## Hendrix College Action Plan on Voter Participation Fall 2018

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- I) Voter Registration Table at New Student Registration Day: Develop a team that combines more and less experienced student registrants to register students as part of the process that all new students navigate at New Student Registration with a goal of exceeding the 108 new or moved registrations two years ago. This team will also take responsibility for key elements of the plan below.
- 2) Ongoing Tabling Between Late August and the Arkansas Voter Registration Deadline (October 9): The student team would then take shifts tabling in the venue all students encounter outside the dining hall on an ongoing basis throughout the two-plus months between the start of the semester and the registration deadline.
- 3) Communication with Campus Community: Send regular reminders to the entire campus community regarding deadlines and to provide information on how the voting process will take plan on campus on election day and assistance with absentee voting.
- 4) Providing Notaries for Absentee Ballots: Provide notaries public on campus on an ongoing basis to aid students in successfully processing their ballots in states that require them for absentees.
- 5) Ongoing Campus Forums: To empower students, regular forums on key election topics will be held on campus. Some will be the weekly Thursday Project Pericles Forums while others will be coordinated with student organizations on topics relevant to their work (e.g. health policy with the pre-health student organization, LGBTQ issues with Unity, etc.)
- 6) "Know Your Ballot" Event: As the date for early voting arrives, we will hold our biennial "Know Your Ballot" event that is advertised to the broader community as well as the campus community. This event walks through the voting process to allow first time voters to know what to expect when they arrive at the voting center on election day, walks through the arguments for and against each of the ballot measures on the ballot, and provides an opportunity for local candidates to briefly introduce themselves.
- 7) Election Day: We will work to ensure that a sufficient number of workers are available to staff the on-campus voting center that provides easy access for Hendrix students, faculty, and staff.
- 8) Election Night Watch Party: Finally, in partnership with other political groups on campus, we will hold a watch party to watch the results to come in on election night.
- 9) Post-Election Forum: On the Thursday following the election, a campuswide discussion of the meaning of the election results will take place at the weekly Project Pericles Forum.