A Resolution Supporting the 2014 Real Food Campus Commitment Action Plan

WHEREAS, Macalester College holds academic excellence, internationalism multiculturalism, and service to society as the college's mission

WHEREAS, Macalester College has committed to sustainability as a central mission of the college, defining sustainability as "the ability of future generations to meet their needs by working toward a healthy environment, social justice, and a strong economy;"

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2012, Macalester signed the Real Food Campus Commitment with the support of MCSG from a resolution passed in Spring of 2012;

WHEREAS, This commitment pledged Macalester to sourcing 30% of food through Bon Appetit from sources defined by Real Food Challenge guidelines as “Real Food,” food that is ecologically sound, community-based, fair, and humane; forming a Food Systems Working Group comprising of students, Bon Appetit staff, and Macalester College representatives to implement the Real Food Campus Commitment; and creating an Action Plan to establish a concrete set of steps for reaching the goals outlined in the Real Food Campus Commitment;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Legislative Body here assembled that:

Macalester College should support and take any necessary actions to follow the 2014 Real Food Campus Commitment Action Plan that:

1. Establishes standards and benchmarks dining service operations including: food purchasing, employee rights, environmental sustainability, healthy eating initiatives, and cultural diversity in food service at Bon Appetit at Macalester

2. Establishes a goal of increasing food systems education through: increasing awareness, providing classroom and co-curricular educational opportunities, and increasing campus and community involvement in food systems discourse

3. Establishes standards for tracking Macalester’s progress on Real Food Commitment goals through: implementation of the Real Food Calculator, providing annual progress reports, hiring student workers, and convening the Food Systems Working Group