



Longwood University

Student Government Association

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Description: This resolution expresses the opinion of the student body to highlight the services offered by Elwood's Cabinet. This resolution calls for a discussion with the Faculty Senate to implement a clause stating the purpose and availability of these services to be added to all academic syllabi released to students.

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WHEREAS, food insecurity has increasingly become an issue on college and university campuses nationwide (Hughes et. al., 2011) and without the foundation of basic needs, it is difficult for college students to be successful in their academics (Cunningham and Johnson, 2011); and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 30% of college students are food insecure. Where 56% of food insecure students are working, 75% of food insecure students don't receive financial aid, and 43% of food insecure students have a meal plan ("Food Insecurity", 2018) (Dubick, 2016); and

WHEREAS, education is the key to getting out of generational poverty (Beegle, 2003) and improving students' prospects after graduation (Planty, 2009); and

WHEREAS, many current students may not be aware of the services offered on campus, which inhibits their ability to utilize said resources. Including this in the syllabi would be beneficial to student's awareness and overall academic performance; and

WHEREAS, as a campus committed to equity and inclusivity, Longwood University students should be aware of the resources available to them when faced with food insecurity. The knowledge of the resource can make students more comfortable in their personal situation; and

WHEREAS, Elwood's Cabinet, Longwood's supplemental pantry, is open to all students on a weekly basis and is stocked with a variety of food and hygiene products.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association encourages an active discussion and cooperative partnership with the Longwood University Faculty Senate in an effort to construct a statement on food insecurity for mandated inclusion in all University class syllabi.

Proposed Clause

According to recent studies, hunger and homelessness are common and growing problems for students at colleges and universities across the country, potentially undermining the educational success of thousands of students. If food insecurity is an issue for you or someone you know, Longwood's student food pantry, Elwood's Cabinet, is a free and confidential resource with food and personal care items. Elwood's Cabinet is located in the lower level of the Wesley building at 204 High Street Farmville, VA (right across from French Hall). Please visit their website for opening hours here:

<https://elwoodscabinet.weebly.com/>

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