

**Florida A&M University  
Student Government Association  
49<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
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**First Reading:** March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
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**Title:** Food Sustainability Referendum  
**Legislation:** Senate Referendum 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 is located in what is classified as a *food desert*, an urban area in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food. According to prevalent studies, as a result of these food deserts, most recent data reports a range of 14–59 percent of students being food insecure at some point during their college career. This has a direct impact on motivation and academic success, 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,** The Florida A&M food pantry is lacking in certain areas of operation such as only being open one to two times a week and offering foods that do not meet high standards of food quality, making it nearly impossible to sustain the growing needs of the student body. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has offered to assist Florida A&M University in finding adequate and sufficient food suppliers so,

**Therefore,** **Be it submitted** to the student body a referendum on Food Sustainability that reads as follows:

“Does the food pantry operate at times that is appropriate for you?”

**Yes**                      **No**                      **N/A**

“Does the food pantry currently administer food that you would eat?”

**Yes**                      **No**                      **N/A**

Do you live within 3 miles of an establishment that sells affordable fresh fruits, vegetables and meats?

**Yes**                      **No**                      **N/A**

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**For: 24**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Pass: PASS**

**Fail:**

**Student Senate President** *Christopher V. Miller*

**Date:** 03/28/2020

**Student Body President** *Rochard Moricette*

**Date:** 03/31/2020