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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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The University College promote University Seminar Instructors to become Deputized Voter Registrars; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The University College refer to Non-Partisan Organizations MOVE and League as a resource to utilize in order to assist in the registration of voters for the Freshman Class; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The University College work to provide Voter Registration material to University Seminar Classes for the first 2 classes of the semester; and

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