

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENTS**

**Joint Resolution 21/22-JR007**



**A Resolution to Update Purdue University Postings Policy (IV.B.2)**

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**WHEREAS,** Purdue Students have a right to utilizing posting on campus; and

**WHEREAS,** The policy regulating posting must be clear and easily accessible to all students in order to ensure compliance; and

**WHEREAS,** Purdue has a duty to provide clear avenues for student expression; and

**WHEREAS,** Purdue “recognizes the need to provide students an avenue to post and advertise events and information”; and

**WHEREAS,** Violation of posting policy should have proportional consequences; and

**WHEREAS,** This policy should be upheld unilaterally to ensure the protection of student free speech.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the attached amendments to the posting policy be considered by Purdue administration for official incorporation into Purdue Policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be delivered to the Purdue Office of Legal Counsel to verify that the enclosed policies are both legal and ethical.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be delivered to the Student Affairs Committee of the Purdue University Senate for their consideration.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this resolution be considered a joint resolution of Purdue Student Government and Purdue Graduate Student Government.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Purdue Student Government deliver this resolution to the Office of the Vice President of Ethics and Compliance and The Office of Institutional Equity to ensure their role in implementation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Purdue administration provide more locations for allowed postings on campus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Purdue administration improve the dissemination of this policy to all students.

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### Legislation History

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**Purdue Student Government (PSG) Passage Date: February 23, 2022<sup>1</sup>**  
PSG President: Shannon Kang  
PSG Senate President: Olivia Wyrick

**Purdue Student Government (PSG) Delivery to PGSG Date: November 10, 2022<sup>2</sup>**  
**Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) Passage: January 25, 2023**  
PSG President: Andrew Jensen  
PSG Senate President: Izzy Webber  
  
PGSG President: Alex Seto  
PGSG Senate Chair: Josiah Davidson

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<sup>1</sup> This legislation was passed by the Purdue Student Government Senate session beginning Fall 2021 and the Purdue Graduate Student Senate session beginning Fall 2022. Consequently, the bill is numbered to indicate that legislation was originally passed under a different PSG senate than the senate forwarding to PGSG for consideration.

<sup>2</sup> The PSG President holding office beginning in Fall of 2022 is the signatory on the passage of this joint resolution. For signatures of the passage of this bill in April 2022, please contact the PSG Senate President.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO UNIVERSITY POSTINGS POLICY**

[SEE ATTACHED FIVE (5) PAGES]

# University Postings Policy (IV.B.2)

Volume IV: Facilities and Safety

Chapter B: Use of Facilities

Issuing Office: Executive Vice President and Treasurer

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## STATEMENT OF POLICY

### **A. Prohibited Postings**

The placement of posters, notices, flyers or other similar materials on any permanent outdoor University structures (e.g. outside of buildings, on utility poles, lamp posts, fountains, fixed trash containers, benches, trees, sidewalks, etc.) for posting is prohibited. Indoor areas that are not marked as designated for posting shall be decided on a case-by-case basis by the building's respective building deputy.

### **B. Postings Inside University Buildings**

The University offers many specifically designated posting areas in and around University Facilities. Some of these areas are dedicated to official University business and include postings that are required by federal and state law (e.g. wage and hour, EEOC, and OSHA postings). These areas may not be used for non-official University business under any circumstances. Before using a bulletin board in any University building, a person must obtain the approval of the Building Deputy [unless otherwise](#)

indicated by a notice on the bulletin board and post only in accordance with the established posting policies and procedures for that building, if any. [Building Deputy contact information can be found here.](#)

## **C. Other Postings**

### University Structures: Public Bulletin boards and Kiosks

The University also provides various designated Public Bulletin Boards and Kiosks in or around University Facilities. Only recognized student organizations, University departments, schools, divisions or offices, students and staff members can post in or around University Facilities. All Commercial posting by off-campus businesses, organizations, entities and individuals is prohibited unless sponsored by a Recognized Student Organization or a University department, school, division, office or Recognized Employee Organization.

