49-R-23

A Resolution to Support the Addition of a Farmer’s Market to the Goals of the University Panel of Food Sustainability

Carla Gracia (for herself, Mikayla Bodey, David Glass, and Samuel Reed) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee where it passed.

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

Whereas the student body has very limited fresh produce options on campus,¹ and

Whereas farmer’s markets provide locally and sustainably grown food, and

Whereas President Drake’s 2020 Vision includes “Increase production and purchase of locally and sustainably sourced food to 40% by 2025”; and

Whereas on-campus students should have the option to buy local and fresh food with their dining plans, and

Whereas students have shown initiative to start a student-led farm in the past; and

Whereas the Clintonville Farmer’s Market has already shown interest in creating a collaboration with the university, and

Whereas having an indoor retail space will make the market more accessible to students,

Whereas one of Framework 2.0’s goals is to “maximize the use of existing facilities”;⁴

Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government support the installation of a campus farmer’s market to the permanent goals of the University Panel on Food Sustainability, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the farmer’s market be available pertinent to Mid-Ohio seasons, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the farmer’s market that is created allow students to use their dining plan to purchase fresh produce, and

¹ https://dining.osu.edu/NetNutrition/1
² http://president.osu.edu/assets/uploads/PPCS/SustGoals.pdf
³ http://watermanfarm.osu.edu/what-we-do/student-farm
⁴ https://pare.osu.edu/framework
Let it Further Be Resolved that the University Panel on Food Sustainability incorporate a student-led farm to provide portions of the produce for the farmer’s market, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Ohio State University allow regional farmers and producers to sell their products at the university farmer’s market, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government suggests to University Planning to use existing buildings to create an indoor farmer’s market space.

Floor Vote: Aye: ____ Nay: ____ Present: _____

Gerard Basalla
President

Danielle Di Scala
Vice President

Date Adopted: 11/9/16
Date Terminated: ______________