STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

TITLE: Put the Green in Green and Gold

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Whereas: Student Senate is elected by the student body to represent and voice the opinions of students; and

Whereas: Student Senate is a means by which students’ concerns are addressed; and

Whereas: Penland Dining Hall alone creates 200 pounds of waste per day, not taking into account the other 12 dining facilities on Baylor’s campus; and

Whereas: Methane gas, which is in part produced by food waste, contributes to 20% of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas: Baylor University is constantly striving to be a leader among other campuses in all aspects, including sustainability; and

Whereas: Implementing an eco-friendly food waste solution, such as a dehydrator or a composter, to campus would help to reduce our environmental impact on the world, as well as make us a more sustainable campus; and

Whereas: Making this first step towards smarter, better, and cleaner waste recycling would open many other doors towards a more sustainable campus, as well as reduce costs associated with landscaping; and

Therefore: Be it resolved by the 67th Legislative Session of the Baylor University Student Senate assembled that Aramark and Baylor University initiate steps towards installing an eco-friendly food recycling system to Penland Dining Hall.
Furthermore: A copy of this resolution will be sent to Joel Burnias, Resident District Manager; Andy Trimble, Grounds Director; Tonya Gray, Innovative Operations Manager; Sean McMahon, Director of Campus Dining; Don Bagby, Associate Vice President of Facilities, Planning, and Construction; Matt Burchett, Director of Student Activities; and Dr. Kevin P. Jackson, Vice President for Student Life.