

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

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“Creation of PSG Committee on Research and Support for Accessibility on Campus”

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President Pro Tempore:	Justus Thomas
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WHEREAS, Purdue students with accessibility needs have expressed concerns with the level and availability of existing accommodations on Purdue’s campus;

WHEREAS, According to the Purdue Campus Accessibility Guide, Meredith Hall Dormitory, along with eight other official campus buildings, are classified as a **non-accessible building**; A building without a grade-level or ramped entrance;

WHEREAS, According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and stated by Purdue University Student Disability Grievance Procedures, "No otherwise qualified person with a disability in the United States...shall, solely by reason of...disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored by a public entity."

WHEREAS, Students on campus have expressed a difficulty with the status of accessibility buttons (ie. door opening and restroom entry/exit) and with the less accessible design of certain doors and enclosures;

WHEREAS, In an article written by Tyler Trent, “Tyler's Takes: Support, accessibility, football,” it is specifically pointed out that there are clear issues with accessibility on campus, specifically for those who use a wheelchair. Issues expressed include laboratory, bathroom, and dorm accessibility;

Therefore, be it ENACTED,

that Purdue Student Senate establish the Purdue Student Government Committee on Research and Support for Accessibility on Campus, as an Ad-Hoc committee chaired by Senator Hannah Walter for the current Senate session composed of Purdue Student Government officers and members as well as other individuals beholden to the interests of the committee. The Purdue Student Government Committee on Research and Support for Accessibility on Campus at Purdue will seek to address all issues including but not limited to those raised in the whereas clauses and its ultimate goal is to test each and every accessibility-claiming building according to the Purdue Campus Accessibility Guide, document findings from research conducted by the Committee on Research and Support for Accessibility on Campus, identify areas of inhibited access through discussion with Purdue students and staff, and present findings and research to the Director of the Disability Resource Center and Director of ADA at Purdue, who can take the necessary actions to build a more accessible and inclusive Purdue University Campus for future generations of Boilermakers.

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