



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution to Address Food Insecurity on Campus

Whereas, the [Hope Center](#) found that approximately 45% of college students have suffered from food insecurity;

Whereas, the IU 2019 Financial Wellness Survey found stark numbers of food insecurity across IU's campuses, highlighted below;¹

University-Wide Stats

- 37% - The Food that I bought just did not last and I did not have money to get more.
- 45.3% - I could not afford to eat balanced meals.
- In the last 30 days:
 - 27.6% - Was hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money for food
 - 45.3% - Ate less than one felt they should because there was not enough money for food
 - 33.6% - Cut the size or skipped a meal because there was not enough money for food

IU Bloomington Stats

- 36.8% - The Food that I bought just did not last and I did not have money to get more.
- 43.8% - I could not afford to eat balanced meals.
 - 26.9% - Was hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money for food
 - 38.4% - Ate less than one felt they should because there was not enough money for food
 - 33.8% - Cut the size or skipped a meal because there was not enough money for food

Whereas, food insecurity has a disparate impact on First Generation Students, Minoritized Students, and Female Students;

Whereas, COVID-19 has increased the financial burden on college students and has caused an increase in Food Insecurity at IU Bloomington;

¹ Note that this was pre-COVID and did not include graduate students; therefore, it is likely that each of these numbers are higher than currently reported.



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Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Government has been advocating for increased food security on campus through support of the Campus Kitchen organization and Emergency Meals Project;²

Whereas, the Graduate and Professional Student Government is partnering with the University Graduate School on a survey of graduate student financial struggles, which will provide data and guidance;

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for an increase in University support offered to the Crimson Cupboard, the Campus Kitchen, and any Emergency Meal Programs established on campus.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for the establishment of donatable meal points/swipes through the IU Dining meal plan program.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG support the mission of the AUSA Food Insecurity Taskforce to combat food insecurity across all IU campuses.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for food security funding as a priority for the Committee for Fee Review.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for the establishment of a university-wide office tasked with tracking, reporting, and addressing food security issues across all IU campuses.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for the establishment of the Food Security Council.

- This group should comprise at least the following: one IUSG Representative, one GPSG Representative, a Campus Kitchen Student Representative, a Crimson Cupboard Student Representative, a Food Institute Representative, an IU Dining Representative, a Representative from the Dean of Students Office, and three faculty members.

² https://gpsg.sitehost.iu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/food_insecurity_resolution.pdf



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- This group shall be tasked with tackling food insecurity on campus through meal programs, funding initiatives, nutritional programming, and other actions deemed necessary by the FSC to address the dietary needs of students.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on October 2, 2020.

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Date