Swipe Right on the Issues

Speed Policy Dating • Central Votes Central Michigan University

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Event Snapshot

Purpose: Nonpartisan civic education through guided issue conversations

Theme: Valentine's Day / Speed Dating

Length: 60 minutes

Format: Rotating small-group issue discussions

Event Goals

• Make civic issues approachable

• Encourage respectful dialogue

• Help participants identify priority issues

• Build confidence in civic conversations

Groups to Invite

- College Dems
- College Republicans
- SAJE
- Honors Program
- Central Sustainability
- History Club
- SGA

(I think I'm missing some political related clubs)

Event Flow

0–10 min : Welcome & nonpartisan framing

10–40 min : Speed issue dating rounds

40–60 min : Group Discussion and Valentines

Speed Issue Dating Format

Issues: 6–8 topics

- Healthcare

- Education
- Environment
- Housing/Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Voting/Elections
- Technology
- Press

Rotation: 5–7 minutes per table
Group Size: 4–6 participants
Approach: Values-based, non-debate discussion

Swipe Card System

■ Very important to me
■ Somewhat important
■ Not a priority right now

These I am unsure of

Valentine's Ideas!

- **Are you a ballot?** Because I'm trying to *mark you down*
- **You've got my vote** for cutest Valentine
- **I don't need a campaign...** I'm already falling for you
- **Roses are red, violets are blue,** don't forget to vote — I believe in you!
- **Let's make it official...** like voter registration
- **You're the only thing I'd stand in line for**
- **Call me an informed voter,** because I'm choosing YOU
- **Be my Valentine...** and don't forget Election Day
- **You're my civic duty** (and I take you seriously)
- **I'd never ghost you...** unlike people who skip voting
- **You're a perfect match...** like democracy and participation
- **Love is temporary...** but your vote is powerful forever
- **Let's turn out together** (for the polls!!)
- **You make my heart race...** like waiting for election results
- **Absentee or in-person...** I'm showing up for YOU

- **Democracy is cute,** but you're cuter
- **Be mine and be heard**
- **Voting is my love language**
- **Civic engagement looks good on you**

Why It Works

• Nonpartisan & inclusive
• Low-pressure, social format
• Focuses on values,