice President of Operations

# Section 3

The members of the Operations Board shall serve as voting representatives of the SGA Assembly and may not represent any other organization or residence.

#### Section 4

No student may serve on the Operations Board and any other SGA Board simultaneously.

#### Section 5

The Operations Executive Board shall provide a process for the management of organizational categories.

# **Article VIII- Removal of Board Members**

# Section 1

The SGA Executive Board may remove any member of the Council on Presidential Affairs, Finance Executive Board, Program Board, R.E.A.C.H. Board, Operations Board and Public Relations Board for the following reasons:

- A. Poor attendance
- B. Misuse of SGA funds
- C. Inappropriately representing SGA
- D. University Conduct Probation.
- E. Failure to fulfill responsibilities

#### Section 2

Removals may be appealed by a 2/3 vote of the SGA Assembly.

# Article IX- Vacancy

#### Section 1

In the event of vacancy in the office of the Student Government President, the Vice President of Administration shall become the Student Government President.

#### Section 2

In the event of vacancy in the offices of Vice President of Administration and Vice President of Finance, a successor shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the seated SGA Assembly.

#### Section 3

In the event of vacancy in the offices of Vice President of Programming, Vice President of Diversity, Vice President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Operations a successor shall be appointed by the President, subject to approval by a majority vote of the present SGA Assembly.

#### Section 4

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Parliamentarian, a successor shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the seated SGA Assembly.

# **Article X- Attendance**

# Section 1

When a Representative of SGA Assembly misses three SGA Assembly meetings, in one semester, without a valid written excuse, the Representative shall be automatically removed from the SGA Assembly and that Representative position forfeited for the semester.

# **Article XI- Stipends**

# Section 1

The SGA President shall receive a stipend of \$700 per semester.

#### Section 2

Each Vice President shall receive a stipend of \$500 per semester.

#### Section 3

The Parliamentarian shall receive a stipend of \$300 per semester.

# **Article XII- Impeachment and Removal from Office**

# Section 1

A two-thirds vote of the seated SGA Assembly shall be necessary to impeach any member of the SGA Executive Board or SGA Representative.

#### Section 2

Upon impeachment, the member of the SGA Executive Board or SGA Representative shall have the right to address the SGA Assembly.

# Section 3

Upon impeachment, a three-fourths vote of the seated SGA Assembly shall be necessary to remove any member of the SGA Executive Board or SGA Representative.

# Article XIII- Amendment of the SGA By-Laws

#### Section 1

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the seated SGA Assembly. Following an affirmative vote, the amendment shall become effective immediately.