



**Resolution Advocating the Development and Implementation
of Expanded Student Card Services**

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WHEREAS, student identification (ID) cards currently provide minimal services to students, restricted to a meal plan account and building access;

WHEREAS, identification cards at many of the University's peer institutions far exceed Washington University's student IDs in terms of more diverse capabilities (which include, but are not limited to, interfaces with laundry machines, vending machines, bookstores, local businesses, etc.);

WHEREAS, computer software offering the potential of a greatly enhanced ID account system has already been purchased, comprising much of the cost of an upgrade;

WHEREAS, there is widespread student support for the expansion of student IDs as a method of payment for campus services;

WHEREAS, student IDs offering the previously mentioned amenities would benefit the University, support local businesses, and enhance the quality of life for the student body;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Union Senate strongly urges the administration of Washington University to proceed with the bureaucratic and physical steps necessary in creating student IDs with enhanced capabilities. Such improvements may initially include a separate account for laundry and vending machines – an account that could potentially be used in the Campus Bookstore, Bear Necessities, and/or local businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Union Senate calls for significant student representation on current and future bodies charged with the implementation of ID enhancements.

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