



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION S24-10 SENATE MEETING: April 22nd, 2024

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STUDENT VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Whereas: the Iowa Board of Regents Mission Statement seeks to “enhance the quality of life for Iowans;”

Whereas: the Iowa Board of Regents recently reaffirmed its commitment to civic education;

Whereas: Iowa State University’s aspires “to be the most student-centric leading research university;”

Whereas: Iowa State graduate students, students in STEM fields, and students of color vote at lower rates than their peers;

Whereas: Iowa State students might face hidden barriers that interfere with their ability to vote early or by mail;

Whereas: Iowa State students represent a diverse group of religious faiths, some of which are opposed to participating in partisan politics;

Whereas: in most recent elections, most Iowa State students voted on Election Day; and

Whereas: Election Day is November 5, 2024:

Therefore be it Resolved: That the Iowa State University Graduate and Professional Student Senate encourages its students who are eligible to vote and whose conscience permits to cast ballots in the 2024 presidential election;

Be it Further Resolved: That the Iowa State University Graduate and Professional Student Senate encourages instructional faculty, on election day (November 5, 2024), to hold classes asynchronously whenever feasible, to refrain from scheduling exams or major assignments, and/or to excuse student absences or tardiness that may result from voting.

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