### Sidewalks

The placement of posters, notices, flyers, or other similar materials on sidewalks is prohibited. Posting of information on sidewalks is limited to washable (water soluble) chalk. The use of oil-based and aerosol (spray) chalk paint is strictly prohibited. Chalking is limited to sidewalk areas (no chalking on brick pavers) that are exposed daily to the elements and prohibited from all vertical surfaces. Chalk messages must comply with all applicable University regulations for posted materials.

## **D. Regulation of Postings**

[Posted materials must clearly promote the activity publicized and the sponsoring university entity as its primary message. The primary message of posting shall not be the commercial advancement of any non-university affiliated entity or product.](#) The expiration date on all printed materials for posting will be a maximum of one week from the date of approval. It is the responsibility of the party receiving approval to post and remove

and recycle their materials in accordance with this policy. No materials may be placed over the materials of other groups.

The content of all posted items must comply with university regulations and all applicable local, state and federal laws. The content of posted items may not be libelous, obscene or incite violence. [If a posting is claimed to be libelous, the complaint shall be reviewed by the office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance. If a posting is claimed to violate anti harassment policy, the complaint shall be reviewed by the office of institutional equity.](#)

## REASON FOR POLICY

The university recognizes the need to provide students an avenue to post and distribute information as students deem necessary. The University also takes its role as a steward of the environment seriously. This includes balancing the overall aesthetic appearance of campus with the need for student information sharing. Therefore, this policy has been developed to provide guidelines and procedures by which students, employees, and other individuals, groups and organizations can post materials at various specifically designated areas in or around University Facilities.

## WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS POLICY

- President
- Executive Vice President and Treasurer
- Vice Presidents
- Directors / Department Heads / Chairs
- Student Organizations
- Provost
- Vice Provosts
- Deans
- Employees
- Students

## CONTACTS

Contact	Telephone
Senior Director, Buildings and Grounds	494-0930
Office of the Dean of Students	494-1747
Building Deputies (see listing in front of Purdue University Student and Staff Directory)	

## DEFINITIONS

Word	Definition
Commercial	Any posting, which relates solely to the economic interest of either the party posting the notice or of the posting's intended audience.
Public Bulletin Boards and Kiosks	Bulletin boards or kiosks, which are open to orderly unsupervised access by students, staff members and recognized student or employee organizations.
University	Purdue University
Staff Member	Any person, who is not a student, but who is employed full or part-time by the University in any capacity, including but not limited to, members of the faculty and members of the administrative-professional, extension, service or clerical staffs of the University.
University Facilities	As used in these regulations, the term "University Facility" or "University Facilities" means any building or structure or any improved or unimproved land, or any part of any such building, structure, or land, which is owned, used or occupied by Purdue.
Recognized Student Organization	Any group of University students that has been granted formal recognition by the Office of the Dean of Students as described in University Regulations, Part 7, Regulations and Procedures for Recognized Student Organizations.
Recognized Employee Organization	Any employee organization that has been granted informal or formal recognition in accordance with Section 5 of the Purdue University Board of Trustees "Resolution Establishing Policies Concerning Employee Organizations."

## PROCEDURES

Any violations of this policy or any specific building posting policy by a student or student organization will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. [First time offenses with limited or no property damage shall be resolved without expulsion, suspension, or criminal action. Serious damage will be determined as a case-by-case basis by the Office of the Dean of Students \(ODOS\).](#)

Any staff member violations will be handled through appropriate administrative channels. Any violations by a commercial / off-campus organization will be addressed by the Senior Director of Buildings and Grounds. Posters and chalkings displayed in violation of the posting policy will be removed by employees of the Buildings & Grounds department.

Procedures, if any, for posting at specific buildings can be obtained from the respective building deputy. The contact information for building deputies can be found [here](#).

## **HISTORY**

November 18, 2011: Policy number changed to IV.B.2 (formerly I.4.3).

October 13, 2008: Prior to October 2008, this policy was included as an appendix to policy I.4.1, Regulations Governing the Use and Assignment of University Facilities.