

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/>

36 **Whereas** Northwestern University,³ University of Maryland,⁴ University of Illinois,⁵ Penn State
37 University,⁶ Rutgers University,⁷ University of Wisconsin,⁸ and Michigan State University⁹ have
38 at least one Traditions-style dining hall location that is open past 10:00 pm on weekdays, and
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40 **Whereas** University of Maryland,⁴ University of Illinois,⁵ University of Wisconsin,⁸ Michigan
41 State University,⁹ and University of Nebraska¹⁰ have at least one Traditions-style dining hall that
42 is open past 8:00 pm on weekends, and
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44 **Whereas** Northwestern University and Penn State University remain open for a “late” or “lite”
45 lunch between breakfast and dinner, a time during which dining halls may see less traffic than
46 during meal times,^{3,11} and
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48 **Whereas** the Unlimited dining plan is the least expensive dining plan,¹ and
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50 **Whereas** the only dining locations that are open later than the Traditions locations are retail
51 dining locations that require students to use Dining Dollars or Visit Exchanges, and
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53 **Whereas** students who purchase the Unlimited dining plan receive the least amount of Dining
54 Dollars compared to other dining plans and may not use Visit Exchanges,¹ and
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56 **Whereas** the Dining Dollars included in the Unlimited dining plan may not last a student the
57 whole semester, and
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59 **Whereas** students who purchase the Unlimited dining plan may have no access to food during
60 the hours that Traditions locations are closed, and
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62 **Whereas** Morrill and Lincoln Towers have a high concentration of rooms that house four
63 students, and for which students pay Room Rate 3, the least expensive rate for campus
64 housing,¹⁰ and
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66 **Whereas** it is likely that financially concerned students who live on west campus due to
67 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/>

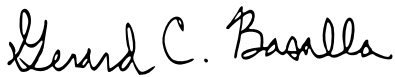
⁸ <http://www.housing.wisc.edu/dining-locations.htm>

⁹ <https://eatatstate.com/spring17>

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

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69 **Whereas** most retail dining locations on campus are concentrated on North and South campus,
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72 **Whereas** Traditions at Morrill is open until 8:00 pm every night, the earliest closing time of any
73 Traditions location, and
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75 **Whereas** west campus students who purchase the Unlimited dining plan are left especially
76 vulnerable to having no access to food during certain hours of the day;
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78 **Therefore Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the
79 administration to extend the nighttime hours of Traditions locations both during the week and on
80 weekends, and
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82 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages
83 administration to extend the hours of Traditions at Kennedy and Traditions at Morrill so that the
84 locations will be open throughout the entire day with no gaps, and
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86 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government suggests that
87 administration look into alternative options in allowing students access to food, such as
88 extending takeout hours beyond dine-in hours at Traditions locations, and
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90 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government would like to work
91 with University Dining Services to make the necessary changes to accommodate students'
92 schedules.

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94 Floor Vote: Passed.
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99 Gerard Basalla
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99 Danielle Di Scala
100 Vice President

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104 Date Adopted: 2/15/17

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