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Resolution to Demand Meal Plan Study Data

Whereas data from the survey conducted by Envision Strategies on MIT dining is critical to helping students understand the needs of the MIT community; and

Whereas versions of this data have been made available to the MIT community in various summary forms; and

Whereas no complete, easily machine-readable version of the data has been released, including complete surveys, maintaining the connection between individuals' responses to different questions; and

Whereas students deserve the opportunity to see the data for themselves, and to assess whether the analysts' conclusions were correct; and

Whereas numerous statistical techniques for analyzing this data are within the reach of students; and

Whereas independent statistical analysis is a hallmark of good scientific research;

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

That the Undergraduate Association calls on the MIT administration, including relevant administrators up to President Susan Hockfield, to authorize the release of the data collected by the surveys to the Undergraduate Association, and by extension the MIT community at large, for the purpose of allowing independent analysis; and

That the data be provided in its original, machine-readable form, with all individual survey responses and all questions from one individual linked together, rather than in any sort of aggregate form; and

That the Undergraduate Association Vice President shall communicate this request, including the text of this resolution, to appropriate administrators and shall report back to the Senate by the next Senate meeting; and

That the members of this body would consider a failure to release this data to be a fundamental breach of trust on the part of the administration, which has continually promised increased transparency.

Respectfully submitted,

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