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PSU Votes Ambassadors within Commonwealth SGAs

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Whereas, *The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) represents the concerns of the students attending the campus in matters of a University-wide nature, as well as those issues impacting the combined interests of the commonwealth campuses, and those of all forms of physical ability.*

Whereas, *The Pennsylvania State University has a voting rate of 68.8%, according to the 2020 NSLVE Campus report [[NSLV, 2021](#)]. Voting is an important part of civic duty and should reflect the values of The Pennsylvania State University.*

Whereas, *PSU Votes Ambassadors are an applied position that students would be eligible to fill. The position is intended to grow across the Commonwealth campuses and train Directors/Liaisons in attending to their student bodies' needs regarding voting. PSU Votes Ambassadors are trained in developing initiatives and distributing nonpartisan voting materials to their constituents*

Whereas, *Another advantage to bringing PSU votes to the commonwealth through their governmental affairs directors/liaisons is in making sure that students are able to register to vote with organizations that are deemed legitimate and safe by The Pennsylvania State University.*

Whereas, *According to the Penn State Voting resources, though numbers were up from 2014, in 2018 only 36% of The Pennsylvania State University students voted in the 2018 midterm election [Penn State, nd]. By bringing the PSU votes ambassadors' position to all student governments across the commonwealth there can be a bigger push from the campuses to encourage their respective student bodies to vote, to ensure a much larger voter turnout percentage.*

Be it resolved, *it is suggested that all Student Government Executive boards have at least one student government member apply to the PSU votes Ambassador program. They are the most passionate members for the job. In doing so all the commonwealth campuses would have a voice within their campuses making sure that their students are educated and getting out to register to vote, being handed out resources, and building stronger communities between the students body and Student government associations throughout the commonwealth of The Pennsylvania State University.*

Respectfully,

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Council Action

Vote_34 __:__0 __:__0 __ Pass: __X__ Fail: ____ Postponed: ____

Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: ____ Date: 02/06/2023

Kana Wright

References

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