

Student Government Resolution 112.024
A Resolution to Formalize the Dress Code for General Meetings
Sponsored by President of the Student Association Ryan Nely

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and,
- The current dress code of the Student Government requires all members to wear business casual attire to all general meetings; and,
- There is no formal statement regarding the current dress code; and,
- The Student Government has not held a vote or formal debate regarding the dress code policy; and,
- Enforcement of the current dress code policy cannot be objective without a formal statement addressing the standard; and,
- During the 2011 fall semester there were distinguished guests or substantial crowds present at less than half of the meetings of the Student Government; and,
- The direct benefit of a projected image of professionalism to members of the gallery, obtained through a uniform business dress code throughout the Student Government, is lost when the gallery is without distinguished guests or observing members; and,
- There would not be a direct loss to the Student Government if the dress code were abolished; and,
- Business attire is most effective at promoting individual levels of leadership and professionalism when it is worn by voluntary personal choice; and,
- At the present time the Student Government is the only governing body at Truman State University enforcing a dress code; and,
- Providing an incentive to participate in on campus school spirit events as an alternative to the current Student Government dress code would help foster a sense of community among students, faculty, and staff.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Encourages members of the Student Government to voluntarily wear business casual attire during general meetings of the Student Government; and,
- Shall no longer support observing a standing dress code for general meetings; and,
- Supports a policy whereby a dress code shall be set for specific meetings of importance on a case by case basis announced through an agreement by the President of the Student Association and the Speaker of the Student Senate; and,
- Strongly encourages members of the Student Government to wear purple attire and their Student Government name tags, if applicable, on Fridays to promote school spirit, build a sense of community, and support university athletics.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Interim Staff Advisor to the Student Government Laura Bates, and the Truman Media Network, and the Department of Special Collections.

Passed February 19, 2012

By a Vote of 14-0-1

Ryan Nely

President of the Student Association