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In Support of Removing Approved Vendors List

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Whereas, *The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) represents the concerns of the students attending the campus in matters of a University-wide nature, as well as those issues impacting the combined interests of the campuses, and*

Whereas, *The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments recognizes and supports the University's Risk Management Team in their careful work of guaranteeing catered events provided to students and guests follow food regulations and safety procedures. This can be seen in the requirements for vendors to become approved. However, an update in the 2022 Fall Semester regarding additional insurance requirement needed to become an approved vendor had caused many local businesses to no longer be able to partner with The Pennsylvania State University and the Commonwealth Campuses, and*

Whereas, *Administrative Policy 26 (AD 26) has at the time of this writing been relaxed for The Pennsylvania State University campuses and vendors now only need a valid*

Pennsylvania Vendors License. While campuses with catering staff should first consider in-house food services, outside vendors are still important to include to support our local communities in the name of The Pennsylvania State University and allow students to have access to more authentic cultural foods and

Whereas, *The Pennsylvania State University's diverse student population has different dietary needs, restrictions, and preferences. While in-house food services are adequate, many cultural foods, dishes, and restrictions are more accurate from restaurants and vendors that specialize in or are members of that culture. During cultural events, these food vendors are essential in the proper practice and celebration, and*

Whereas, *As The Pennsylvania State University campuses are spread across the Commonwealth, so are the different vendors. Each Commonwealth campus has their own unique student makeup and needs, so it is important that each student body has the ability to support not only their local cultural community but meet the dietary needs of their students while also being supportive of culture and inclusivity.*

Be it resolved, *The Council of Commonwealth of Student Governments members advocate for the permanent removal of the approved vendors list so that all of The Pennsylvania State University can continue to uphold values of diversity and inclusion, as well as continue to build strong connections with our many communities under the name of The Pennsylvania State University.*

Respectfully,

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Council Action

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Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: _____ Date: 02/06/2023

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Penn State Policies. Sale and Serving of Food and Beverages at University Locations | Penn State

Policies. (2013, June 19). Retrieved January 25, 2023, from

<https://policy.psu.edu/policies/ad26>