University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress

7th Meeting of the Fall Session of the 24th Legislature

CR20-01 Author: Senator Owens

Co-Author: Senator Foster

An act strongly urging professors to not enforce attendance policies on Election Day on November 3rd, 2020, so as to enable students to fulfill their constitutional right and civic responsibility of voting.

WHEREAS, On November 3rd, 2020, the United States is holding a presidential election, and

WHEREAS, It is each citizen’s civic duty to cast their vote and make their voice heard, and

WHEREAS, Polling places have been known to have long lines, deterring people from voting due to various time commitments, and

WHEREAS, Students may be discouraged from volunteering at polling places in a year where volunteers are needed more than ever due to attendance policies enforced by professors, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UCO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. All UCO professors are strongly urged by the UCO Student Association to not hold class or, alternatively, not enforce attendance policies on Election Day, November 3rd, 2020, so as to encourage the civic engagement of our campus community and to not hinder any student’s ability to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Section 2. This legislation shall be distributed to the following.

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, President, University of Central Oklahoma

Charlotte Simmons, Ph.D., Co-Interim Vice President, Office of Academic Affairs

Gary Steward, Jr., Ph.D., Co-Interim Vice President, Office of Academic Affairs

Reviewing Committee(s): Academic Affairs

Committee Recommendation: DO PASS

Action Taken by Congress: [ PASSED / FAILED ]

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| De Shannon, Chair of the UCO Student Congress Date |
| James Limbaugh, President of the UCO Student Association Date |

Legislative Override: [ OVERRIDDEN / NOT OVERRIDDEN / POCKET APPROVAL ]