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**A RESOLUTION TO:** Call For GVSU’s Campus Dining To Initialize An Income-Based Meal Option That Will Reduce Hunger/Food Insecurity For Pell-Eligible Students Going Into Effect No Later Than Fall 2020.

**Recognizing**, that food insecurity/hunger are in opposition with one of GVSU’s core values--equity<sup>1</sup>. Regarding food resources, all students are not given the resources to be successful academically at GVSU.

**Recognizing**, that food insecurity is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

**Recognizing**, that when students must worry about where their next meal is coming from, poor academic patterns tend to arise, and many leave the university, hindering retention rates.

**Whereas**, students that who have the privilege of not having to worry about food insecurity, perform better<sup>2</sup>.

**Recognizing**, that one in three students experience hunger while in college<sup>3</sup>, and a large majority of those students identify as women<sup>4</sup> and students of color<sup>5</sup>;

**Recognizing**, that students of color tend to have the lowest retention rate at GVSU<sup>6</sup>;

**Recognizing**, that GVSU’s Replenish has attempted to help students with food accommodations via food drives and donations.

**Recognizing**, that this could be a great initiative started by GVSU and other colleges/universities could see us as a model to follow, and Michigan public schools have income-based meal options (subsidized lunch programs), which may result in unpreparedness of paying for a full meal plan at GVSU’s rate.

**Recognizing**, approximately 50% of Michigan public school students are enrolled in the subsidized lunch program<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gvsu.edu/inclusion/about-the-division-of-inclusion-and-equity-108.htm>

<sup>2</sup> DeBerard M.S., Spielmans G., Julka D. Predictors of academic achievement and retention among college freshmen: A longitudinal study. Coll. Stud. J. 2004; 38:66–80.

<sup>3</sup> Goldrick-Rab, S., Richardson, J., Schneider, J., Hernandez, A., and Cady, C. “Still Hungry and Homeless in College2.” Wisconsin Hope Lab. (2018) 10.

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.gvsu.edu/cms4/asset/EFA713E8-FD5E-939D-AC664138A1BC3D9F/gayle\\_r.\\_davis\\_center\\_for\\_women\\_and\\_gender\\_equity\\_report\\_ay\\_2017-2018\(2\).pdf](https://www.gvsu.edu/cms4/asset/EFA713E8-FD5E-939D-AC664138A1BC3D9F/gayle_r._davis_center_for_women_and_gender_equity_report_ay_2017-2018(2).pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> [https://reports.ia.gvsu.edu/retent/retent\\_2017FF\\_F.html](https://reports.ia.gvsu.edu/retent/retent_2017FF_F.html)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/05/see\\_2016-17\\_subsidized\\_lunch\\_r.html](https://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/05/see_2016-17_subsidized_lunch_r.html)

**Whereas,** this percent can't afford the jump in price coming from subsidized lunch programs to paying for a full meal plan, as they were dependent on the subsidized lunch program.

**Recognizing,** that an income-based meal option could spread our #LAKEREFFECT and make GVSU more appealing to first-generation college students, students of color, and even out-of-state students, who read carefully into the cost of attending universities, potentially leading to more diversity.

**Recognizing,** that Student Senate is willing to work with the Center for Women and Gender Equity and Campus Dining to implement this income-based policy.

**Let It Be Resolved,** that GVSU Campus Dining bring forth a plan to initialize an income-based meal option to reduce hunger/food insecurity on campus no later than Fall 2020.

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