

**Endorsement of the CCSG/Penn State Grassroots Network Capital Day**

Whereas, The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) represents the concerns of the students attending the Locations in matters of a University-wide nature, as well as those issues impacting the combined interests of the Locations,

5       Whereas, the members of CCSG have been constant supporters of the university's status as a state-related institution, which relies heavily on support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to continue to better itself, its students, and the commonwealth,

10       Whereas, CCSG has made this message clear through year-long advocacy culminating in the annual Rally in the Rotunda event in Harrisburg,

15       Whereas, CCSG has now partnered with the Penn State Alumni Association and the Penn State Grassroots network's Capital Day to make the event an even greater success, by scheduling meetings between students and elected officials and by organizing a grassroots mobilization effort to make each and every member of the Penn State community an active advocate for the university.

20       Whereas, Students who attend this event will each receive face-to-face time with a legislator to convey both the overall message of the event and their own personal stories, whereby giving them an active and direct voice in the legislative process in a way that provides students a genuinely unique experience.

25       Whereas, University Faculty Senate (UFS) Policy 42-27 states that "students should not be penalized for participation in University-approved activities, but should be held responsible for any work missed during the absence", and University Faculty Senate Policy 44-35 states that "students who miss a scheduled examination or quiz because of participation in a scheduled University-approved extracurricular activity are permitted to make up the examination or quiz without penalty",

30       Whereas, the aforementioned event is a model example of an appropriate extracurricular activity due to its unique opportunity for hands-on experience in State Government,

35       Be It Resolved, CCSG pledges its full faith and support to CCSG/Penn State Grassroots Network Capital Day and recommends to the UFS that the event be seen as an approved absence from class based upon UFS Policy 42-27, with all existing UFS policies remaining in effect, and CCSG Directors of Governmental Affairs and Academic Affairs to forward this legislation to UFS for their consideration with the signature of an administrator/University Office as sponsor.

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Be it further resolved, this endorsement will be communicated to the Commonwealth campuses as well as all interested parties with the CCSG/Penn State Grassroots Network Capital Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Committee Action    Vote \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ Pass: \_\_\_\_ Fail: \_\_\_\_ Overall: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Action        Vote \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ Pass: \_\_\_\_    Fail: \_\_\_\_    Postponed: \_\_\_\_

Presidential Action    Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Veto: \_\_\_\_\_

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