



Student Assembly

Resolution 31: Implementing Meals-To-Go at Trillium Dining Hall

Abstract: Given the lack of accessible dining hall options on Central Campus and the strong student interest in expanding meal swipe usability, this resolution proposes reintroducing the Meals-To-Go system - previously implemented at the beginning of the academic year - at Trillium Dining Hall. This initiative would allow students to use meal swipes for a designated section of Trillium during peak lunch hours.

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Whereas, the majority of classes for undergraduates occur on Central campus, especially during traditional lunch hours (11AM – 3PM);

Whereas, currently, only one dining hall (Okenshields) on Central Campus accepts meal swipes, leading to overcrowding and inconvenience for students, particularly those on the Agriculture Quad (CALS, HumEc, Brooks);

Whereas, Trillium Dining Hall, located centrally, only operates on a pay-per-item basis, making it inaccessible to students reliant on meal swipes for their dining needs;

Whereas, during the start of the academic year, due to the worker strike, a temporary Meals-To-Go program was implemented, demonstrating that Trillium has the capacity to serve pre-boxed meal swipe options efficiently;

Whereas, many peer institutions offer a combination of pay-per-item and meal swipe options in central campus locations to increase student accessibility and convenience;

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly urges Cornell Dining to introduce a permanent 'meal swipe option' at Trillium Dining Hall, offering pre-boxed meal options for swipe usage via expanding the Meals-To-Go program to include a pick-up option at Trillium;

Be it further resolved, this program should be available at least during peak lunch hours (11 AM - 2 PM) to alleviate overcrowding at other meal swipe locations;



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30 **Be it finally resolved,** the Office of the Student Assembly President and the Student Assembly
31 Dining Committee shall work directly with Cornell Dining and the University Administration to
32 develop an implementation plan ensuring feasibility, affordability, and accessibility.

33 Respectfully Submitted,

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