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Renewable Green Boxes

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Recognizing

COVID-19 has caused the cafeteria to use Styrofoam to go containers which negatively impact the environment.

Fully Aware

In the past, Aramark would purchase a bulk order of green boxes over the summer and charge students \$5 a box throughout the year. Students used the box to take food to go from the cafeteria. They could return the dirty box to the cafeteria in exchange for a clean box or a card in place of the box. The student can later bring the card to get a box. If a student loses the card, they lose the box and will have to purchase one for the \$5 amount.

Convinced

Providing students with a renewable green box to take food to go would be an environmental initiative to prevent waste as seen with the Styrofoam containers.

Also Convinced

This product will be popular and of use amongst students because there are nearly 1,000 students on the meal plan. Based on previous years statistics, around 450 students will purchase a green to go box within a year. The cafeteria recognizes the frequent circulation of the boxes confirming that students use this product.

Be it Resolved

Student Assembly allows the Student Sustainability Fund (SSF) to use the remaining funds \$2,800 to contribute to the onetime purchase of 1,000 green to go boxes priced at \$4.40 per container. The SSF will only be contributing \$2,800 of the \$4,400. Student Life will cover the remaining cost of the \$4,400.

Noting

The 1,000 green to go boxes will be distributed by Student Life during orientation, registration, and as needed. They will be provided to all incoming first years and other students on the meal plan. All boxes will be given to students free of charge however, if the student loses their box or card, they will be responsible for replacing the box on their own.

Also Noting

The green to go box will replace the red plastic reusable bottle provided to students at the beginning of the year.

