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Resolution 3-16-F Resolution to Support the Removal of Styrofoam from Campus

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the removal of any usage of Styrofoam from all campus locations, including the Main Bowling Green Campus, South Campus, Knicely Conference Center, Glasgow Campus, Owensboro Campus, Elizabethtown-Fort Knox campus, including any property owned by the University, such as the University Agricultural Farm. This includes, but is not limited to, To-go boxes, bowls and plates, and cups.

WHEREAS: Styrofoam is a material that is not recyclable in the state of Kentucky and has limited reusable uses and takes 500 years to decompose, and

WHEREAS: 300-400 disposable Styrofoam containers are thrown away at each meal time at Fresh Foods Co., and

WHEREAS: Other dining locations such as Panda Express, Benet's in Garrett, TopperGrille, Redzone, Chili's, Steak 'n' Shake, and Chick-fil-A utilize Styrofoam containers and cups, and

WHEREAS: There are alternative options to Styrofoam that are recyclable, such as cardboard boxes, biodegradable plastic containers, and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Associations at other large universities such as Yale, Duke, Auburn, Colgate, and University of Hawaii have banned Styrofoam on their campuses, and

WHEREAS: The usage of biodegradable containers and cups should be encouraged to lessen the waste and harmful environment effects of disposables.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the removal of Styrofoam from all locations on all Western Kentucky University campuses.

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