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**In Support of Food Trucks on the University of Texas Campus**

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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**WHEREAS,** The Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin serves as the official voice of students; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Student Government initiative “SG Listens” revealed that many students would like additional dining options on campus, especially food trucks; and,

**WHEREAS,** Austin, Texas is well known for its extensive selection of highly-acclaimed food trucks; and,

**WHEREAS,** The addition of mobile, food vendors could make our campus landscape more reflective of the greater, Austin community while supporting its vibrant start-up culture; and,

**WHEREAS,** There are well-documented economic benefits associated with the growth of the food truck industry. For instance, while “businesses classified as ‘food services and drinking places’ — which includes food trailers — jumped from 2,793 establishments in the Austin-Round Rock metro area in 2006 to 3,412 in 2010 (the latest year for which data was available), the number of employees rose from 58,838 to 68,635 in that same period, with annual payroll jumping from \$820 million to more than \$1 billion”<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** Partnership with the university would inevitably enhance health and safety oversight of vendors operating on or near campus, thereby protecting students; and,

**WHEREAS,** A 2012 article in the Wall Street Journal revealed that more than 100 colleges and universities host food trucks that are either run by or partnered with their respective institutions of higher education<sup>2</sup>; and therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** The Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin supports improving the on-campus dining experience via the addition of food trucks; and therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Student Government encourages the appropriate administrative entities and staff to work with local, mobile food vendors to bring about their presence on campus; and therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Student Government encourages the University of Texas Master Planning Committee to approve an on-campus venue where approved food trucks could operate; and therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That copies of this resolution be sent to the offices of the President, the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Vice President of Student Affairs, The Master Planning Committee, and *The Daily Texan*.

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<sup>1</sup> Food trailers bloom into key piece of Austin's economy. (n.d.). Retrieved August 25, 2015, from <http://www.statesman.com/news/business/food-trailers-bloom-into-key-piece-of-austins-econ/nSLPx/>

<sup>2</sup> Tanaka, Sanette. "Food Trucks: The Newest Rivalry on College Campuses." WSJ. August 22, 2012.