

University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress
8th Meeting of the Fall Session of the 26th Legislature

CR22-104 Author: Senator Owens AS INTRODUCED

A resolution strongly urging professors to not enforce attendance policies on Election Day on November 8th, 2022, so as to enable students to fulfill their constitutional right and civic responsibility of voting.

WHEREAS, November 8th, 2022, is Election Day in the United States; 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, There are many offices and propositions on the ballot this year that impact the daily life of every member of our campus community; 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. The UCO Student Association strongly urges all UCO professors to hold class asynchronously or allow for flexibility in attendance policies on Election Day, November 8th, 2022, 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. The UCO Student Association makes these recommendations with the expectation that students provide proof of their civic duty at the professor's discretion.

Section 3. 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]

Beyonce Hammond, Chair of the UCO Student Congress Date

Josh Chao, President of the UCO Student Association Date Legislative Override: [OVERRIDDEN /
NOT OVERRIDDEN / POCKET APPROVAL]