

Proposal to Amend the Constitution of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at  
Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business

Summary of changes:

As a member of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, you have made a commitment to pursue a career as a business professional. A major aspect of being a successful business professional is knowing how to dress like one. That is why the Gamma Rho chapter has made it a requirement for its members to dress in formal business attire at each all general assembly meetings.

Just as important as knowing *how* to dress professionally, is knowing *when* to dress professional. A certain level of adaptability is required of the modern business professional, as they are tasked with navigating an increasingly interconnected, global environment that is always subject to change. That being said, with a majority vote in favor, the current executive board of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi feels that the following constitutional amendment will better prepare present and future members for the latter as opposed to simply the former.

Concerning the constitution of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at Western Michigan University, *Article II: Membership, Section K. Dress Code* currently states the following:

"K. Dress Code

- a. Standard Meeting Dress Code:
  - i. The standard dress code for meetings is professional. Men are required to wear a suit and tie. Women are required to wear a suit.
- b. Exceptions
  - i. If an event where dress is business casual, certain guidelines still apply. Men must wear a collared shirt with dress pants or khakis. Polo shirts are allowed, but discouraged. Women should wear collared shirts, blouses, or sweaters with dress pants or skirts. Denim (even if colored), t-shirts, and sneakers are not allowed.
- c. Community Service and Social Events
  - i. Dress varies for the community service and social events, but it is usually casual. Wearing a Beta Alpha Psi t-shirt is always recommended and may, in some cases, be required. If dress clarification is needed, please ask a member of the Executive Board."

With this document James Koss, the sitting President of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at Western Michigan University as of November 7, 2016, proposes to amend *Article II: Membership, Section K Dress Code* of the constitution of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi to state the following:

"K. Dress Code

- a. Standard Meeting Dress Code:
  - i. The standard dress code for regularly scheduled general assembly meetings is business casual. As a means of promoting a greater sense of unity, belonging, and comfortability amongst the membership, it is a requirement for members and candidates to wear the polo that has been ordered for that particular semester to each of the regularly scheduled general assembly meetings.
  - ii. The polo will be created by the finance committee in order to be made available to members and candidates at the beginning of the next semester.

- b. Exceptions:
  - i. As a professional business student organization, the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi will engage in numerous professional business events at which members and candidates will be expected to dress in formal business attire. These events include but are not limited to: interviews, mock interviews, meet the firms career fair, Meet the firms kick-off event, firm office visits, BAP Midwest regional conferences, and any other occasion on which the executive board deems formal business attire to be necessary.
  - ii. It is the responsibility of the executive board to inform the members and candidates of the chapter at least one week in advance of an event that formal business attire will be expected.
- c. Community Service and Social Events
  - i. Social events: casual dress is acceptable and encouraged
  - ii. Community service events: Members are encouraged to dress business casual (BAP polo) at appropriate community service events. If it can be reasonably assumed that a member or candidate's polo may be damaged in the course of performing necessary tasks during a community service event, the dress code for that particular community service event will be at the discretion of individual members and candidates."

By casting a vote as a member or candidate of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi with regard to the constitutional amendment outlined in this document, it is assumed that you have taken the time to read and understand the proposed changes. As a member or candidate of the Gamma Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, you are encouraged to vote with your heart. Make your decision based on what you feel is best for the future success of the chapter. Although you are afforded voting privileges, it is your choice to take advantage of those privileges by casting a vote. At no point should you feel that you *have* to vote