

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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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 Government supports the efforts of the Student Senate to;

AMEND the *Purdue Student Government Constitution*, Article IV Part B, and Article III, Part C of the *Standing Rules*, that concern positions in the executive, in an effort to:

- establish an official *Purdue ABTS Liaison* Cabinet Position, subject to Presidential appointment, and Senate confirmation,
- with the imperative to legitimize Purdue’s meaningful involvement in – and contribution to – the practices and mechanisms involved in ABTS, including but not limited to: drafting legislation to be presented at the annual ABTS Winter Conference, and ultimately lobbied for in Washington D.C.

- c) The *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 B1G.

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