Proposed Constitution at NMU Loses, Students Vote Against Keeping Job Corps

Northern Michigan University students on Tuesday failed to approve a proposed new student constitution and voted against retaining the school's Job Corps Center on the campus.

On the second question on the ballot, 1,382 students voted against retention of the Job Corps center, 791 voted for retention and 172 abstained. However, an affirmative vote of the majority of undergraduates cast ballots in the election (3,202 out of the undergraduate enrollment of 8,202) as required for passage of the measure. The constitution and retention of the Job Corps Center was approved by 562 negative votes and abstentions in effect resulted in defeat of the proposal.

The issue was voted on by those students not eligible to vote on the proposed constitution because of a policy that students who were not members of the textbook committee were not eligible to vote on the constitution. The ballot was mailed to all students on the campus and included the question on the Job Corps retention.

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The Job Corps center on the campus was one of 63 in the nation ordered closed each month by the Labor Department in a move to cut $100 million in federal spending.