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Bill to Create the Dining Proposal Committee

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Committee has not been disbanded; and

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Committee is using the consultant's report as a template for its recommendations; and

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Committee has no plan to investigate the objectivity of the survey data analysis; and

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Committee has been unable to fulfill requests for transparency involving survey data and the consultant's first draft report; and

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Committee's membership has been closed, locking in a group of student members who are not adequately representative of student interests; and

Whereas these and other actions have caused the Undergraduate Association to question its confidence in the Blue Ribbon Committee and its ability to represent student interests in its recommendation process;

Be it resolved, by the Undergraduate Association assembled in Senate:

That the Dining Proposal Committee be created as an ad-hoc committee of the Undergraduate Association; and

That the following serve as a charge to the Dining Proposal Committee:

“To examine the current dining system at MIT, including menus, hours, locations, pricing, perceived value, sustainability, etc;
to review all available data on students' current dining habits and dining preferences;
to assess the impact of retail operations and other external factors on residential dining;
to recommend a comprehensive program that meets the needs of the MIT community.”; and

That the UA Nominations Committee nominate undergraduate students to the Dining Proposal Committee, including but not limited to the following positions:

Chair

Vice Chair

Athletics Representative

Dietary Restrictions Representative

Dining Hall Dormitory Representative

Kitchen-based Dormitory Representative

Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living Group Representative; and



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That the Dining Proposal Committee maintain the utmost levels of transparency and responsiveness to students; and

That the Dining Proposal Committee aim to submit a draft report to the Undergraduate Association Senate for deliberation no later than April 24, 2009; and

That the Dining Proposal Committee aim to submit a final report to the Undergraduate Association Senate for approval no later than May 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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