



73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 13

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): Ramos, Marcus, Murcia, Nasworthy, Fineout, Preshia, Gerdt, Arutt, Stults

Whereas: On December 9, 2020, Florida State University announced a new dining services agreement with the Aramark Corporation, herein after referred to as "Aramark", that will affect "all areas of the current dining program, including the all-you-care-to-eat residential locations, retail restaurants, campus convenience stores and catering" and is expected to "generate approximately \$31 million annually" (FSU News), and

Whereas: The Gainesville Chapter of the Dream Defenders, UF NAACP, the UF Black Student Union and the Coalition to Abolish Prison Slavery at UF have called for a monetary boycott of Aramark and the Reitz Union Food Court at the University of Florida to pressure the university to contract a new food supplier that does not use prison labor, and

Whereas: In 2019, Aramark was sued for involuntary servitude by eight people incarcerated at the Santa Rita Jail in California's Alameda County. According to the lawsuit, people incarcerated at Santa Rita prepare and package more than 16,000 meals a day at the jail's industrial kitchen. Starting as early as 2015, people at Santa Rita have been forced to do this work "under threat of punitive measures by their jailers" and receive no pay, illegally profiting from free labor by prisoners, and

Whereas: Audits of the company revealed Aramark regularly defrauds taxpayers by overcharging states and violating contract terms. Aramark has previously lost food service contracts at universities across the United States over poor quality and health concerns, and has a history of wage and hour violations, as well as paying employees below a living wage, and

Whereas: Article I, Section 5 of the Florida State University Student Body Constitution states that "The purpose of this organization shall be: (E) To take action on behalf of the student body in general, and to specifically work for: (E)(1) The expansion of student power in all aspects of student and university governance, (E)(3) The enforcement of civil rights guarantees in all aspects of university life and policy, (E)(6) The defense of the right of faculty, students and campus workers to organize in their interest, (E)(7) The protection of full student autonomy over student life, services, and interests, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Senate stands in solidarity with The Gainesville Chapter of the Dream Defenders, UF NAACP, the UF Black Student Union and the Coalition to Abolish Prison Slavery at UF and supports the boycott of Aramark and the Reitz Union Food Court.

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State University Student Senate, in the interest of fulfilling the duties outlined in Article I, Section 5, calls for a monetary boycott by students, staff, faculty, and guests of all Aramark-supported dining and food service facilities at Florida State University until the following demands are met:

-The Florida State University ensure that any companies it contracts with will not be engaged in any prison labor contracts, invest in, exploit, or utilize prison labor in any way.

-The Florida State University shall consult students through public forum and inclusion of student input during negotiations before entering into any new contract between the University and any third party that would have an impact on student life and the student experience at Florida State University

-The Florida State University ensure that all employees working on campus for third parties contracted by the University are paid a living wage

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to
John Thrasher, Florida State University President
Dr. Kent Fuchs, University of Florida President
Kyle Clark, FSU Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dr. Amy Hecht, FSU Vice President for Student Affairs
The Florida State University Board of Trustees
Jack Donovan, President of Aramark Higher Education
Jonathan Levin, FSU Student Body President
Trevor Pope, UF Student Body President

OFFICIAL: _____
Alexander Harmon
Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 34Y – 1N – 3A
PASSED: January 27th, 2021