# Maricopa County Community College Voter Engagement Plan: Phoenix College

Fall 2018 (update as necessary)



## **Overview**

ARS § 15-1895 requires each community college district, in consultation with the recognized student government at a community college under its jurisdiction, to adopt a plan to increase student voter registration and voting in elections that includes:

- Information about on-campus voter registration and voting opportunities made available in at least one of the following methods:
  - During new student orientation
  - During the issuance of student identification cards
  - In admissions packets
- ☑ Voter registration materials at central campus locations and high traffic areas
- Broad dissemination of information regarding:
  - Voter registration deadlines
  - Deadlines for delivering ballots by mail
- Links on institutional and administrative websites that detail the voter registration process
- Reasonable accommodations to county election officials for on-campus polling locations
- Encouragement to student government organizations to coordinate activities aimed at increasing voter registration and election turnout
- Policies to allow excused absence from classes for the purpose of voting
- Policies that prohibit the use of college resources and employees to influence elections
- An emphasis on efficiency and conservation of resources

The Maricopa County Community College District ("MCCCD") and its associated colleges, aim to implement various methods for informing students of, disseminating information, and promoting voter registration.

## **Voter Engagement Team**

The *[college name]* Plan was created by the following voter engagement team members:

- Administration and Faculty
  - Primary Contact: Genesis Toole, Student Life and Leadership, Manager
  - Additional members:
    - Lupe Conchas, Student Life and Leadership, Service Learning
    - Dr. Albert Celoza, faculty, Liberal Arts
- Council of Student Leaders
  - PC United Student Government Officers

- Club Collaboration
  - M.E.Ch.A.
- Community Partners
  - Maricopa County Recorder's Office
  - National Voter Registration Day (Southern Poverty Law Center)

Every election year prompts political activity in all sorts of venues, and MCCCD both respects and encourages participation in the time-honored tradition of political activity on American college and university campuses. With that in mind, each of the District's campuses has a plan consistent with the terms outlined in ARS § 15-1895 with the primary focus being to increase student voter registration and voting in elections.

## **Goals**

This section should outline the goals set forth for your college and could be revised at any time to address unique circumstances and changes.

#### Example

- 1. Increase the number of PC students registered to vote by increasing access through Voter Registration events, celebrations and projects
- 2. Create a more educated voter by providing voter education resources, events and materials
- 3. Conduct presentations in conjunction with faculty to bring PC expertise to our community
- 4. Help the PC community make informed political decisions by conducting peer led presentations
- 5. Conduct training for the students to learn to register to vote other students

# **Voter Engagement Plan**

This section should detail exactly what your college's plan will be and how you intend to accomplish the directives laid out in the overview. Example section headers and content could be:

#### Voter Registration

- Tabling throughout the semester: various organizations and people were on campus daily to register students to vote and get signatures on various initiatives
- Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, and 2 pm: Civic Engagement Day: hourly workshops on voter registration and non-partisan information about the 2018 November election. This is in preparation for our National Voter Registration Day on September 25, 2018!
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 1:00 pm 3:00 pm; We hosted a Deputy Registrar Training which can become a paid position for students. This is a two-hour

training for deputy registrars. Deputy registrars will represent the Maricopa County Recorder's Office at events across the county registering voters. This training will cover what is a Deputy Registrar and basic Voter Registration information.

- Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 all day long \*\*\*Also any other day of the week if you don't have class on Tuesdays. National Voter Registration Day: small 10 to 15minute in-class presentations on voter registration and presenters will provide students will have an opportunity to register to vote in class.
- PC United Meetings 10/29 & 11/5 peer led presentations on voter information including ballots and propositions.

#### **Voter Education**

- The Democracy Commitment
- Social media campaign created to encourage voters
- Signs, posters and flyers on campus to encourage voter participation
- On campus communication and Faculty outreach to encourage participation in the aforementioned events
- Student participation trained students how to register others to vote

#### Voter Education Events and Projects

- Monday, September, 17, 2018 from 10:00 11:00 a.m.; Join us as we celebrate Constitution Day this September 17, 2018, as MCCCD hosts a live stream with Maricopa County Recorder, Adrian Fontes.
- Monday, September, 17, 2018 from 12-1pm; Mr. Paul Ulrich, one of the lawyers who represented Miranda, presented "The Constitution & The Miranda Warning"

### Resources

This section should describe the ways in which your Plan was accomplished. For example:

#### Budget

Developed to include \$300 in funding for events (printing of flyers, posters, handouts, and refreshments), buttons, etc.

#### Materials

Posters, handouts, buttons

#### Support

Faculty expertise and donation of time from community partners and students

## **Assessment**

PC is in process of utilizing the NSLV voter registration data to compare information on student voter participation.