

# Texas A&M University-Central All In Action Plan

## Overview:

Texas A&M University-Central Texas (TAMUCT) places a high value on civic learning and democratic engagement of its students. Through seeking the designation, key members of the campus community will need to evaluate current programs and initiatives and determine how to make them even more effective in addition to implementing new initiatives based upon best practices in the field.

The top three goals for democratic engagement at TAMUCT for the fall semester were:

1. To have 50% of our students registered to vote
2. Provide meaningful, impactful democratic engagement education for our students
3. To encourage and provide forums for open and engaging discussions on topics related to civic learning and democratic engagement.

## Coalition:

The coalition will include key faculty, staff, and student leaders from across the university. The members are:

- Dr. Peg Gray-Vickrey, Provost/Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs
- Dr. Morgan Lewing, assistant professor, College of Education
- Dr. Michelle, Dietert, associate professor, Sociology
- Paul York, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Deputy Title IX Coordinator
- Ben Belz, Assistant Director of Student & Civic Engagement
- Aaron Mandzak, Graduate Assistant Office of Student & Civic Engagement
- Joshua Chatham, Student Body President
- John Skidmore, student employee for the Office of Student & Civic Engagement

## 1. Voter Registration

- Send out campus wide email with information about and link to TurboVote.
- Have staff present to assist with voter registration through TurboVote at debate live streams, student organization fair, provost lecture series, PokéMondays, and Constitution Day.
- Hold four voter registration drives from start of fall semester through final day to register including one that coincides with National Voter Registration Day, September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Coordinate with faculty to distribute information about TurboVote to classes. Have staff available to present information to classes if desired by faculty.
- Embed voter registration information into the TAMUCT website.

## 2. Voter Education

- Host live streams of all presidential debates.
- Bring a local elected official to campus as part of the University's Constitution Day program.

- In addition to helping students to register to vote through TurboVote, use voter registration days as a chance to give students access to sample ballots for their area.
- Educate students about identification that will be required of them when they go to vote.

### **3. Ballot Access**

- Have absentee ballot information available to students.

### **4. Get Out the Vote**

- Host early voting kickoff on campus.
- Display poster size maps of local polling places on campus in the week leading up to the November general election.
- Send out a campus wide email with information about vote by mail and early voting. Also send out a campus wide email to remind students of the general election.