



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

First Reading: 2-8-22
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Resolution 2-22-S. Resolution to Support The Swipe-Out Hunger Initiative.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the Swipe-Out Hunger Initiative and adopt it as an SGA “Signature Service.”

WHEREAS: SGA will support and promote the meal-swipe donation program, and

WHEREAS: Many students cannot afford select meal plans and are therefore faced with the struggle of food insecurity, and

WHEREAS: Students can request meal swipes through an application that will be located on the SGA website and the Office of Sustainability website, and

WHEREAS: Each student on the Weekly, All Access Meal, or Block Plan can donate one meal swipe the 4th, 8th, and 12th week of each semester totaling up to three meal swipes per student wishing to donate, and

WHEREAS: The ID Center has already built the online infrastructure and will manage the application and transfer swipes between student's accounts, and

WHEREAS: In total, students are able to donate up to 1,000 meals collectively a semester, and

WHEREAS: Unused meals (meals held within the food bank) can be rolled from semester to semester, and

WHEREAS: For every four meals donated by students, the WKU Restaurant Group will donate one meal swipe (not to exceed 250), and

WHEREAS: WKU Restaurant Group will convert donated “swipes” above the 1,000 meal threshold to food and supplies that can be donated to the WKU Food Pantry (\$500 limit), and

WHEREAS: Donated meal swipes will only be accepted at Fresh Food Company and Hilltopper Hub, and

WHEREAS: Students are able to request either a five meal block or a ten meal block no more than two times per semester, and

WHEREAS: Students who request assistance more than two times per semester will be directed to a predetermined WKU office to discuss a more sustainable option, and

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- WHEREAS:** The WKU Office of Sustainability will partner with SGA in overseeing the program, and
- WHEREAS:** A WKU Steering Committee will be formed that will oversee the program each semester, and
- WHEREAS:** The WKU Steering Committee will include the following: Dr. Leslie North (Office of Sustainability), Betsy Trogden (ID Center), Nena Shomler (WKU Aramark Rep), Kenneth Payne (Professor), and five SGA Representatives appointed by the Student Body President each school year, and
- WHEREAS:** SGA will table outside Fresh and Hilltopper Hub during the applicable weeks, and
- WHEREAS:** SGA will promote and make students aware of the opportunity to donate and request meal swipes, and
- WHEREAS:** The university will promote the initiative and assist when needed, and
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the implementation and adoption of the Swipe-Out Hunger Initiative.
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