Resolution for Excused Absences on Election Days

1 WHEREAS, voting is an integral part of citizenship and every student at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee should have the opportunity to vote.

2 WHEREAS, the busy schedules of University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee students limit their ability to participate in voting on election day.

3 WHEREAS, students often cite a lack of time on election day as a reason they do not vote.

4 WHEREAS, the encouragement of voter participation is consistent with the goals of the university and those of the Student Association at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee recommends that voting on election day should be considered an excused absence from classes in order to exercise a constitutional right to vote.

6 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee recommends that professors should plan their class schedule knowing that many students will need to take time off on election days in order to vote, and make sure no vital portion of their curriculum (i.e. exams, quizzes) is administered on election days.

7 THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Provost to be forwarded to faculty members as well as the Dean of Students.

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Legislative History

November 27, 2018 – Passed by The Student Life and Interest Committee.
December 2, 2018 – Passed by the Student Association Senate.