

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 2018-19 academic year are:

1. To meet our 2016 voter engagement level and have at least 50% of our students participate in the upcoming 2018 elections
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
- Sara Fox, Student Body President

1. Voter Registration

- Send out campus wide emails with information about voter registration and have voter registration forms available in multiple locations on campus.
- Have staff present to assist with voter registration at student involvement fair, provost lecture series, Constitution Day, and other major campus events.
- Hold four voter registration drives from start of fall semester through final day to register, October 9th. Hold one of these voter registration drives in conjunction with National Voter Registration Day on September 25th.
- Coordinate with faculty to distribute information about voter registration to classes. Have staff available to present information to classes if desired by faculty.
- Embed voter registration information into the TAMUCT website and TAMUCT's Engage website.

2. Voter Education

- Work to bring candidates for both statewide and local elections to campus to engage with the campus and local Central Texas community.

- 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, 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.
- Have maps of local polling centers displayed around campus that students who live close to campus can use to find their polling place before the election.

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.
- Host election night result watch party on campus.