

**THE STUDENT SENATE OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE  
61st Legislative Assembly, 2nd Session**

**S.R. 61.2-1**

**AN ACT TO RECOMMEND DESIGNATING ELECTION DAY AS AN  
ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION DAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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| <b>Short Title:</b>          | Election Day Resolution  |
| <b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b>   | Matthew Kingsley, <i>Chair of Business Affairs</i>                                     |
| <b>Secondary Sponsor(s):</b> | Devin Cobrun <i>Upperclassmen At large Senator</i><br>Paul Hensler, <i>Pro Tempore</i> |
| <b>First Reading:</b>        | September 26th, 2024   |
| <b>Referred To:</b>          | Leadership Committee and Internal Affairs  |
| <b>Committee Report:</b>     |  |
| <b>Second Reading:</b>       | October 10th, 2024   |
| <b>Passage:</b>              | October 10th, 2024   |
| <b>Enacted:</b>              |  |

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*Whereas*, voting is a fundamental civic duty and a critical aspect of student engagement in democratic processes; and,

*Whereas*, providing an asynchronous day on Election Day would ensure that students have the opportunity to cast their ballots without the added stress of conflicting class schedules or assignments; and,

*Whereas*, numerous universities and educational institutions have adopted policies to support student voting by adjusting class schedules or offering asynchronous options on Election Day; and,

*Whereas*, the opportunity to participate in elections and make informed choices is essential to the educational mission of fostering engaged and informed citizens; and,

*Whereas*, implementing an asynchronous day on Election Day aligns with the values of promoting civic responsibility and enhancing student participation in the democratic process; and,

*Whereas*, offering this accommodation would demonstrate the institution's commitment to supporting students in their civic responsibilities and recognizing the importance of their participation in shaping the future of their communities; and,

*Whereas*, students may experience added stress and difficulty in balancing academic obligations with voting, and providing an asynchronous day would mitigate these challenges and promote a more inclusive and accessible voting process; and,

*Whereas*, several student organizations and advocacy groups have expressed support for measures that facilitate student voting and highlight the need for educational institutions to play a role in this regard.

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***Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as follows:***

1. ~~That~~ the Student Senate formally requests that all professors and academic departments make Election Day an asynchronous day in order to provide students with the opportunity to participate in voting without academic conflicts.
2. ~~That the University administration be encouraged to support this initiative by officially designating Election Day as an asynchronous day and ensuring that students are informed of this policy change well in advance.~~ ~~That the~~ Student Senate further requests that the administration support this initiative to ensure students are informed of a change well in advance.
3. That the Student Senate calls upon faculty and university leadership to recognize the importance of student civic engagement and to collaborate in creating an environment that facilitates full participation in the democratic process.
4. ~~That the~~ Student Senate further calls upon the faculty and university leadership to consider election days when creating the university academic calendar.

**Mandates:**

Dr. Kevin Bailey, *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*  
Dr. Jennifer Troyer, *Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*  
Karen Shaffer, *Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*  
Adam Burden, *Advisor to the Senate and Director of Student Involvement*  
Trinity Splawn, *Press Secretary*  
Davis Cuffe, *Niner Times*  
Isaiah Grayson, *Student Body President*  
Joe Wholey, *Student Government Association Chief of Staff*  
Ben Chlopek, *Student Government Clerk*  
Political Student Organizations, *Presidents*

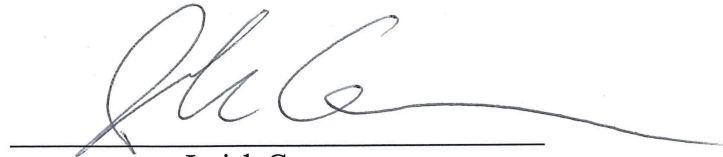
I, James Citrin, hereby certify that this legislation was considered and adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body and the By-Laws of the Student Senate on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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James Citrin  
*Student Body Vice President*

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I, Isaiah Grayson, hereby signify my approval of this legislation, as adopted by the Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Isaiah Grayson', is written over a horizontal line.

Isaiah Grayson  
*Student Body President*