

49-R-50

A Resolution to Support the Extension of Campus Dining Location Hours

Kimmy Sullivan (for herself and Shamina Merchant) 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 all students living in campus residence halls are required to purchase a university dining plan,¹ and

Whereas many students purchase only a dining plan to cover food costs for the semester, with little or no funds to purchase supplemental food, and

Whereas students' physical health is directly related to their access to food, and

Whereas students' schedules can be extremely variable, and may include class, work, internships, and/or extra-curricular activities at times ranging from early morning to late night, and

Whereas the Traditions locations on campus (Traditions at Kennedy, Traditions at Morrill, and Traditions at Scott) are open until 10:00 pm at the latest on weekdays and 8:00 pm at the latest on weekends,² and

Whereas Traditions at Kennedy and Traditions at Morrill both close each day between either 2:00 or 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm,² and

Whereas students whose schedules conflict with the Traditions locations' hours will be unable to utilize their swipes and, depending on their location, schedule, and dining plan, may not have access to food at all, and

¹ <https://dining.osu.edu/dining-plans/columbus-campus-dining-plans/>

² <https://dining.osu.edu/hours/>

Whereas Northwestern University,³ University of Maryland,⁴ University of Illinois,⁵ Penn State University,⁶ Rutgers University,⁷ University of Wisconsin,⁸ and Michigan State University⁹ have at least one Traditions-style dining hall location that is open past 10:00 pm on weekdays, and

Whereas University of Maryland,⁴ University of Illinois,⁵ University of Wisconsin,⁸ Michigan State University,⁹ and University of Nebraska¹⁰ have at least one Traditions-style dining hall that is open past 8:00 pm on weekends, and

Whereas Northwestern University and Penn State University remain open for a “late” or “lite” lunch between breakfast and dinner, a time during which dining halls may see less traffic than during meal times,^{3,11} and

Whereas the Unlimited dining plan is the least expensive dining plan,¹ and

Whereas the only dining locations that are open later than the Traditions locations are retail dining locations that require students to use Dining Dollars or Visit Exchanges, and

Whereas students who purchase the Unlimited dining plan receive the least amount of Dining Dollars compared to other dining plans and may not use Visit Exchanges,¹ and

Whereas the Dining Dollars included in the Unlimited dining plan may not last a student the whole semester, and

Whereas students who purchase the Unlimited dining plan may have no access to food during the hours that Traditions locations are closed, and

Whereas Morrill and Lincoln Towers have a high concentration of rooms that house four students, and for which students pay Room Rate 3, the least expensive rate for campus housing,¹⁰ and

Whereas it is likely that financially concerned students who live on west campus due to financial need will also purchase the Unlimited dining plan, and

³ <https://northwestern.sodexomyway.com/hours/index.html>

⁴ <http://dining.umd.edu/locations/>

⁵ <http://housing.illinois.edu/dining/locations/dining-halls>

⁶ <http://foodservices.psu.edu/residential-dining-hours-fall-2016>

⁷ <http://food.rutgers.edu/livingston-dining-options/>

⁸ <http://www.housing.wisc.edu/dining-locations.htm>

⁹ <https://eatatstate.com/spring17>

¹⁰ <https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/fees-contracts-policies/standard-housing-rates/>

Whereas most retail dining locations on campus are concentrated on North and South campus, and

Whereas Traditions at Morrill is open until 8:00 pm every night, the earliest closing time of any Traditions location, and

Whereas west campus students who purchase the Unlimited dining plan are left especially vulnerable to having no access to food during certain hours of the day;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the administration to extend the nighttime hours of Traditions locations both during the week and on weekends, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages administration to extend the hours of Traditions at Kennedy and Traditions at Morrill so that the locations will be open throughout the entire day with no gaps, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government suggests that administration look into alternative options in allowing students access to food, such as extending takeout hours beyond dine-in hours at Traditions locations, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government would like to work with University Dining Services to make the necessary changes to accommodate students' schedules.

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

Gerard Basalla
President

Danielle Di Scala
Vice President

Date Adopted: _____

Date Terminated: _____