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Resolution Urging Santa Clara University to Create a Dining Point Transfer System

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SCU Dining Point Transfer Resolution

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The Student Senate of Santa Clara University,

RECOGNIZING that 35.24% of Santa Clara University students have experienced food insecurity in 2022-23, which has only been exacerbated by the aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a growing need for students to have an accessible way to support each other in battling food insecurity. Additionally, as food insecurity has been increasing at Santa Clara University, resources such as the Bronco Food Pantry and other aid services have been inundated with requests beyond their bandwidth —

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that 61.54% of International Students, over 50% of MENA students, and close to half of Hispanic/Latiné, Southeast Asian, and African American and Black students have experienced food insecurity in 2022-2023, this is an issue that disproportionately affects marginalized groups. Marginalized individuals often lack the resources necessary to access other support, such as transportation, time, and money. Therefore, providing a system through which students can share their excess dining points with other students aligns with the Jesuit values of “people for and with others.” embodying the spirit of giving and providing service to those in need. Food insecurity is a highly stigmatized topic, and students who experience hunger — as well as come from marginalized identities — may not feel comfortable reaching out to faculty, staff, or administrators but feel more inclined to reach out to supportive peers for assistance —

ACKNOWLEDGING that Santa Clara University students have commented on the inefficiency of the Bon Appetit point system and noting that students are sometimes left with a substantial number of dining points at the end of the quarter (that do not roll over to the succeeding quarter) or finish up their points well before the end of the quarter. Financial stressors can prevent students from wanting to purchase additional dining points or buy food from outside the university. However, students will likely have peers with points to spare. This program will encourage a culture of Broncos helping Broncos while reducing dining point waste —

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Associated Student Government of Santa Clara University, request that Santa Clara University create a system allowing students to transfer dining points on the SCU eAccounts application. This system should enable students to **begin transferring points after Week 6** for each quarter and allow students to **transfer up to ⅓ of their original quarterly meal plan to other students of their choosing**.



As the Associated Student Government of SCU, we invite relevant administrative stakeholders to collaborate with students, faculty, and staff to support these requests properly.

So signed by the following individuals, representative of the collective approval of the Associated Student Government of Santa Clara University,

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