

Associated Students of Saint Mary's College
Resolution to Accommodate Students With Medical Dietary Restrictions

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WHEREAS,

Affirming the legal responsibility of Saint Mary's College to accommodate students with allergenic disabilities or severe health-threatening food intolerances, and the importance of safe practices in student dining operations;

Acknowledging the multiple instances of allergic reactions and hospitalizations that have occurred due to improperly labeled food ingredients in the dining hall, and general limitations of corporate established menu options for offering food inclusive of students with dietary restrictions;

Recognizing that Saint Mary's College, rooted in the Lasallian Tradition, strives to uphold the five Lasallian core principles, which include respect for all persons and inclusive community;

THEREFORE,

The Associated Students of Saint Mary's College of California hereby calls for the current Medically Related Dietary Restriction Grocery Program to be expanded to accommodate all students with medically necessary dietary restrictions who pay for a meal plan by advertising and

promoting the existence of this Program, and listing the steps and requirements to apply for the Program clearly and prominently on the Saint Mary's website;

Proposing that Saint Mary's dining services designate a larger space (likely the Soda Center) for grocery preparation and pick-up, that has the needed capacity, appliances, and technology to accommodate all students with medical dietary restrictions, that qualified applicants to the Medically Related Dietary Restriction Grocery Program need not be turned away due to inadequate facilities;

Urging that Saint Mary's dining services ensure there is adequate staffing for the operation of the expanded Medically Related Dietary Restriction Grocery Program to run efficiently, and improve communication with Medically Related Dietary Restriction Grocery Program participants, to ensure students are aware when their orders have been placed, when their orders will be ready to pick-up, and if their orders were canceled or incompleted for any reason.

Approve Veto

Dante Fregoso, President

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