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Election Day

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Request for Information

6/11/2020

SHORT TITLE:

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Classes on Election Day

QUESTION(s):

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Question:


Has the senate ever petitioned to have classes cancelled on election day? If not, would this be an idea worth pursuing.


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After watching the issues Georgia's primary elections. I think this may be an idea worth exploring for a number of reasons: - Students not having to choose between waiting in line and missing class. - Commuting students' precincts may be far from campus. - Students may be registered in their hometowns instead of Statesboro/Savannah making it difficult to get polls before closing. - Students who work likely have to choose between class, work, and voting - It would allow students to volunteer and become part of the process. These are just thoughts I had and I was curious if the issue has ever been raised. Thank you.

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SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

9/14/2020 

Response:

Approved 

Executive Committee Response:

Sent to John Lester, Vice President of Communications & Marketing. His response: University System of Georgia policy allows each USG institution to establish 12 official paid holidays each calendar year for employees at the institution. The holidays for Georgia Southern are listed online at <https://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu/facultystaff/holiday/>. The only way to add a day to this calendar would be to take away from an existing planned holiday.