



American River College Senate Resolution

Professional Clothes Closet for ARC Students

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WHEREAS, some financially strained students lack the funds necessary to buy professional clothing therefore preventing them from engaging in professional opportunities;

WHEREAS, a study published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology notes that “Wearing [professional], compared to [non-professional], clothing induced dominance—measured in terms of negotiation profits and concessions, and testosterone levels—in participants”¹ ;

WHEREAS, American River College has the access to facilities and staff necessary to offer a professional clothes closet to students;

WHEREAS, according to the American River College Associated Student Body Constitution " It is further the mission of the American River College Associated Student Body Senate to promote the intellectual, artistic, cultural, and social life of students...”

¹ Kraus, M. W., & Mendes, W. B. (2014). Sartorial symbols of social class elicit class-consistent behavioral and physiological responses: A dyadic approach. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 143(6), 2330–2340. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0000023>



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THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the American River College Associated Student Body advocate for and work towards providing a “professional clothes closet” for American River College Students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “professional clothes closet” offer professional clothes to American River College Students for free or relatively low cost;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if students must be charged for clothing it cost no more than five dollars (\$5) for access to one pair of professional clothes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, American River College either offer a professional clothes closet on campus or partner with a local organization, such as Goodwill or the San Juan School District, to offer this service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the professional clothes closet be open to all American River College Students.



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Let it be known that this resolution is hereby
APPROVED/VETOED
on the 13 day of May, 2021.

Signed, *NKD*
Naomi Dasari, Student Senate President