Rec. #2018-03-05 UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT University Senate Resolution (endorsed unanimously on March 22, 2018): University Senate Resolution: Request to renegotiate Aramark Contract with respect to student fee (MPD) structure

The University Senate strongly encourages the President to review this resolution and reconsider the agreement in question.

As the University Senate requests, I have forwarded this resolution to President Caboni for his consideration.

Senate Resolution on Aramark Contract

The University Senate affirms that it is critical to keep student fees and mandatory payments to a minimum. The latest contract between WKU and Aramark includes an increase in dining plan costs for students and rising mandatory Meal Plan Dollars (MPD). The implementation of these fees/costs, in addition to paying for services, are also funding the renovation of Garrett Conference Center or the creation of a new dining facility. The increased fees will add an additional financial strain to current and incoming students, potentially causing a further decline in enrollments at WKU.

Therefore, we request that the university President renegotiate the June 20, 2017 Contract for Dining Services with Aramark.