



# Associated Students of Western Washington University

Board of Directors

**Resolution Regarding Students' Purchasing Power, Job Opportunities, and Food Supply**

**May 2012**

Whereas, the unionization of non-student food service employees on campus will increase the labor costs of providing food, Aramark will not suffer alone but instead pass increased costs onto students through higher food prices. This will lower our purchasing power at a time when college is already becoming less affordable.

Whereas, a union contract will prevent Aramark from replacing non-student employees with lower-wage students, unionization will take away job opportunities that some of us students depend on to get through college.

Whereas, a union strike would cut off our campus's food supply, thousands would go hungry, campus activities would be disrupted, and the missions of the AS and University would be compromised.

Be it resolved that the ASWWU, the University, and Aramark have mutual interest in food service employees on campus not forming a union.

Be it resolved, that the ASWWU urges the university and its contractors to preserve students' purchasing power, job opportunities, and food supply by preventing the unionization of non-student employees on campus.

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