

Student Government Association

Executive Order 2122-008

Allocating Funds to the Office of Health Promotion & Wellness for the Distribution of Gender-Affirming Items

By the authority vested in me as President of the Butler University Student Government Association and in order to provide support for members of the student body and ensure safe, efficient, and confidential distribution of gender-affirming items, it is hereby ordered as follows:

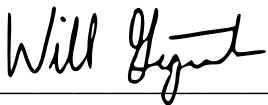
Section 1: Policy. The Butler University Student Government Association hereby allocates \$6,000 to the Office of Health Promotion & Wellness to provide a source for transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming students to receive gender-affirming supplies, clothing, and accessories.

Section 2: Rationale. After many conversations with the Office of Health Promotion & Wellness, we are on track to begin offering students gender-affirming resources. This money will serve as start-up funding to handle initial demand. Additional funding will be applied for from the DEI Innovation Fund, and/or other relevant funding sources, once data on the demand is collected after launch.

I applaud the LGBTQIA+ Alliance for their work to bring this need to SGA's attention. I hope that the organization will continue to engage in a dialogue with SGA and the Office of Health Promotion & Wellness to make this initiative a success.

Additionally, today is International Transgender Day of Visibility. I encourage the student body to reflect upon the ongoing fight to protect transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming individuals from discrimination and actively work against the harmful rhetoric and actions that impact their well-being.

Section 3: Authority. Under Article III, Section 2 of the Student Government Association General Bylaws the President of the Student Government Association has the authority to "Use Executive Orders to aid in the mission of the Student Government Association." It should be noted that this Executive Order is not the required means to allocate this funding, as the funds will be taken from accounts that are already controlled by the SGA Executive Branch. The form of an Executive Order is used solely for transparency purposes.



Will Gigerich, Student Body President

Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 5:00pm

CC:

Rossell Brewer, Chief Justice

Cade Chezem, Speaker of the Student Senate

Alex Colbert, Chair of the Appropriations Committee

Andre Hardy, President of the Butler LGBTQIA+ Alliance

Will Kissel, Vice President of the Butler LGBTQIA+ Alliance

Ashleigh Michaels, Secretary of the Butler LGBTQIA+ Alliance

JaSia Ward, Treasurer of the Butler LGBTQIA+ Alliance

David Murray, University Designated Advisor for the Butler LGBTQIA+ Alliance

Randall Ojeda, Director of the Efroymsen Diversity Center

Katie Wood, Assistant Director for Health Promotion & Wellness