A Resolution Concerning Trayless Dining at Carleton

Whereas, Trayless Tuesdays reduced food waste by approximately 20 percent on Tuesdays in LDC in Fall of 2010, according to measurements by Bon Appetit; and

Whereas, Reducing food waste through trayless dining would save money that would be put back into the dining program in order to continue to improve the quality of the program for Carleton students; and

Whereas, Reducing food waste through trayless dining could help reduce Carleton’s carbon footprint as Carleton has committed to do in the President’s Climate Commitment, since food production is responsible for 30 percent of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, Over 90 percent of respondents indicated that Carleton’s environmental consciousness is somewhat or very important to them in the STA’s Winter 2011 Trayless Survey, written and designed in cooperation with Carleton’s Office of Institutional Research and Assessment; and

Whereas, The Environmental Advisory Committee, President Poskanzer, and the Residential Life Sustainability Committee recommend that Carleton transition completely to trayless dining; and

Whereas, Trayless dining has been implemented at hundreds of schools, including many schools similar to Carleton that also use Bon Appétit such as Oberlin College and Colorado College; and

Whereas, Over 90 percent of respondents in the STA’s Winter 2011 Trayless Survey would support, be okay with or have no preference about continuing Trayless Tuesdays; and

Whereas, Approximately 70 percent of respondents in the STA’s Winter 2011 Trayless Survey would support, be okay with or have no preference about going trayless every day; and

Whereas, Over 500 Carleton students signed a petition in support of the college’s transition to trayless dining in Fall Term 2010; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the CSA Senate advises that the College and Bon Appétit continue Trayless Tuesdays in the LDC; and

Resolved, That the CSA Senate advises that the College and Bon Appétit remove trays from the LDC for every meal every day starting in Fall 2011 (but continue to provide trays to those who ask for them); and

Resolved, That the CSA Senate encourages the College and Bon Appétit to continue to consider options that would make it possible to remove trays from Burton Dining Hall.