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Faculty colleagues,

As we approach Election Day, I'm writing to remind you about the resolution that the Faculty Senate passed at its October meeting, encouraging instructors take reasonable steps to make it easier for our students to participate in the election:

*Whereas the FSU Faculty recognize the importance of fair and free elections with high participation as part of the democratic process; and*

*Whereas Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is both Election Day and a scheduled class day for the Fall 2020 academic calendar, now, therefore be it*

*Resolved, that instructors are encouraged to make it easier for their students to perform their civic duty through voting or working as election judges by taking one or more of the following actions as is reasonable for their course(s):*

- *Being flexible with students regarding attendance and due dates on November 3, 2020;*
- *Considering alternative assignments instead of a scheduled class meeting on November 3, 2020;*
- *Holding class meetings virtually instead of in person on November 3, 2020; or*
- *Avoiding major assignments, exams, presentations, etc. on November 3, 2020.*

Thanks for facilitating student participation in the democratic process!

Kind regards,

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