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Bill to Reform Undergraduate Dining

Whereas the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee outlined a flawed recommendation process that was not sufficiently transparent; and

Whereas the senior administration diverted the consultant's report from the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee without the committee members' approval or knowledge, thereby circumventing the approval process; and

Whereas Envision Strategies' report included results from a survey that captured several unique aspects of MIT that differentiate it from its peer institutions, but the report proceeded to recommend a dining plan that did not properly take these aspects into account; and

Whereas several recommendations included in the consultant's report directly contradicted results obtained in the survey, most notably widespread opposition among students to mandatory dining plans and the subsequent recommendation for them; and

Whereas the track record of the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee thus far has instilled a broad lack of confidence in the Committee's leadership, particularly as it relates to student involvement; and

Whereas the Dean of Student Life is responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of any undergraduate dining reform;

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

That the consultant's report be discarded; and

That Envision Strategies be excluded from formation of future recommendations for undergraduate dining at MIT; and

That objectivity of the survey analysis be reconsidered; and

That participation in an undergraduate dining system not be mandatory; and

That the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee be disbanded; and

That the Dean of Student Life charge the Undergraduate Association with the formation of a committee representing a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff, in order to produce recommendations for undergraduate dining at MIT before June 2009; and

That the committee charged with the formation of recommendations for undergraduate dining at



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MIT maintain the utmost levels of transparency.

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