



RESOLUTION 1516-76

TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: Zach Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability
DATE: February 12th, 2016
SUBJECT: Trayless Dining

Action Requested

We call on all campus that are a part of the State University of New York System to discontinue the usage of trays in their main dining facilities.

Resolution

I recommend that the Student Assembly of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the environmental benefits of going trayless include conserving energy by eliminating the need to heat water for tray washing, saving one third to one half gallon of water per tray and creating less food waste going into landfills; and

Whereas a study conducted at SUNY Fredonia with constant variables concluded that by eliminating trays the food waste dropped from 6.38 ounces per person to 4.05 ounces per person ; and

Whereas by eliminating trays, campuses will be cutting down on their water consumption in turn reducing their water bill; and

Whereas schools that have gone trayless include: SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Alfred, SUNY Broome, Harvard, Columbia University, and many more; and

Whereas in an effort to be conscientious, going trayless is a pragmatic way for SUNY to reduce its carbon footprint and waste; therefore, be it

Resolved that SUNYSA encourages campuses eliminate trays in all of the dining facilities when feasible with the exception of those needed for students with a disability; and, be it further

Resolved that SUNY campuses start to monitor the food waste pre and post consumer that their dining facilities create; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.