

Florida A&M University Student Government Association
49th Student Senate
SR20SP-006

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First Reading: January 27th, 2020
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Title: Food Pantry
Legislation: Senate Resolution Bill

Whereas, The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Senate is the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association and is empowered to pass legislation as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Student Government Association, and

Whereas, Florida A&M University’s food pantry is a small repository of canned and non-perishable food items made available to students with emergency food needs for the last 13 years, and

Whereas, A study by Thompson et al. (2019) indicated that demographic groups who are at a higher risk for food insecurity among the general population are also more likely to experience food insecurity as students. According to the USDA (2018), rates of food insecurity were higher than the national average in households with Black, non-Hispanic (21.2%) and Hispanic (16.2%) heads of household. Recent studies also report between 30-50% of college students experiencing some level of food insecurity (Thompson et al., 2019), and

Whereas, The majority of Florida A&M University’s students have little to no knowledge about the Food Pantry provided by Student Health Services and could greatly benefit from this program provided,

Therefore, **Be it resolved** that the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Government Association on behalf of the Student Body effectively publicizes when Student Health Services provides their Food Pantry services in a timely manner through FAMUINFO.

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For: 21 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Pass: X Fail:

Student Senate President *Christopher V. Miller*

Date: 02/04/2020

Student Body President *Rocharad Moricette*

Date: 02/05/2020