

Motion: In accordance with the establishment of an annual Day on Democracy, the UFC moves to cancel all regularly-scheduled lecture and seminar meetings on Election Day each November. Courses that meet once per week (i.e., on Tuesday evenings) and laboratory meetings will be exempt from this policy; faculty teaching these courses will be at their discretion on whether to convene as usual.

Rationale: Civic engagement is recognized by the University as being of vital importance. The proposal from SGA to establish a Day on Democracy to foster students' community and electoral engagement represents a space in which UMW can serve as a leader, and comports well with President Paino's strategic vision for the future of the University. Establishing the Day on Democracy in the manner prescribed here better allows for the majority of students to participate in critical civil duties, while limiting disruption to courses that meet infrequently or with multiple, non-independent sections over the week (e.g., a course with multiple laboratory sections).