

PURDUE STUDENT SENATE

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“Amendment of Proper Attire for the Student Senate Standing Rules”

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WHEREAS, the original text of Article II, Section 1 of the Senate Standing Rules states: “Proper attire for student senate meetings shall be at the discretion of the President Pro-Tempore, but shall always be either business formal or business casual”; and

WHEREAS, the previous standing rules were inadequate in their explanation of the dress code expectations especially in its inclusion of business casual; and

WHEREAS, Senators should be dressed in business formal attire at every Student Senate meeting unless on special occasions; and

WHEREAS, Senators would like the opportunity to dress in attire other than business formal on holidays;

Therefore, be it ENACTED,

That the proposed rewritten text of “ARTICLE II. PROPER ATTIRE” reads as follows:

SECTION 1. PROPER ATTIRE OF THE STUDENT SENATE MEETINGS

A.

Proper attire for student senate meetings shall be business formal, as defined below. The President Pro-Tempore shall have the authority to change meeting attire to business casual or casual at their discretion on special occasions including, but not limited to, the first and last days of the session or holidays. Business casual guidelines, as well as inappropriate clothing, are also defined below.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

A. BUSINESS FORMAL

Business formal shall be defined as attire that exemplifies professionalism and respectability. Senate clothes should be similar to career fair or job interview clothes.

Business formal may include, but is not limited to, a tucked-in dress shirt with a collar, a tie, a jacket, dress slacks, a dress or skirt, and/or a blouse.

B. BUSINESS CASUAL

Business casual shall be defined as attire that is less formal but still exemplifies professionalism and respectability. When in doubt, dress more formally.

Business casual may include, but is not limited to, a tucked-in dress shirt with a collar, dress slacks, an appropriate blouse, and/or appropriately conservative shoes. Jacket and/or tie are optional.

C. INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Appropriately conservative shoes exclude athletic shoes, sneakers, open-toed shoes, sandals, and similar shoes.

No articles of clothing that could be considered unbecoming of a Senator (as determined by the President Pro-Tempore) should be worn on the senate floor, even if the President Pro-Tempore has designated the meeting as casual. Clothing should represent a professional, conservative environment

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