



## **RUSA Resolution F19 - 02**

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### **Resolution to Grant the Fall 2019 Meal Swipes for Charity Program to the Rutgers Food Pantry**

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) is given discretion over the Meal Swipes for Charity (MSC) program and charged with assigning Student Organizations to administer the program,

*Whereas*, MSC runs twice a year: once in the fall and once in the spring,

*Whereas*, the University Affairs Committee is responsible for overseeing the application process for MSC and nominating three organizations to be voted on by the Assembly,

*Whereas*, the Rutgers Food Pantry is an ideal beneficiary for the MSC program and has strong ties to various student organizations that serve Rutgers students directly,

*Whereas*, the use of the Rutgers Food Pantry has increased drastically over the last three years, with over 3,800 visits in total as of August 2019,

*Whereas*, the Rutgers Food Pantry must expand in order to accommodate the increasing demand for its services,

*Whereas*, according to a report titled "Food Insecurity Among Students at Rutgers University-New Brunswick", over 37% of students are food insecure, many of which come from marginalized groups in the Rutgers community,<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://humeco.rutgers.edu/documents\\_pdf/RU\\_Student\\_Food\\_Insecurity\\_2018.pdf](http://humeco.rutgers.edu/documents_pdf/RU_Student_Food_Insecurity_2018.pdf)

*Whereas*, food insecurity is implicated with lower GPAs and overall less favorable academic outcomes,<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, 5.4% of students use off campus food pantries instead of the Rutgers Food Pantry,<sup>3</sup>

*Whereas*, the report recommends expanding food resources such as the Food Pantry and increasing cooperation between organizations on campus involved in addressing food insecurity,

**Be it hereby resolved**, this semester's Meal Swipes for Charity program beneficiary status is granted to the Rutgers Food Pantry; and

**Be it further resolved** that if the Rutgers Food Pantry accepts this offer, they agree to furnish the RUSA University Affairs Committee with a report detailing how the funds from the MSC program were used and their impact on the efforts of the Food Pantry and shall be responsible for administering and tabling to solicit meal swipe donations.

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RUSA President

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Date

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