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Included below is a media alert regarding Election Night Watch at Ferris State University. Dr. Richard Griffin and professor Christine Bailey will be available for comment on the election.

## Media Alert

Who: Ferris State University Political Engagement Project

**What:** Organizers of the University's Political Engagement Project will be sponsoring an Election Night Watch from 8 to 11 p.m. today (Tuesday, Nov. 7) in the Westview Dinning Room at the Rankin Student Center.

Expert commentary from Political Science faculty related to the election will be available on the half hour at 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. This event is designed to give students and faculty a place to watch the election returns and hear expert commentary.

The University offers a unique opportunity for the challenge of creating a population of politically engaged college graduates through its work with the PEP – an offshoot of the American Democracy Project of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities that is an initiative geared at studying and improving the political engagement climate on American college campuses.

Ferris has been chosen as one of eight campuses across the country to participate in collaboration with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the *New York Times* in this endeavor.

**CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Griffin, professor of Political Science, at (231) 679-2184, or professor Christine Bailey at (810) 919-0955.

Griffin teaches American Government, Public Administration, International Organization and Social Science Research. He is especially interested in the politics of the Rio Grande Valley, and in politics and the media. He is the program coordinator for the Public Administration Program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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