

Senate Resolution 2526-055

Resolution to Call for a Reevaluation of the Distribution of Parking Passes at Butler University

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2026

Whereas The current system for which parking passes are obtained through the My.Butler website allows for all students, no matter class or academic standing, to register their vehicle at the same time, and

Whereas This system leaves it so that upperclassmen and first-year students have the same opportunity to receive parking in close proximity to their residence halls, and

Whereas This system causes many returning students, with important off campus class and personal responsibilities, to receive parking in I-Lot or no pass at all, and

Whereas many First-year students receive priority parking in B-lot, where their cars often sit unused due to not having academic internships or off campus requirements, and

Whereas the close proximity of these cars encourages first-year students to go home on weekends, which not only leads to Butler University often being perceived as a “Suitcase School” but more crucially harms the retention rate as students never begin to feel truly at home on campus, and

Whereas Many other universities have set the precedent that parking is distributed in a manner that mirrors class registration, with priority parking being given to students with more credits and time spent at the university, and

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Whereas It should be noted that there is no perfect way that will please all students on campus, but a majority of students have complaints around the current parking pass registration system and process, and

Whereas The Student Government Association has a duty to advocate for what students want to change on campus, let it be

Resolved That the Student Government Association feels that a change in how parking passes are distributed is needed due to the large number of complaints, and let it be further

Resolved That the Student Government Association Senate feels that it would be in the best interest of members of the student body for parking passes to be distributed based on university credit hour in an effort to improve retention rates of students, while still keeping the option for first-year students to have vehicles on campus.



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Primary Sponsor:

Beck Janki, Lacy School of Business Senator

Secondary Sponsor:

Laney Elliott, Liberal Arts and Sciences Senator

Vote:

In Favor: 17

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Resolution PASSES

Signatures:

Brenna S. Bailey, Speaker of the Senate

*Note: The signature of the Speaker serves only as verification
of vote count and does not indicate support of a resolution*

Eloise Ayotte, Student Body President

