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## For the Inclusion of the Remote Asynchronous Election Day in the Academic Calendar

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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 campuses, and,*

**Whereas,** *Faculty Senate has passed an amendment to Senate Policy 42-27 that states that “instructors should provide, within reason, remote asynchronous instruction on Election Day in November, to allow more flexibility for students and faculty to carry out their civic duty by voting,”*

**Whereas,** *All four student government associations, UPUA (University Park Undergraduate Association), CCSG (Council of Commonwealth Student Governments), WCSGA (World Campus Student Government Association), and GPSA (Graduate and Professional Student Association) have facilitated discussions and pushed for the inclusion of a remote Election Day.*

**Whereas,** *Students across the Commonwealth have reported their faculty’s lack of awareness and misunderstanding of the remote asynchronous election day. Therefore, students have not been provided the rightfully granted asynchronous option. Faculty senate sets an expectation that faculty “will do everything reasonable without compromising a student’s education to provide a remote asynchronous class only,”*

**Be it resolved,** *The registrar take note of the faculty senate policy 42-27 and include the remote asynchronous day within the Penn State academic calendar. This will remind faculty of their responsibility as educators and community*

*members, and allow them to plan their syllabi around election day, with the knowledge that they must provide asynchronous accommodations to all students within reason.*

Respectfully,

Governmental Affairs Director Sophia Montany, University Park  
(Campus name and title)

Council Action

Vote 26:0:0 Pass:   X   Fail:      Postponed:     

Presidential Action

Approved:   X   Veto:      Date: 4/24/2024



CCSG President - Elise DuFour

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