

# ASLMU Senate

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## Resolution SR 23-5

### International Student Support

By Rodrigo Sepulveda Sagaseta, Saanya Xavier, and Kimberly Freeman

*I. WHEREAS*, Loyola Marymount University prides itself on inviting students of diverse talents, cultural backgrounds, and interests to enrich the educational community.

*II. WHEREAS*, one of the five pillars of the student EXP is to ‘Become a Global Citizen’ which encourages valuing the diversity of the human experience and committing to the practice of interculturalism to make meaningful contributions as citizens of the global community.<sup>1</sup>

*III. WHEREAS*, there is a lack of initiatives catering to international students over academic breaks. Many who are unable to return home due to cost of travel, time difference, etc.

*IV. WHEREAS*, according to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States has over 1.14 million international students pursuing higher education.<sup>2</sup>

*V. WHEREAS*, international students at LMU account for 10.2% of the student population, many of whom are unable to return home on Thanksgiving break.<sup>3</sup>

*VI. WHEREAS*, international students have expressed feelings of isolation during Thanksgiving break and have a desire to experience an American Thanksgiving dinner.

*VII. WHEREAS*, LMU has limited dining open during Thanksgiving Break with 3 or less out of 12 vendors being open, with the C-Store being open Wednesday-Friday, and the Lair, the primary dining location, being closed Friday and Saturday.<sup>4</sup>

*VIII. WHEREAS*, Georgetown University, a Jesuit university comparable to LMU hosts a yearly Thanksgiving dinner for all students staying local.<sup>5</sup>

*IX. WHEREAS*, Georgetown University keeps at least one dining hall, Darnall Hall, open from 7:00-10:00 Monday through Sunday during Thanksgiving break.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://studentaffairs.lmu.edu/about/studentexp/thefivepillars/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevisBTN2021.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.lmu.edu/about/factsfiguresrankings/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://content-service.sodexomyway.com/media/Thanksgiving%20Break%202023%20Dining%20Hours\\_tcm1108-150890.pdf?url=https://lmudining.sodexomyway.com/](https://content-service.sodexomyway.com/media/Thanksgiving%20Break%202023%20Dining%20Hours_tcm1108-150890.pdf?url=https://lmudining.sodexomyway.com/)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.georgetown.edu/news/youre-invited-presidents-thanksgiving-dinner-2022/>

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X. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, LMU should extend dining service hours during Thanksgiving break, ensuring that students are able to eat during normal hours of operation 7:00-9:00 on weekdays and 7:00-7:30 during weekends.

XI. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, ASLMU will seek a partnership with The Office for International Students and Scholars and Sodexo to host a Thanksgiving event that replicates the experience of a Thanksgiving dinner for international students, and other students staying locally.



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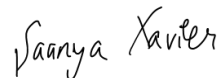
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