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A Resolution in Support of the Real Food Challenge

WHEREAS 13.1 percent of the current resources Dining Services purchases for the dining halls falls within the realm of “real food”;

WHEREAS “Real food” is defined as “food which truly nourishes producers, consumers, communities and the earth...that fundamentally respects human dignity and health, animal welfare, social justice and environmental sustainability” based on the four pillars of “‘real food’: local/community-based, fair, ecologically sound, and humane”;

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 by thinking critically about how purchasing “real food” fits into regional, national, and international food systems;

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 A specific effort to increase local food at Williams in the short term, and this long term strategy to reform 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. Asks the administration to sign the Real Food Campus Commitment.

Adopted by Council on: April 10, 2013
Ayes: 15
Nays: 4
Abstentions: 4
Vote: PASSED 15-4-4