

To: The University Senate
From: Student Affairs Committee
Subject: Promoting Civic Engagement
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption
Reference: <https://www.purdue.edu/provost/about/provostInitiatives/civics/>

Proposal Expanding the list of events that fulfill the Civics Literacy Proficiency Graduation Requirement

Rationale: The Purdue University Board of Trustees established a graduation requirement for Civics Literacy Proficiency for baccalaureate degrees in June 2021. The faculty and students through their elected representatives have repeatedly expressed a preference for promoting civic engagement. One approved “pathway” towards demonstrating the graduation requirement is through attending approved civics-related events. Purdue Student Government Senate Sessions and Judicial Proceedings and West Lafayette City Council meetings provide excellent opportunities for attendees to participate in civic life.

Proposal: The University Senate establishes that the “Civics Event pathway” for the graduation requirement for Civics Literacy Proficiency for baccalaureate degrees includes attendance at events such as Purdue Student Government Senate and Traffic Court sessions and West Lafayette City Council meetings and that documented attendance at six such events fulfills the Civics Literacy Proficiency graduation requirement.

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