

Resolution 46-13
Resolution in Support of Resolving Food Insecurity on the WSU Pullman Campus

**Associated Students of
Washington State University
Forty-Sixth Senate**

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WHEREAS, according to the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE), 52.3% of Pullman residents are living below the federal poverty line; 28.4% of Whitman County residents are living below the poverty line, and 78.5% of college-aged men and 81.5% of college-aged women in Pullman are living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Food Programme, a food assistance branch of the United Nations, food insecurity is primarily caused by continuous poverty known as a “Poverty Trap”; and

WHEREAS, according to Hunger On Campus, “four campus-based organizations surveyed 3,765 students in 12 states attending eight community colleges and 26 four-year colleges and universities” and found that “48% of respondents reported food insecurity in the previous 30 days”; and

WHEREAS, according to the aforementioned survey, “61% of food insecure students reported that their household had utilized at least one existing aid service in the past 12 months”; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity is not an isolated issue at Washington State University (WSU) as fellow Pac-12 schools also face this issue; and

WHEREAS, University of California conducted a survey that included all 10 campuses, and of those surveyed 20% reported experiencing very low food security; and

WHEREAS, according to TRiO food bank, at least 329 students utilized the TRiO food bank on the WSU Pullman campus in 2016; and

WHEREAS, although food banks are not the only solution for reducing hunger on this campus, they are an invaluable resource for students who are experiencing food insecurity and hunger; and

WHEREAS, WSU administration recently unveiled a program called “Cougs Feeding Cougs;” which allows any food insecure student at WSU to receive money to spend on meals in WSU Pullman Dining Operation Centers; and

WHEREAS, anyone can donate money to the “Cougs Feeding Cougs” program at the University Affairs website to support WSU students facing food insecurity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Washington State University (ASWSU) Senate strongly supports the TRiO food bank and the program “Cougs Feeding Cougs” created by the WSU Administration in their efforts to serve those on campus who are food insecure; and

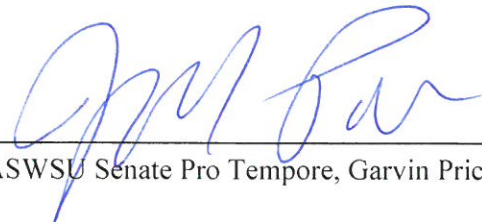
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASWSU Senate strongly encourages all students experiencing food insecurity or hunger to use either or both of these programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASWSU Senate strongly encourages the ASWSU Executive Staff to work in partnership with ASWSU Senate to create a Hunger Awareness Week during the Spring Semester of each academic year beginning Spring 2017 where a campus-wide food drive occurs to support the WSU TRiO food Bank; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon passage this resolution will be sent to WSU President Kirk Schulz, ASWSU President Taylor Christenson, Academic Coordinator and Retention Specialist Ray Acuña-Luna, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Terry Boston, Director of Financial Services for Student Affairs Mollie Holt, Assistant Director of Marketing and Communication for Administrative Services Kyle Cance, ASWSU Director of University Affairs Colleen McMahon, Dean of Students Melynda Huskey, Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Jo Gonzales, Director of Administrative Services Information Systems Craig Howard, and Director of TRiO Student Services Angie Klimko.



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