A Resolution in Support of a Fifty Percent Reduction of Industrial Beef Consumption

WHEREAS Industrial beef is defined as beef purchased from large-scale concentrated animal feeding operations;

WHEREAS Dining Services currently purchases thousands of pounds of industrial beef each year;

WHEREAS College Council recognizes the benefits of reducing consumption of a product that systematically exploits labor and degrades the environment;

WHEREAS College Council has previously expressed commitment to the purchase of socially and environmentally responsible foods (Resolution 03-1314);

WHEREAS Over 275 students signed a petition in favor of reducing Dining Services’ industrial beef purchases by fifty percent, and in a poll of over 400 respondents, seventy-eight percent supported beef reduction;

WHEREAS The College has expressed commitment to addressing its environmental impact, but excludes food consumption from its metrics in measuring such impact;

WHEREAS Dining services has and will continue to have all menus cleared by a professional nutritionist to ensure adequate protein and nutrition for students;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Williams College Council respectfully:
Supports an annual fifty percent reduction of the amount of industrial beef purchased by Dining Services.