

A Resolution to Support the Reduction of Food Waste at The Ohio State University

Mikayla Bodey (for herself, Sophie Chang, David Glass, Carla Gracia, 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 average college student generates 142 pounds of food waste a year,¹ and

Whereas college campuses as a group throw out a total of 22 million pounds of uneaten food each year², and

Whereas seven other Big Ten schools have pre-consumer and/or post-consumer composting³, and

Whereas President Drake’s 2020 Sustainability Goals identify a goal to “achieve zero waste by 2025 by diverting 90% of waste away from landfills”⁴, and

Whereas in 2013, The Ohio State University conducted an assessment of the waste and recycling materials produced from 129 buildings over the course of two days⁵, and

Whereas of the 25 tons of waste assessed, the university learned that organic material comprised nearly a quarter of all material streams (recycling, trash, compost)⁶ therefore,

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government supports the reduction of food waste at The Ohio State University – Columbus Campus, and

¹ <http://recyclingworksma.com/food-waste-estimation-guide/#Jump01>

² <http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/02/27/389284061/when-food-is-too-good-to-waste-college-kids-pick-up-the-scraps>

³ <http://graham.umich.edu/media/files/environ391-big10report.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.osu.edu/assets/pdf/sustainability/sustainabilitygoals.pdf>

⁵ <http://oee.osu.edu/university-battles-food-waste-amid-sustainability-efforts.html>

⁶ <http://oee.osu.edu/university-battles-food-waste-amid-sustainability-efforts.html>

33 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the
34 University Panel on Food Sustainability to consider the reduction of food waste when creating a
35 definition for “sustainable” for the President’s food sustainability goals, and
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37 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the
38 University to install and/or expand the pre-consumer and post-consumer composting, and
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40 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the
41 University Panel on Food Sustainability to consider all sources of food waste when finding
42 solutions, including personal student food purchasing choices, portions taken in traditions dining,
43 and food service in Greek housing, and
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45 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that the University implement an educational aspect to the reduction
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49 Floor Vote: Passed with unanimous consent.
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Date Adopted: 3/8/17

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