

October 28, 2020

Dear Grinnell Students:

Thanks for reading the two messages on voting that I sent out during the Fall 1 term. I have four final things to convey, each to different groups of students. The first two relate to those who will be in Grinnell on Election Day, November 3. The third pertains to students who are voting – either by mail or in-person – in Poweshiek County. And the fourth is for all students.

- 1) **Rides to the polls for students (faculty and staff too) on Election Day.** Call Professor David Harrison (641-821-9612) on Tuesday to arrange a ride to the polls. Polls are open from 7 am to 9 pm, but try to vote as early as possible. Call Professor Harrison as early as 7 am to arrange your election day ride. Cars will proceed with low occupancy. Wear your mask and dress warmly for the car trip, since drivers will have windows open for everyone's protection.
- 2) **Walk to the polls with other members of the college community.** If you reside in Grinnell Ward 1 or 2, the Elks Lodge is your voting location. Gather at the "Walk to the Polls" sign in front of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue JRC door (on the JRC101 side of the building) or in front of Grinnell House (5<sup>th</sup> and Park). Walking groups will depart from the JRC at 10 am, 2 pm and 6 pm, making the short 5 minute walking trip to Grinnell House to pick up those gathered, then on to the Elks Lodge (3<sup>rd</sup> and Main, just south of downtown.) Wear your mask and plan to walk in a socially-distant fashion.
- 3) **Respond to a possible challenge to your registration or ballot.** If you will vote or have voted in Poweshiek County – whether by mail or in person – and your vote is challenged or you anticipate a challenge, contact me, Professor Barb Trish ([trish@grinnell.edu](mailto:trish@grinnell.edu)). I will put you in touch with the college offices that will be able to assist you in producing material that could be useful in your response to the challenge. Don't delay; contact me ASAP.
- 4) **Discuss election results.** Finally, for students who would like to gather to discuss the election results in a detached fashion, checking your own politics at the door, join Grinnell Trustee Ed Senn and me on election night from 10-11 pm Central. This is not venue for celebration or despair, but rather a chance to try to make sense of the results, likely incomplete, as they stand at that point on election night. Drop in to my Webex Personal Room: <https://grinnellcollege.webex.com/meet/trish>

Hope things go smoothly for you on Tuesday! Send me any questions you might have.

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