

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 66-16

The Student Senate 66th Session Texas A&M University

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Senator Chris Woolsey, Off Campus

Speaker Pro-Tempore Maci Hurley, Southside

Action Taken

Certified By:

Christopher W. Russo Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

T. Reid Joseph

Student body President

The Continued Opposition to Mandatory Meal Plans Bill

"A bill to express the student body's continued opposition to mandatory meal plans."

- Whereas (1): The Texas A&M Student Senate is the official voice of the student body at Texas A&M University; and,
- Whereas (2): The Texas A&M Student Senate has the duty and obligation to represent the student body, as well as to protect the student body from exploitation and mistreatment; and,
- Whereas (3): The current contract with Chartwells includes mandatory meal plans for all students residing on-campus, beginning with the Fightin Texas Aggie Class of 2016; and,
- Whereas (4): Food quality has continued to decline with the persistence of mandatory meal plans, and students residing on-campus are forced to pay for this service even if they never utilize on-campus dining options; and,



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Whereas (5): University mandated time zones and limits are an inconvenience to students; and,

Whereas (6): The student body has been rigidly opposed to mandatory meal plans since their very inception, as demonstrated by the opinions of student leaders, and such opinions have been largely ignored by University Dining as well as Chartwells.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted (1):

That the Texas A&M University Student Senate again calls for the cancellation of mandatory meal plans for students residing on-campus, and restoration of affordable, voluntary plans for all students, as were offered until Fall 2012; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (2):

That all dining dollars purchased by students beginning with the Fall 2013 semester roll over continuously until they are depleted by the student who bought them; and,

Let it be

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Enacted (3):

That Texas A&M University shall not mandate any student to purchase an optional service, such as on-campus dining, against their wishes, nor enter into any contract or agreement with an outside company or entity that would mandate a student to purchase said optional service; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (4):

That Texas A&M University shall not mandate any limit on how much of an optional service, such as on-campus dining, shall be purchased during a given time period, nor enter into any contract or agreement with an outside company or entity that would mandate a student to purchase said optional service in a given time period; and,



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Speaker of the Senate

Let it be

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Enacted (5):

That Texas A&M University, on behalf of the students whom fund this great University,

continue to negotiate with Chartwells to improve food quality; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (6):

That all dining facilities shall be continuously held to higher health and safety standards

than are required; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (7):

That the Texas A&M University Student Senate be informed of future contracts with

outside companies and entities regarding dining services on campus, before such

contracts are finalized; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (8):

That a copy of this bill shall be sent to:

- Lee Rapport, Resident District Manager, Chartwells
- Dr R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M
- Mr. John Sharp, Chancellor, A&M System
- The members of the Texas A&M Board of Regents