Resolution 30-06

A Resolution Encouraging the University’s Dining Services and EITS to Add a Feature on the UGA App Designed to Allow Students to Check their Paw Point Balance and to Ascertain the Number of Remaining Meals on their Plan per Semester

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WHEREAS, Dining Services, as a unit of Auxiliary Services in the Finance and Administration division at the University of Georgia, offer various meal plan options for on-campus residential students and off-campus commuter students; and,

WHEREAS, these meal plans include several options with a specified number of Paw Points and a limited number of meals per semester, including the residential-student options of an unlimited seven-day plan with 110 Paw Points and an unlimited five-day plan with 275 Paw Points and also the commuter-student options of an 80-block (or swipe) plan with 665 Paw Points, an 80-block plan with 255 Paw Points, and a 65-block plan with 300 Paw Points; and,

WHEREAS, currently, the only way to check the number of Paw Points and meals remaining per semester is to access the Student Account Management page, a program run by Atrium, via the Dining Services website or to request a receipt from the employee monitoring the turnstile at a given dining hall; and,

WHEREAS, According to the UGA Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) website, “The UGA Mobile App is the best of the Bulldog Nation in one, central mobile app for
students, visitors, parents, faculty, staff and fans. It’s the official mobile app of the University of Georgia;” and,

WHEREAS, In the application, under the “Links” section, there is an option for “UGA Dining,” but it only redirects the user to the Dining Services website, instead of providing a more practical service for students to check their meal plan status.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 30th administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of the University of Georgia, encourages the university’s Dining Services, in conjunction with EITS and SGA, to work to produce a stand-alone feature (aside from the “Links” feature) on the “Home” page of the UGA Application designed explicitly for the purpose of allowing students to check their Paw Point balance and to ascertain their number of remaining meals per semester.

CITATIONS

https://dining.uga.edu/meal-plans

https://dining.uga.edu/meal-plans/residential-meal-plans

https://dining.uga.edu/meal-plans/commuter-meal-plans

https://eits.uga.edu/web_and_applications/mobileapps/