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A RESOLUTION TO: (1) Support the current operations and (2) advocate for the physical expansion of the Women's Center Student Food Pantry.

Recognizing, that the Student Food Pantry is currently housed within the Women’s Center with overflow in the Murray Living Center;

Recognizing, that the Student Food Pantry, saw a 26% increase in the number of student visits between Fall 2012 and Fall 2014¹;

Whereas, due to severe space constraints that have hindered opportunities of proper storage and accessibility, the amount of space has been unable to grow in accordance with student need;

Recognizing, that the current location of the pantry can be problematic for students with disabilities to access and stigmatizes members of the community who do not identify as women;

Recognizing, that in the last two years, 73% of students² who have utilized the pantry have identified as women;

Whereas, a larger space, independent from the Women’s Center, for the Student Food Pantry would be more inclusive and provide for more equitable utilization of available resources;

Recognizing, that a larger, more highly trafficked area could be staffed by student volunteers and interns, supporting Grand Valley State University’s values of service and community engagement;

Recognizing, that more ample storage would allow the space to grow with the student population and utilize assets, such as refrigeration, to provide healthier options to student users;

Recognizing, that expansion efforts, which are already supported by University faculty, would heighten awareness of the reality of food insecurity on college campuses;

Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate applauds the efforts of the Women’s Center to address food insecurity on our campus and supports the physical expansion of the Student Food Pantry to best meet this need.

¹ “Student Food Pantry Report, May 2014” Available on gvsu.edu/women_cen/

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