Hiring a Student Advisory Board for the UWM Food Pantry

WHEREAS, members of the Student Association (hereafter SA) have been spearheading the creation of an on-campus food pantry.

WHEREAS, the food pantry is scheduled to open to students, faculty, and staff in January 2018 in a section of the old Kenwood Inn restaurant on the third floor of the union.

WHEREAS, the UWM Food Pantry Steering Committee (hereafter FPSC) has not yet established a permanent governance structure for the pantry and has voiced concerns over the lack of student input into that process.

WHEREAS, the FPSC has decided to run a pilot structure for the pantry during Spring 2018 while gathering student feedback to finalize a permanent governance structure for Fall 2018.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to have more students who can dedicate time to planning and development of the food pantry.

WHEREAS, a Student Advisory Board (hereafter SAB) would direct the next steps toward a more food secure UWM by gathering student input via surveys and focus groups while also assisting in the program development and strategic planning of the food pantry.

WHEREAS, the SAB would work in tandem with the FPSC, the SA Senate, and the SA Executive Branch to relay student feedback collected to enhance the mission of the food pantry.

WHEREAS, the SA Executive Branch has decided to not hire office assistants even though it was budgeted for them to do so.

WHEREAS, the SA Executive Branch is in support of instead hiring four students to serve on the SAB.

WHEREAS, hiring a SAB would not impede the SA Senate or Executive Branch from having the funds to provide meaningful programming for UWM students.

WHEREAS, the SA Senate approves and amends the SA budget per Article IV, Section 8 of the SA Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The SA Senate approves of hiring 4 students to serve on the food pantry Student Advisory Board at $9/hour to not exceed $5,400 from the SA budget.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The SA Executive Branch will hire students for the SAB and ensure the SAB will report monthly to the SA Executive Branch and SA Senate.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; That upon passage of this legislation, it is communicated with members of the UWM Food Pantry Steering Committee and SA Professional Staff.

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Legislative History
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