Government Bill #11
2015-2016
Encourage University to no longer purchase or use Styrofoam Food Packaging

WHEREAS, the negative impact Polystyrene Styrofoam has on the environment is well documented; and,

WHEREAS, The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) has already declared its opposition to the use of Styrofoam food packaging products during the 2014-2015 Academic year; and,

WHEREAS, the Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Christine Jackson, Sustainability Coordinator Prabhakar Shrestha, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Juan Franco, and Chancellor Harvey Perlman have been included in the discussion on banning Styrofoam food packaging products from our campus; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Regents of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), and University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) have all been consulted on the removal of Styrofoam food packaging products on their respective campuses; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Regents of UNK, UNL, UNMC, and UNO have determined that the four campuses of the University of Nebraska are receptive to removing Styrofoam food packaging products.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ASUN encourages the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to no longer purchase and use Styrofoam food packaging products; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ASUN encourages President Hank Bounds of the University of Nebraska to issue an Executive Memorandum committing the University to no longer purchasing and using Styrofoam food packaging products; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, THAT ASUN supports a transition period to phase out the use of Styrofoam food packaging products contingent on the special needs of each campus, with no transition period lasting more than four years.

SUBMITTED BY: President T. Chau       DATE 10-05-15

FLOOR ACTION Adopted by Acclamation DATE 10-8-15

PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE DATE 10-8-15