



Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STUDENT-RUN FOOD COOPERATIVE**

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WHEREAS a student-run food cooperative can offer an alternative food source for students at a low cost and can provide leadership and community planning experience; and

WHEREAS a food cooperative can help to engender a culture of sustainability on campus; and

WHEREAS a food cooperative is an organization owned by its consumers (UW students, faculty and staff) and workers and constitutes a means of democratizing our food system; and

WHEREAS successful student-run food cooperatives have been created at other regional universities, including the University of British Columbia, Portland State University, The Evergreen State College and University of California Berkeley; and

WHEREAS a student-run food cooperative could create a community space and forum for discussion surrounding food sovereignty and food justice issues, as well as sustainability and nutrition; and

WHEREAS the food co-op will work collaboratively with the UW Farm to localize, contextualize and democratize the campus food system, maintaining the University of Washington as one of the most sustainable universities in the country; and

WHEREAS the UW Farm is poised to expand to an acre of land which would dramatically increase their production capacity; and

WHEREAS a student-run food cooperative would be directed by student staff and volunteers, with help from advisers in SAUF; and

WHEREAS the food co-op is expected to be self-sufficient within the first year of its creation; and

WHEREAS the food co-op has the support and mentorship of local businesses such as Madison Market, Molly's and Chaco Canyon; and

WHEREAS the food co-op has the support of the Nutritional Sciences Department; and

WHEREAS there is a functional kitchen in the South Campus Center (SCC) that has not been utilized for six years that could be used to prepare food for the cooperative while the Husky Union Building (HUB) is closed for renovation; and

WHEREAS the food co-op's ambition to operate a food cart in Red Square or another central campus location will help fill the gap in food services provided on campus with the temporary closure of the HUB; and

WHEREAS a food co-op would benefit the UW community by providing alternative food choices, leadership opportunities for students, and increasing awareness of food justice issues in our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the creation of a student-run food cooperative on campus; and

THAT the GPSS supports the student-run food cooperative's use of the SCC cafe space, as well as the co-op's use of a food cart to serve students in central campus; and

THAT the GPSS supports a student-run food cooperative space in the new HUB once its renovation has been completed, operating independently from and in competition with Housing and Food Services; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Tim Mensing, ASUW President; Jake Faleschini, GPSS President; Lincoln Johnson, Associate Vice President of Campus Life and Director of the HUB; Phyllis Wise, Provost and Executive Vice President; Paul Jenny, Vice Provost of Planning and Budgeting; and Pat Wahl, Dean of the School of Public Health

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