



Petition P2324-02

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Samuel Godinez, *Dillon Hall Senator*
Jayden Espinoza, *O'Neill Family Hall Senator*
Joseph Tunney, *Fisher Hall Senator*
Charlie Pehl, *Pangborn Hall Senator*
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Jacob Zybura, *Duncan Hall Senator*
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Kaitlyn Garcia, *Cavanaugh Hall Senator*
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Bella Vasquez, *Pasquerilla East Hall Senator*
Rocco Giannotti, *Keenan Hall Senator*
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Maura Meyers, *Pasquerilla West Hall Senator*
Mariana Esparza Torres, *Walsh Hall Senator*
James Bradley, *Morrissey Hall Senator*

The Undersigned Students

A PETITIONED RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF PAPER CUPS IN THE DINING HALLS

Whereas, the purpose of the Student Senate per Article III Section 1(a) of the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac* (The Constitution) is to “formulate and advance the positions of the undergraduate student body on all issues concerning campus life”;

Whereas, during the academic year 2022-2023, the dining halls in the University of Notre Dame displayed large paper cups on the coffee counters available for students and visitors of the dining halls to grab and take along as they navigated throughout their day;

Whereas, this academic year 2023-2024, the dining halls have opted to discontinue large paper cups, replacing them with small paper cups that students can carry with them;

Whereas, the purpose of paper cups has predominantly revolved around containing coffee inside of their confines for students either to take with them to drink alongside their respective meals in the dining halls or to take them in the course of their respective activities throughout their day;

Whereas, anecdotally, this change has created dissatisfaction with numerous students, as they are unable to carry alongside them larger proportions of their respective drink throughout their day and must instead resort to carry smaller proportions of their drink;

Whereas, the use of large paper cups ease the inconvenience of several students who drink coffee or another drink over the course of their meals, avoiding the necessity for repeated refills throughout their meals that may disrupt the flow and enjoyment of their dining experience;

Whereas, large paper cups result in fewer paper cups being used overall, as students are less inclined to repeatedly grab numerous small paper cups for the same amount that a single large paper cup provides;

Whereas, per Article XIV Section 1 of The Constitution, if a petition on any particular issue generates 200 or more signatures of undergraduate students, the Student Senate must consider a resolution regarding the issue within two weeks of presentation of the signatures;

Whereas, Article XIV Section 1(a) of The Constitution reads, “A petition bearing the valid signatures of 200 members of the undergraduate student body shall cause the Senate to consider a specific resolution within two academic weeks of the presentation of the petition to the Senate”;

Whereas, Senator Godinez crafted a a petition requesting Campus Dining to return larger paper cups to the Dining Hall which gathered 316 signatures, surpassing the required threshold for the Student Senate to consider a Resolution on it; Judicial Council verified that the petition achieved the necessary signatures for consideration;

Whereas, Reggie Kalili, Director of Student Dining, expressed in an email to the lead author that Campus Dining would look to increase the size of the paper cups in the coming weeks, once the current ones run out of supply; therefore, be it

***Resolved*, that the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac kindly requests that Campus Dining increase the current size of the paper cups in South Dining Hall and North Dining Hall alongside the coffee station, to enhance the dining experiences of both regular attendees and guests; and be it**

***Further Resolved*, the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac extends its warmest gratitude to representatives of Campus Dining for everything they have done thus far to enhance the dining experiences of students and guests, as well as their commitment to provide excellence in both dining halls.**



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