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For the Establishment of a PSU Votes Liaison

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Sponsors: Constitutional Review Committee

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, *PSU Votes is a university-wide organization that aims to provide nonpartisan voting information to students and promote civic engagement among them. PSU Votes is housed at University Park and cannot easily communicate with the commonwealth campuses ([PSU, 2024a](#)).*

Whereas, *Commonwealth campuses make up about 43% of the university and therefore 43% of all Penn State votes. Commonwealth students should receive the same information and vivacity in voting and civic engagement as University Park students ([PSU, 2024b](#)).*

Whereas, *PSU Votes holds a monthly round table meeting with student orgs from University Park and other student government associations, including UPUA. The round table allows for ease of tabling among organizations at University Park and provides students with ideas on how to promote voting among their specific demographics.*

Be it resolved, *A member of the CCSG Governmental Affairs Committee be appointed by the Director as PSU Votes Liaison, and attend monthly roundtable meetings with faculty, staff, and other students via zoom. These meetings will be a great sources*

of information to students at the commonwealth campuses and will provide experience advocating for the commonwealth in an environment with other students and staff.

Be it further resolved, The Governmental Affairs Committee proposes the following amendment to Article 5, Section 1, Subsection 4 of the Constitution:

5. Shall appoint a liaison as the primary contact between CCSG and the PSU Votes Roundtable at the discretion of the committee director(s). In the event that a liaison is not selected, the committee director(s) shall assume the role as the liaison.

a. Will attend routine meetings with members of the roundtable through whatever means accessible.

b. Shall act as the chief informant for the Governmental Affairs Committee regarding ongoing initiatives by the roundtable.

c. Shall inform the PSU Votes roundtable of any outstanding initiatives from the Commonwealth Campuses on voting or civic engagement issues.

Respectfully,

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Council Action

Vote 25:1:0 Pass: X Fail: Postponed:

Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: Date: 4/23/2024



CCSG President - Elise DuFour

Sources/References

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