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A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON CAMPUS DINING TO MAKE COOKING CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

Whereas, post-secondary education provides an opportunity for students to further their professional and personal development. Individuals who attend the University of Notre Dame are given the chance to explore interpersonal relationships and enhance their social capabilities through the residence hall system. Many residence halls at the University of Notre Dame come equipped with communal kitchens and collective cooking spaces;

Whereas, students attending the University of Notre Dame would like to gain extensive cooking experience and knowledge to take advantage of the communal kitchens in their residence halls. In addition, students might need or desire a review on basic cooking skills to comfortably use the equipment and resources found in their residence hall kitchens;

Whereas, the University of Notre Dame offers employment opportunities to undergraduate students who would like to work and gain experience in retail and non-retail campus dining locations. Students employed at either North or South Dining Halls are exposed to fully-functional kitchens on a larger scale as the university feeds the student body, faculty, and guests. While students are currently employed at both North and South Dining Hall, neither location provides students with the chance to prepare and cook meals aside from maintaining food when it has been placed at the buffet lines;

Whereas, Campus Dining struggles to maintain an adequate workforce to fully staff the Dining Halls and efficiently operate the kitchen facilities. Student workers already employed at both North and South Dining Hall have expressed an interest and desire to learn more about the kitchen facilities and cooking procedures at the university to meet the need for more workers and to complete additional professional training and development;

Whereas, Campus Dining no longer provides a series of cooking classes for interested students either wishing to further their employment opportunities or seeking to gain cooking skills for personal development. Campus Dining has expressed interest in making available a test program in the spring semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year to provide cooking classes to undergraduate students employed at the university;

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Body is significantly affected by the availability of cooking classes in the following ways:

- A. Undergraduate students at the University of Notre Dame are looking for ways to gain culinary skills and cooking experience to utilize at home and in their residence halls.

With more undergraduate students capable of basic cooking skills, the communal kitchens in the residence halls will see better utilization. Gaining appropriate cooking expertise while living on-campus will also help those undergraduate students who make the decision to live off-campus.

- B. Campus dining options like North and South Dining Halls need more employees who can complete cooking and food preparation tasks. Undergraduate students who are already employed at the Dining Halls make for an excellent talent pool to provide further culinary training to meet the workforce needs.
- C. Notre Dame Campus Dining is best positioned to guide and provide cooking classes to both student employees and interested undergraduate students who would like to improve their cooking skills. There already exists interest in Campus Dining to complete a test program in the upcoming spring semester in which cooking classes will be offered to student employees at North and South Dining Halls; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that:

1. Notre Dame Campus Dining follows through on its plan to complete a test program of cooking classes in the spring semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year.
2. If the test program proves successful, Campus Dining opens cooking classes to all interested undergraduate students.



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