Resolution regarding Student Voting

Whereas, the on-campus voting site has been moved from a central campus location (Student Union) to a location on the very edge of campus (Legends); and

Whereas, the University's Director of Student Programs, Dave Robertson, who manages both locations, has publicly indicated concerns about the site change and potential problems that may occur;

Whereas, the local elections director has publicly indicated concerns about the site and potential problems that may occur;

Whereas, early voting on campus has been eliminated leaving only Election Day itself (Tuesday, November 5) for students to vote on campus; and

Whereas, classes meet as usual on Election Day; and

Whereas, the on-campus “transfer station” has been eliminated meaning many students, who may have already waited in long lines, will be redirected to an off-campus polling site; and

Whereas, students wishing to engage actively in our democratic process should be supported and encouraged; and

Whereas, students that choose to vote may end up in the untenable situation of leaving their place in a voting line in order to attend a class; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we encourage instructors to be as flexible as possible regarding class attendance on Election Day for students that may be faced with a decision of voting or attending class.