A Resolution to Support More Affordable and Transparent Meal Plan Options

Caroline Gonzalez (for herself, Daniel Marchese, Andrew Jackson, Christopher Waidelich, Annie Greer, and Mario Belfiglio) introduced the following resolution to the floor of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas new meal plan options have been proposed for the 2015-2016 academic year¹, and

Whereas the Ohio State University Board of Trustees will be meeting in June to discuss and vote on these new meal plan options, and

Whereas the new meal plan options are meant to replace the block system that is currently in place for on-campus students, and

Whereas all plans will require students to visit traditions locations a specific number of times per week, or exchange these visits for $5 in dining dollars, with the latter option acting effectively as a $5 penalty for not being able to eat at traditions for a certain number of meals, and

Whereas the aforementioned $5 penalty will have a negative financial impact for on-campus students who have meetings and classes during meal times in locations not near a traditions dining hall, and

Whereas over 2,200² current students have expressed that they believe the OSU Board of Trustees should vote “No” on the proposed dining plan through a Change.org petition³;

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government finds the proposed 2015-2016 meal plan limiting, expensive, and over-complicated, and

¹²³⁴⁵⁶Supplemental material
¹²³⁴⁵⁶http://www.kent.edu/dining/budgeting-your-dining-dollars
¹²³⁴⁵⁶http://www.housing.wisc.edu/dining-residents.htm
¹²³⁴⁵⁶http://blogs.miamioh.edu/dining/meal-plans/diplomat-meal-plan/
¹²³⁴⁵⁶Signature count as of April 21, 2015 at 9:10pm.
¹²³⁴⁵⁶https://www.change.org/p/the-ohio-state-university-board-of-trustees-reject-proposed-meal-plans
Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government believes that the proposed 2015-2016 meal plan options are not clear about their actual value, and thus lack transparency, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government believes that the proposed 2015-2016 meal plan will not be able to properly support the nutritional needs of undergraduate students, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the Ohio State University Board of Trustees to vote against the proposed 2015-2016 meal plan for the reasons above, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government supports the continued use of the current block system, although we believe it not to be ideal, until such a point in time that a new meal plan can be thoroughly evaluated and implemented.

Floor Vote: Aye: 47   Nay: 0   Abstain: 1

Abigail Grossman
President

Abby Waidelich
Vice President

Date Adopted: April 22, 2015
Date Terminated: _______________