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Student Government  
Boca Raton House of Representatives  
5th Legislative Session  
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"Mutualism at FAU"

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WHEREAS: According to the Florida Atlantic University Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analysis, 2,325 residents lived on the Boca Raton campus for the year of 2010 and 2011; and,

WHEREAS: All residents on the Boca Raton campus 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,

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
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: Residents who purchase a meal plan don't feel they are getting the service and quality they are paying; 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 House of Representatives 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.

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Aarons - Absent
Alford - Absent
Alincy - Absent
Anastasi – Absent
Arsolino – Yes
Becker - Yes
Berichi - Absent
Blouin – Yes
Capata – Yes
Cyrise - Absent
Dumas – Yes
Dunne – Yes
Fritz – Yes
Gordon – Yes
Gorry – Yes
Guimares - Yes
Grider – Absent
Joseph – Yes
Lupo – Yes
Maher - Yes
Massetti – Yes
McCoy – Yes
Mohi - Absent
Montes – Yes

Nicotra - Yes
Ortiz - Absent
Phillips - Yes
Pollock - Absent
Robinson - Absent
Rudnick - Absent
Smatrakaleva - Yes
Sosa - Absent
Tepper - Yes
Varela - Yes
Ward - Absent
Wu - Yes
Bastidas - Yes

BRHR-11-07 PASSED on this 8th day of April, 2011 by a vote of 23 YES and 0 NO

Signature – House Speaker
Legislation Signature Sheet

This Bill / Resolution # P97-R-11-07 PASSED / FAILED on this 8th day of April, 2011 by a vote of 23 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN

moved by Arsoino and seconded by Mascetti.

Signature – House Speaker:

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 23rd day of April, 2011. Signature – Campus Governor:

Allison Gentry

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 4th day of April, 2011. Signature – Student Body President:

Aydn Maher

For All Legislation, Pursuant to University Regulation 4.005:

This Bill / Resolution is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 19th day of April, 2011.

Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs:

Dr. Charles Brown

This Bill / Resolution is Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this 2nd day of August, 2011.

The original was never received by the Court. This copy was provided by Student Affairs.