

B-F2019-11: Revising practices concerning Student Government attire. *In order to promote a level of professionalism that is both accessible and conducive to the nature of an elected position on a college campus.*

In the General Body,

Date: September 20, 2019

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A Bill,

To ensure that members of the Student Government are presenting themselves in a manner that is conducive to the nature of their responsibilities and position. During General Body, SG will often bring in high-level college officials, such as the College President, to discuss important policies and issues. Adoption of acceptable attire practices will allow SG to be perceived as a formal and serious governing body. This bill also removes the section that prohibits discussing any kind of professionalism at retreats. This bill outlines the acceptable options for attire and places emphasis on keeping professionalism affordable.

Formatting:

Bylaw 01, Section C, Subsection 01

Details

Bylaw 01, Section C, Subsection 01 shall be amended.

Bylaw 01, Section C, Subsection 01 shall now read:

Student Government members are expected to present themselves in a manner that befits the professional nature of their position during General Body meetings and governance. Acceptable attire options can range from smart casual to business professional. Members are also permitted to attend General Body in any uniforms/attire required for external work-placements, jobs, internships, or involvements. Appropriate attire options include, but are not limited to, polos, dress-shirts, cardigans, t-shirts, slacks, professional shorts, khakis, jeans, blouses, skirts, dresses, and sneakers. Inappropriate attire options include, but are not limited to, sleepwear, athletic wear, cargo and jean shorts, flip-flops, and clothing with offensive/graphic language and/or images. Clubs and special guests are not held to the same standard as elected members; those guests will be informed to dress to their own comfortability.

Bylaw 01, Section C, Subsection 01 shall be instilled.

Bylaw 01, Section C, Subsection 02 shall be added.

Bylaw 01, Section C, Subsection 02 shall now read:

Student Government will have a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination against members and attendees based on their choice of attire, grooming, hair, accessories, or overall appearance; this includes any religious and cultural-based discrimination. If any member is not able to access smart casual or professional wear, they may inform the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion or the Speaker of the General Assembly to explore options and provide an inclusive attire plan.

Effective Date: Immediately