**PURDUE STUDENT SENATE**

Bill 23-XX

*“Renewal of the Disability Community Ad Hoc Committee 2023-2024”*

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Sponsor(s): Gabriela Da Silva

Agenda Date(s):

Recommendations:

Action(s):

President Pro Tempore: Gabriela Da Silva

Student Senate President: Andrew Askounis

Student Body President: Shye Robinson

WHEREAS, The need for inclusion and equal access for students with disabilities at Purdue University is growing and disabled students have expressed a need for more support on campus; and

*WHEREAS*, the lack of resources can prohibit students from reaching their full potential and can further ostracize students with disabilities from fully engaging with Purdue University’s campus; and

*WHEREAS*, Purdue University has implemented accessibility measures in accordance with ADA requirements, but the disabled community has expressed a significant need to create a more welcoming and accessible campus; and

*WHEREAS* the Purdue Student Government and the Student Senate have a responsibility to advocate for the entire student body in order to create a more inclusive environment with a variety of resources for the disabled community; and

*WHEREAS*, in the 2023-2024 academic year, the Disabled Community Ad-Hoc Committee was able to shed light on important issues regarding current accessibility issues, advocating for equal opportunities for disabled students across campus, educating both faculty and students about issues that the disabled community faces, as well as providing more opportunities for the disabled community to come together; and

*WHEREAS,* continuing the work of this committee to research and evaluate the resources provided for disabled students on campus in order to maximize accessibility and inclusivity for disabled students; and

*WHEREAS*, The committee will serve to address issues faced by the disabled population on campus, including, but not limited to, problems with accessibility, stigma, and lack of inclusive opportunities.

**Therefore, be it ENACTED,**

That the Purdue Student Senate renews the Purdue Student Government committee for Disabled Students rights as an Ad-Hoc titled the “Disability Community” as an Ad-Hoc Committee for the current senate session comprised of officers and members, as well as other individuals beholden to the interests of the committee; and

that the chairperson of the committee for Fall 2023 shall be Senator Zoe Alexander; and

that the chairperson will abide by the rules laid out in Article II, Section 1. Part A, Subsection 2. of the Bylaws of Purdue Student Government.

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