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A Resolution in Support of Dining Services’ Expansion of Local Food Options

WHEREAS 14.6 percent of the current resources Dining Services purchases for the dining halls come from local sources;

WHEREAS Purchasing socially responsible food is a means of fulfilling the College’s Board of Trustees stated mission of nurturing in students’ “civic virtues…[that] include commitment to engage both the broad public realm and community life, and the skills to do so effectively,” and is reflective of the College’s socially-conscious student body;

WHEREAS College Council recognizes the importance of supporting the community surrounding Williams College;

WHEREAS Individual students have specifically requested from College Council a commitment to increasing the amount of sustainable and local food in the dining halls;

WHEREAS Dining Services currently does not have an efficient system to source and purchase local foods directly from farmers;

WHEREAS An efficient system for purchasing local foods has been proposed and is in the process of being developed;

WHEREAS This specific effort to increase local food at Williams in the short term, and a long term overhaul of Williams’ food purchasing in line with all of the aforementioned values, are not mutually exclusive;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Williams College Council respectfully:

1. Supports Dining Services’ pursuit of expanding local food options at Williams.
2. Recommends that, in order to achieve this goal, Dining Services support the creation of a web application that enables the College to source and purchase local foods more efficiently.

Adopted by Council on: April 10, 2013
Ayes: 22
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 1
Vote: PASSED 22-0-1