

Senate Resolution 002

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UCA STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF VOTING ON
ELECTION DAY
26 October 2020

Sponsor: Bear Advocacy Group

Co-Sponsor: UCA Bears at the Ballot Vote Everywhere Ambassadors

Whereas,

the Student Government Association passed a similar resolution on October 22nd, 2018;

Whereas,

Voting is an essential part of maintaining a healthy democracy;

Whereas,

According to Campus Vote Project, people aged 18-29 years old makeup 21% of the eligible voting population but vote at lower rates than any other demographic group;

Whereas,

Millennials and Gen Z will be the largest share of eligible voters in 2020;

Whereas,

UCA is a Vote Everywhere campus that strives to increase voter education and civic engagement;

Whereas,

this election is the first opportunity for many in our UCA community to vote;

Whereas,

Many UCA students have registered to vote in Faulkner County in order to vote on campus;

Whereas,

UCA's future as a polling location requires substantial voter turnout at the site;

Whereas,

Many students, faculty, and staff will have obligations on the Tuesday of Election Day that will require them to vote during X-Period or between classes; and

Whereas,

Voting on Election Day, especially at the polling location on campus, may require waiting in line for an unforeseen amount of time;

Therefore, Be it Resolved,

that the Student Government Association of the University of Central Arkansas supports all students, faculty, and staff in their efforts to vote.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Student Government Association urges faculty and staff to permit students to vote on Election Day by granting them leniency for attendance-related issues as they see fit.

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