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A Resolution to Improve the Proposed Meal Plan

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- Whereas:** Miami Students are very busy and value flexibility and freedom in their meal plan.
- Whereas:** Currently, the \$1,625 Diplomat assessment fee is very unpopular with students and lacks transparency.
- Whereas:** Any plan that reduces overall costs to students is very beneficial.
- Whereas:** Students appreciate that the new meal plan will continue to have declining balance roll over at the semester, and feature continuous dining at buffet locations.
- Whereas:** Many students enjoy the luxury of buying food at a la carte locations such as Armstrong Student Center, Bell Tower and Maple Street Station which are all centrally-located and convenient for eating on the go between classes.
- Whereas:** Many students only have ten minutes between classes and often utilize grab and go food options from markets such as McCracken and Emporium which, just like a la carte locations, will not use buffet swipes.
- Whereas:** With this limited time, it is not feasible for students to walk to far-away buffet locations, sit down to eat, and make it to class on time.
- Whereas:** Armstrong East Wing will feature many new a la carte locations, which will not complement this new meal plan that directs students to buffet locations.

Whereas: Students are concerned they will not get their money's worth because they worry they will not be able to eat at buffet locations 225 times per semester.

Therefore be it resolved: ASG Student Senate recommends that dining find ways to make the new meal plan more flexible, while maintaining the affordability.

Further it should be resolved: Possible changes include allowing students to use a buffet swipe at a la carte locations.

Further it should be resolved: ASG Student Senate cannot support the new meal plan in its entirety without further changes to maintain the flexibility that students have come to love about Miami.