The Meal Plan Rollover Bill

“A bill to rollover University Dining meal plans in full credit between semesters.”

Whereas(1): The Texas A&M University Student Government Association serves as the voice of the student body; and,

Whereas(2): Currently, University Dining transfers only a maximum of $100 Dining Dollars within the academic year, consisting of a transfer from the fall to spring semester followed by a transfer period between the spring semester and summer, and only with a purchase of another meal plan; and,

Whereas(3): Currently, one meal in the meal plan converts to $3 Dining Dollars between transfer periods, where combined with the existing Dining Dollars equals to the rollover amount; and,

Whereas(4): Based on calculations by University Dining, with plans priced at $1,200 per semester, the cost of the plan – for food and beverages – averages out to $11 per day (Junior and Senior plans average out to $7.15 per day); and,
Whereas(5): In 2009, approximately 85% of on campus residents voluntarily purchased a plan averaging $1,190; and,

Whereas(6): Beginning with the Freshman Class in the Fall of 2012, The students of Texas A&M living on campus will soon be required, by recent University regulation and against the opinion of the Student Body, to purchase meal plans from University Dining.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): The students of Texas A&M request that no maximum or minimum limit regulate the amount of Dining Dollars in a meal plan that are transferred within the academic year; and,

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Enacted(2): That the purchase of another meal plan is not required to have Dining Dollars transferred within the academic year; and,

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Enacted(3): That, in all meal plans, meals convert to $7 Dining Dollars each; and,

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Enacted(4): That a copy of this bill be sent to University President R. Bowen Loftin, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and University Dining Executive Director David Riddle, within (5) five class days.