

University of Illinois at Springfield
Student Government Association
Resolution 2008-003

Resolution on Student Civic Engagement

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is committed to promoting civic engagement in the students of the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS); and

WHEREAS, the UIS strategic plan identifies involvement in public affairs and experiential learning as an important part of its mission¹; and

WHEREAS, students who participate in volunteer work on Election Day may be absent from class and risk being penalized academically for missed work; and

WHEREAS, no academic policy regarding absences on Election Day currently exists and professors decide how to handle absences from class on a case-to-case basis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UIS SGA recommends that professors consider the importance of civic engagement and involvement in public affairs when confronted with student absences on Election Day.

¹Creating a Brilliant Future: A Strategic Plan for the University of Illinois at Springfield (2006) <http://www.uis.edu/strategicplan/plan/sectionone/mission.html>

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