

# PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

## Bill 18-50

*“A Bill to Amend the Constitution of Purdue Student Government, and the Standing Rules, to Establish a Permanent Cabinet Position for an Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) Liaison Within Purdue Student Government”*

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Action(s):	
President Pro Tempore:	Justus Thomas
Student Senate President:	Olivia Keller
Student Body President:	Aaron Banks

### **DEFINITION(S)**

Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS): A group of delegates from each of the Big Ten universities, representing “the needs of +500,000 undergraduate students through collaboration and teamwork” (<https://www.abts10.org/>).

Big Ten (B1G): the fourteen universities that make up a group of “prominent midwestern universities known for high academic standards and keen athletic competition.” For a complete list of these universities, please reference the following link:  
<https://www.btaa.org/about>

WHEREAS, the importance of the work done by the ABTS and its subsequent delegations cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, the ABTS drafts, debates, and approves legislation to be lobbied for on behalf of all Big Ten students and student governments; and

NOTING, the importance of having a voice in legislation that impacts all Big Ten universities,

RECALLING, Purdue University’s lack of involvement in previous years, and the significant role it played in hosting this year’s annual winter conference;

**Therefore, be it ENACTED;**

that the Purdue Student Senate

AMEND Article IV, Section I, Part B of the Constitution of the Purdue Student Government and add a Number 10 that reads as follows:

10. Purdue ABTS Liaison

- a. The Purdue ABTS Liaison is established with the imperative to legitimize Purdue's meaningful involvement in—and contribution to—the practices and mechanisms involved in the ABTS, including but not limited to drafting legislation to be presented at the annual ABTS Winter Conference and lobbied for in Washington D.C.
- b. The Purdue ABTS Liaison will be responsible for assembling a team of relevant Purdue Student Government and University stakeholders in their pursuit of crafting inclusive, holistic, and all-encompassing legislative prerogatives on behalf of both the student body and the Purdue Student Government, while also consulting with the student government representatives of other schools in the BIG.
- c. The Purdue ABTS Liaison shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate.
- d. The Purdue ABTS Liaison shall report directly to the Student Body President

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