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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano
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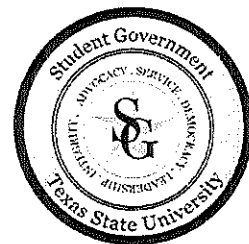
SUBJECT: S.R. 05 A Resolution for the Registration of Freshmen
Students by the Dean of Students and University College

I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate
which is to relate the need to register incoming freshman to show the
Student Body's desire to become more civically engage.



X
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A Resolution-

A Resolution to be entitled "A Resolution for the Registration of Freshmen Students by the Dean of Students and University College," relating to the need to register incoming freshman to show the Student Body's desire to become more civically engage.

1 **WHEREAS:** The Student Government of Texas State University, on behalf of
2 the student body of Texas State University, would like to
3 address the lack of voter registration prominent amongst the
4 freshman class; and

5 **WHEREAS:** The university currently does not have a permanent mechanism
6 to assist in the enrollment of students to become registered
7 voters; and

8 **WHEREAS:** The proportion of 18 to 24 year-olds who said they were
9 registered to vote in 2014 was 42%, the lowest in 40 years
10 (Campus Vote Project); and

11 **WHEREAS:** An investigation found that two-thirds of high schools are not
12 following a state law that mandates giving all eligible
13 students the opportunity to vote (Texas Observer); and

14 **WHEREAS:** Freshman students and Non-Traditional Students are typically
15 not registered to vote upon entry into Texas State University;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS:** The Dean of Students shall establish a year-round mechanism to
18 assist in student voter registration; and

19 **WHEREAS:** The University College shall establish a semester mechanism
20 within their University Seminar classes to assist in student
21 voter registration; therefore,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Dean of Students and Student Government place the
23 Secretary of States Voter Registration Applications
24 (<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml>) in
25 which Students can print a voter registration application to be
26 mailed to their county of residence on the Student Resources of
27 their website; and

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The University College promote University Seminar
29 instructors to become Deputized Voter Registrars; and

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The University College refer to Non-Partisan
31 Organizations MOVE and League as a resource to utilize in order

32 to assist in the registration of voters for the Freshman Class;
33 and

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Peer Mentoring within PACE of the University
35 College look into providing training to Peer Mentors that covers
36 the information necessary to successfully pass the exam to
37 become a Deputized Voter Registrar and ask the Hays County
38 Office of Elections to administer a test during the Peer Mentor
39 summer training at a location at Texas State University; and

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The University College work to provide Voter
41 Registration material to University Seminar Classes for the
42 first two classes of the semester; and

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This legislation be forwarded to the Student
44 Body President, Dean of Students, and Dean of the University
45 College for further action.

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