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**Resolution Supporting the Addition of a
Declining Balance Option to All Meal Plans**

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- Whereas:** In a survey conducted by RHA to only on-campus residents (primarily freshmen and sophomores), it was determined that 91.4% were unsatisfied with the meal plan and dining options.
- Whereas:** The same survey found that 94.7% of on-campus students believe the current meal plan options are worse than last year.
- Whereas:** Meal plan options for the Class of 2020 (current freshmen) differ from the meal plan options of returning students.
- Whereas:** Freshmen are reluctant to eat at a-la-carte dining locations due to the very limited amount of declining balance provided by their meal plans.
- Whereas:** Popular a-la-carte options such as the seven on-campus markets, Dividends at the Farmer School of Business, Armstrong Student Center, and vending machines could experience increased sales with the addition of an a-la-carte meal plan option.
- Whereas:** The current meal plan options for freshman are as follows: Diplomat Minimum: 225 Buffet Meals, 5 Guest Meals, & \$100 in declining balance dollars, and Diplomat Standard: 262 Buffet Meals, 5 Guest Meals, & \$500 in declining balance dollars.

Whereas: Due to the busy lives of Miami students, a-la-carte locations are better suited to students' lifestyles and provide more flexible options.

Whereas: A Change.org petition released by ASG yielded hundreds of comments from students, parents, athletes, alumni, and faculty, many of which referenced their dissatisfaction of the meal swipe-based meal plan options.

Therefore be it resolved: The meal plan should be altered to represent the differing lifestyles of all students by offering a more flexible declining balance-only option.

Further be it resolved: Meal plan options should be altered to include:

1. Diplomat Minimum: 225 Buffet Meals, 5 Guest Meals, & \$100 in declining balance dollars.
2. Diplomat Standard: 262 Buffet Meals, 5 Guest Meals, & \$500 in declining balance dollars.
3. \$2,500 in declining balance dollars to spend at any dining location.