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Office of the President

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To: Shannon Bellum, University Senate President

From: Jonathan Koppell, President

Date: February 13, 2025

Re: Response to To-Go Containers Policy Proposal

President Bellum:

I have reviewed the Senate's proposal for a policy on the University's use of to-go containers. Since that proposal was submitted in 2021, there have been substantial changes to our dining services practices that we believe negate the need for a formal policy on to-go containers.

Since 2021, the University has eliminated plastic bags from the dining program to-go packaging and all to-go orders are now provided in paper bags. Additionally, in our retail dining locations, we primarily use paper-based, compostable to-go products for food prepared on-site. Furthermore, in the residential dining halls, we have instituted a multi-use takeout food container program called Green-to-Go. This program provides students with reusable containers to use when they plan to take their meals to go, significantly diminishing the demand for disposable alternatives, thereby lessening the accumulation of single-use plastics and other materials in our environment. The University has committed itself to increasing its sustainable practices, and has charged the newly created Director of Sustainability with addressing these issues.

Thank you for your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Koppell
President