

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL
ARKANSAS POLLING PLACE

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2018, the Faulkner County Election Commission voted to close the official polling location at the University of Central Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, an on-campus polling location makes it convenient for young voters to take part in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, with many students eligible to vote for the first time while enrolled at UCA, it is important to promote civic engagement on our campus; and

WHEREAS, UCA student leaders and organizations have taken on the responsibility of civic engagement by registering voters, educating students on relevant issues, and encouraging students to vote on campus; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association has adopted a resolution urging the Faulkner County Election Commission to reinstate the UCA polling place; and

WHEREAS, a polling location on campus also provides a convenient location for faculty and staff to fulfill their civic duty and participate in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the UCA polling location will likely reduce participation in the electoral process; specifically, students who lack access to transportation may not be able to get to a polling location, while students, faculty, and staff with full academic and work schedules may not take the time to vote;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate join the Student Government Association in urging the Faulkner County Election Commission to rescind the January 22, 2018 vote removing the University of Central Arkansas as an official polling place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate urges the UCA Board of Trustees, President Houston Davis, and other appropriate campus leaders join in our call to reinstate the UCA polling place.