



S2022-R5 – Food for All Students

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas is a university that prides itself on celebrating an inclusive culture that welcomes all faiths and religions of our diverse student body.

WHEREAS, UNT has a diverse population of students from varying religious and cultural backgrounds, many of which practice the consumption of Halal food products.

WHEREAS, UNT does not serve any Halal meats for three reasons: “it is very difficult to find certified halal meats, they are very expensive, and we have not received any requests for Halal meats.” (The University of North Texas Dining Services White Paper: Halal)

WHEREAS, Muslims can only eat meat that is humanely slaughtered, so unless they know that the meat on campus has been humanely slaughtered (that is, halal) they will not be able to eat meat on campus, which can inhibit their capacity to function. Furthermore, in the Qur’an it is stated “So eat only of what is slaughtered in Allah’s Name if you truly believe in His revelations”.(Surah Al-An'am, Ayah 118)

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, UNT dining serves certified Halal food that is separately prepared to the standards of Islamic practices, for inclusivity of all students’ religious beliefs.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The legislation be sent to the following individuals:

1. Peter Balabuch, Executive Director of Dining Services
2. Derrick Cripps, Senior Director of Operations of Dining Services

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Grant Johnson

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Senator Alejandro Castellanos

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Senator Mustafa Syed


College of Science

President of the Muslim Student Association

References:

1. UT serving Halal
<https://thedailytexan.com/2020/01/24/after-years-of-advocacy-halal-food-is-introduced-in-university-dining-halls/>
2. Halal Supplier
<https://crescentfoods.com/halaloncampus/>
3. The University of North Texas Dining Services White Paper: Halal
<http://d1qkyo3pi1c9bx.cloudfront.net/D7021408-671F-42FA-837E-DEB20A6B3D76/57f1714c-75e3-450e-bbb1-5bb8f7a40ce0.pdf>

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.



Speaker of the Senate

3/24/2022

Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
 Approved



President of the Student Government Association

3/27/22

Date

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date