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Approved by the Senate: 11/17/2004

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Approved by the President: 11/30/2004

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A Resolution Pertaining To A Bulloch County Voting Precinct On The Georgia Southern University Campus

Submitted by Patrick Novotny

11/1/2004

Motion:

Aware that Georgia Southern University is the largest and most comprehensive center of higher education in Southern Georgia,

Recognizing that civic engagement of Georgia Southern University students through voting is one of the most important and cherished rights at the core of America's democratic values,

Recognizing that Georgia Southern University has embraced "Advancing A Culture Of Engagement" as an institutional theme for the University's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Reaffirmation,

Aware that the Student Government Association (SGA) has endorsed the request herein by a unanimous vote of the Student Government Association's Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 2004,

Be it resolved that a motion is made that the Faculty Senate does hereby request the President of Georgia Southern University, University, Dr. Bruce Grube, formally ask that Bulloch County Probate Judge Lee DeLoach place a Bulloch County Voting Precinct on

the Georgia Southern University campus, Introduced to the Faculty Senate this 1st day of November 2004.

Rationale:

The Student Government Association (SGA) Senate unanimously passed a resolution on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 asking for the Georgia Southern University Faculty Senate to formally request endorsement by President Bruce Grube of a campus Voting Precinct and in light of Georgia Southern University's institutional theme of "Advancing A Culture Of Engagement" and the University's commitment to being a student-centered campus, this motion is unmistakably in the purview of the Faculty Senate of Georgia Southern University.

SEC Response:

11-8-04: The Agenda Request of Patrick Novotny (CLASS) regarding a voting precinct on the Georgia Southern Campus was unanimously approved for the November agenda on a Humphrey/Nauright motion.

Senate Response:

The third agenda item request came from Dr. Patrick Novotny in CLASS and requested that a Bulloch County voter precinct be established on the Georgia Southern campus. That request was unanimously approved by the SEC and was included on the agenda of the November Senate meeting

Motion by Patrick Novotny (CLASS): A Resolution Pertaining To A Bulloch County Voting Precinct On The Georgia Southern University Campus

Patrick Novotny (CLASS) made the following motion: "Aware that Georgia Southern University is the largest and most comprehensive center of higher education in Southern Georgia,

Recognizing that civic engagement of Georgia Southern University students through voting is one of the most important and cherished rights at the core of America's democratic values,

Recognizing that Georgia Southern University has embraced “Advancing a Culture of Engagement” as an institutional theme for the University’s Southern Association of Colleges (SACS) Reaffirmation, and Aware that the Student Government Association (SGA) has endorsed the request herein by a unanimous vote of the Student Government Association’s Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 2004,

Be it resolved that a motion is made that the Faculty Senate does hereby request the President of Georgia Southern University, Dr. Bruce Grube, formally ask that Bulloch County Probate Judge Lee DeLoach place a voting precinct on the Georgia Southern University campus.”

After a second and hearing no discussion, Rice Jenkkins called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

President’s Response:

11-30-04: Following receipt of the Faculty Senate’s recommendations at the November 17, 2004, Faculty Senate meeting as provided in your memo to me of November 29, 2004, I have approved the motion presented by Dr. Patrick Novotny. A copy of the letter sent to Judge Lee DeLoach is attached.

November 24, 2004

Dear Judge DeLoach:

Given the importance of voting in our democracy, I know we all strive to encourage our citizens to exercise their right to vote in elections by providing the best possible environment to promote voter participation. Nearly 3,000 citizens live on the campus of Georgia Southern University. By August 2005, this number will be closer to 4,000. Many more live within walking distance of the University. I noted with interest your comments reported in the Statesboro Herald (September 29, 2004) as to having no objections “to setting up a polling place on campus....It’s feasible and it’s a good idea.” I agree with your view. A polling place should be established at Georgia Southern University in order to serve all voters on campus and within the neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the campus. We, of course, would be pleased to provide both space and the volunteers necessary to manage a new location for voting in Statesboro. I have also been informed that the Student Government Association would be interested in raising the funds to pay for the additional equipment required.

Resolutions have been passed by both the Student Government Association of Georgia Southern University and the Georgia Southern University Faculty Senate asking for a polling place on campus. In support of those resolutions, I respectfully request your fullest consideration of the establishment of such in time for the next election.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I might provide additional information regarding this request.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, Bruce Grube President