

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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September 17-18, 2020

ACADEMIC SENATE CSU (ASCSU) SUPPORT FOR “GET OUT THE VOTE”

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) support campus-wide participation in upcoming local, state, and federal elections; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU encourage campuses to review and follow state mandates in accordance with California Election Code 14000 and 14001, related to providing time off for voting and posting relevant notices about this right to vote; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge all 23 campuses to adopt and implement a comprehensive election engagement plan for the upcoming election up to including the use of campus facilities as polling places and the establishment of on-campus ballot drop off locations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU and campus Advocacy and State Relations Officers, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU campus Senate Executive Committees, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), and the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA).

***RATIONALE:** The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of life on and off CSU campuses. As such, intentional efforts must be taken to ensure students, faculty, staff, and administrators have the opportunity to actively engage in the voting process. The current social, economic, and political environment calls for campuses to adopt effective approaches to working with on-campus stakeholders to build on previous efforts and adopt best practices for providing election support in virtual environments.*

The Federal Higher Education Act requires colleges and universities to make a “good faith effort” to distribute voter registration materials to all students.

Campuses should take care to assure efforts offered to students are done in a nonpartisan manner and that message of nonpartisanship are clear. Campuses

should also consider factors that serve as barriers to voter registration or participation.

Campuses should support student governments from diverse campus organizations to support nonpartisan "get out the vote activities."

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