IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

Monday February 18, 2008
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XXXXX, 2008
Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for presentation to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body.

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Approved and signed by the President of the Undergraduate Student Body, and so ordered into effect.

Eric R. Young
Speaker of the Senate

John Waynick
President of the Undergraduate Student Body

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At-Large, Author
THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

Resolution 2008/09 – 1

A Resolution to support a vote project to register voters on the Bowling Green State University campus

WHEREAS the full participation of young voters in the political process is essential to a truly representative, vibrant democracy; and

WHEREAS the youth vote has been on the rise in the United States for the past several election cycles, surging nine percent between 2000 and 2004 and increasing by two million votes between 2000 and 2006; and

WHEREAS the primary contests of 2008 saw a continuation of this trend: Young voter turnout doubled in the New Hampshire primaries, tripled in the Iowa caucuses and quadrupled in Tennessee on Super Tuesday; and

WHEREAS a major reason for this increased turnout is that politicians are paying more attention to young people; and

WHEREAS another major reason for this increased turnout is the efforts of student groups and student governments over the past cycles to register and mobilize their peers; and

WHEREAS the BGSU Student government is a member of the Ohio Student Government Association (OSGA), a statewide association of Ohio Student Governments; and

WHEREAS, the OSGA has decided to prioritize voter mobilization in the fall 2008; and

WHEREAS, running a strong voter mobilization drive requires resources, building a coalition, working with campus administrators and local elections officials;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BGSU student government support the efforts and welcome the work of the Ohio Student Government Association to mobilize young people in the 2008 election; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BGSU student government will facilitate an on-campus coalition, ask President Carol Cartwright to sign the President’s Commitment to Civic Engagement, and work with campus administrators and local elections officials to ensure a successful voter mobilization drive on campus.
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Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the President of Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.

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Eric Young
The Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve, and order this Legislation into effect as Public Act.

I do hereby disapprove, and order this Legislation to be returned to Act.

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John Waynick
The President of the Undergraduate Student Body

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