

**A Resolution to Recognize the Strategic Value of Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resource Laboratory**

David Glass (for himself, Rachel Williams, Mikayla Bodey, and Carla Gracia) 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 College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, operates Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resource Laboratory (hereafter referred to as “Waterman Farm”), a 261 acre production facility, on the Columbus Campus of The Ohio State University,<sup>1</sup> and

**Whereas** Waterman Farm serves as an instructional learning laboratory for undergraduate students<sup>2</sup> in many disciplines such as: agriculture, environment and natural resources, turfgrass management, and more, and

**Whereas** Waterman Farm is a key laboratory for more than 40 diverse agricultural and natural resource research projects being conducted at The Ohio State University,<sup>3</sup> and

**Whereas** Waterman Farm provides local and statewide community outreach through projects and partnerships,<sup>4</sup> and

**Whereas** Waterman Farm is expanding its outreach and community engagement through Ohio State Extension with demonstration gardens, urban farm enterprises, and nutrition kitchen day camps,<sup>5</sup> and

**Whereas** Waterman Farm supplies local food products to undergraduate students through dining services,<sup>6</sup> and

**Whereas** Waterman Farm may play a key role in the President’s Sustainability Goals, namely to provide 40 percent locally-sourced food by 2025,<sup>7</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <http://watermanfarm.osu.edu/about>

<sup>2</sup> <http://watermanfarm.osu.edu/what-we-do>

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<sup>4</sup> <http://watermanfarm.osu.edu/what-we-do>

<sup>5</sup> <https://news.osu.edu/news/2016/08/11/5-million-gift-gives-osu-extension-new-facility-at-waterman-site/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://watermanfarm.osu.edu/what-we-do>

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**Whereas** The Ohio State University and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences are undergoing strategic physical planning visions; such as Framework 2.0 and internal college planning, and

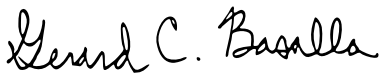
**Whereas** Framework 2.0 is a planning vision for physical spaces on The Ohio State University’s Columbus Campus,<sup>8</sup> and

**Whereas** Framework 2.0 is a vision for achieving “research, teaching, and learning”<sup>9</sup> potential at The Ohio State University;

**Therefore Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages The Ohio State University to continue recognizing the important role of the Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resource Laboratory in achieving research, teaching, and learning excellence at The Ohio State University, and

**Let it Further Be Resolved** that Undergraduate Student Government encourages The Ohio State University to consider Waterman Farm as a long term strategic asset in achieving goals of excellence in any physical planning visions undertaken by The Ohio State University.

Floor Vote: Passed.



Gerard Basalla  
President



Danielle Di Scala  
Vice President

Date Adopted: 2/15/17

Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.osu.edu/initiatives/sustainability/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://pare.osu.edu/framework>

<sup>9</sup> <https://president.osu.edu/presidents/drake/news-and-notes/2017/2017-university-address.html>