

Keene State College 2020 Democratic Engagement Action Plan Developed by: Mark Gempler

Executive Summary:

Our civic engagement happens with the assistance of the KSC -ADP. We are working with the Campus Wide Learning Outcomes steering committee to recognize civic engagement in classes across the academic spectrum. We are also involved in the election in all its forms. especially being in NH, the home of the first primary in the presidential election process. We have worked with candidate visits and now are working on a get out the vote project and coalition we call #KSCVotes. This is a nonpartisan group of students, faculty, staff, local citizens, local city officials, campaign reps, and issue oriented organizations coming together to work on registration, voting and voter education. Currently we are holding Voter Assemblies to encourage registration and absentee ballot casting in coordination with the City Clerk's Office. Finally, we will be running a shuttle service for our campus community to get to the polls on election day Nov. 3.

Leadership:

Our leadership team includes the following:

Mark Gempler, Office of Ceremonies & Events Kim Gagne, Provost's Office

Commitment:

Our campus has not yet signed the Higher Education Presidents' Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation.

Our campus has used the following methods to communicate with students about the election:

By email

Landscape:

Our campus demographic and voting data:

Include NSLVE data

Goals:

Our campus democratic engagement goals are:

Short term is to get as many students as possible to vote...and hopefully vote absentee. Long term is a civic engagement position, office or center on our campus.

Strategy:

Our campus has used the following strategies and organized the following events:

In-person voter registration drives, Virtual voter education events (e.g. film screening, debates, lectures series, etc.)

Voter Assemblies on four dates in Sept/Oct. Shuttle to polls on election day where same day registration can occur.

NSLVE:

Keene State College has authorized NSLVE.

Evaluation:

We will evaluate our action plan in the following ways:

N/A

Reporting:

We will report our campus action plan and NSLVE reports in the following ways:

Our campus hasn't confirmed a plan to post the action plan on our campus website.

Our campus hasn't posted NSLVE results for public viewing. They are accessible on our KSC-ADP page