

ASLMU Senate

Resolution SR 23-4

LMU Food Recovery Network Partnership

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I. WHEREAS, Senators of ASLMU have established a goal to eliminate food waste on LMU's campus, and combat food insecurity in our surrounding community.

II. WHEREAS, a 2023 study from USC Dornsife found that 30% of Los Angeles County residents struggle with food insecurity, representing a 6% increase from 2022.¹ This demonstrates that food insecurity is a growing issue in our greater community, in which LMU possesses the resources to lend assistance to.

III. WHEREAS, the Food Recovery Network was founded as a chapter at LMU in 2014 and has recently been re-activated with the hopes of it becoming an RSO in the near future.²

IV. WHEREAS, currently The Food Recovery Network is comprised of student volunteers from the service organization Sursum Corda. They have begun collecting the pre-packaged leftover perishable items from The Lair and distributing these food items to designated donation areas weekly.

V. WHEREAS, there is still a significant volume of food waste being produced by on-campus dining facilities like The Lair, The C-Store, The Lion's Den, and on-campus hosted events. Aside from the perishable food items being collected by the Food Recovery Network volunteers, no other facilities have been included in the food waste redistribution efforts.

VI. WHEREAS, on average there are between 5-15 perishable pastries leftover at The Lion's Den that get thrown away at the end of every night. Instead, these pastries could be picked up by The Food Recovery Network, and donated to LMU's partner agencies: Venice Community Housing Corporation and Upward Bound House.

VII. WHEREAS, the Food Recovery Network's national affiliate has offered a grant of \$1,581.20 to LMU, which would bolster the capabilities of our chapter's efforts. This grant proves that there is an incentive to reduce food waste at LMU.

VIII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the individual efforts currently being made by students are a promising start, however food on LMU's campus could be redistributed to those in need. The Senate of ASLMU's goal is to seek a partnership that elevates the current food recovery system into a more sustainable and robust state.

IX. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The University establishes a partnership with the current Food Recovery Network Chapter at LMU in order to scale up food recovery efforts

1. <https://ktla.com/news/california/more-than-1-million-l-a-county-residents-living-with-food-insecurity-usc-study-shows/amp/>

2. <https://www.foodrecoverynetwork.org/california#LMU>

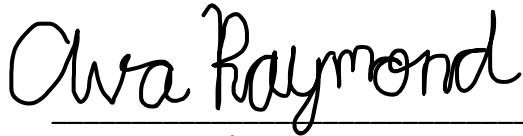
on campus, mobilize student leaders, and directly connect us to hunger-fighting organizations in Los Angeles.



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