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Resolution 3-18-S: Resolution to Support the Renegotiation of the Aramark Contract

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the renegotiation of the Aramark contract in order to protect students from excessive fees.

**WHEREAS:** A 20-year contract with Aramark was signed in March 2017 by former President Gary Ransdell that included a per-semester fee for all full-time students not on a meal plan in order to help fund Garrett Conference Center Renovations, and

**WHEREAS:** The initial fee of \$75 was implemented in Fall 2017 without sufficient education of students, and was not well received. This fee would now increase incrementally to \$150, then \$300 within the next year, and \$350 within 10 years, and

**WHEREAS:** Over the course of a student's 4-year academic career, this could increase the cost of attendance by \$2800. These excessive fees could disproportionately affect low-income students, as well as all students having the right to choose where and how they eat, and

**WHEREAS:** A renegotiation of the Aramark contract to include a renovation funding plan not so disproportionately burdened on students would indicate Western Kentucky University as a truly student-centric university, and

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the renegotiation of the Aramark contract in order to protect students from excessive fees.

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