WHEREAS: According to the Florida Atlantic University Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analysis, 2,582 residents lived on the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses for the year of 2010 and 2011; and,

WHEREAS: All residents on the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses are mandated to buy a meal plan, with the exception of the University Village Apartments located on the Boca Raton Campus and the upcoming Innovation Village; and,

WHEREAS: According to the FAU Dine On Campus website the meal plans range from $1,465.00 to $1,809.00; and,

WHEREAS: There is only one contract a resident signs when they decide to live on campus; and,

WHEREAS: “Residence in University residence halls requires participation in the University’s residential dining program” is the only sentence within the housing contract that even mentions anything regarding a meal plan; and,

WHEREAS: Within the contract neither Chartwells or the specifics of the “dining program”, like price, hours, locations etc., are mentioned; and,

WHEREAS: After signing the housing contract the student is bombarded with mail mandating them to purchase a meal plan and threatening to choose a meal plan for them if they do not choose it within a certain time frame; and,

WHEREAS: The student never signs to purchase a meal plan directly; and,

WHEREAS: Other universities throughout the state of Florida have the choice to purchase a meal plan separate from housing; and,

WHEREAS: The best business is one that gives the consumer what they want in order to capitalize on all profits; and,

WHEREAS: The students deserve to have the ability to choose what is best for them; and,
WHEREAS: The students should have the ability to purchase what they want, where they want; and,

WHEREAS: The residents who purchase a meal plan don’t feel that they are getting the service and quality they pay for; and,

WHEREAS: The worst trading agreement is one in which a company already has your money leaving the consumer with no buying power; NOW,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Florida Atlantic University Wide Senate support and encourage the splitting of the Housing contract to distinguish between the on campus living component and the on campus dining component to create two separate contracts that are, in the interest of the students, not mandated to be signed together.