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**A Resolution-**

To be entitled – “A Resolution in Support of Reinstalling Post-Consumer Compost Bins and Shadowboxes at all Texas State Dining Locations” which calls on the university to resume the previously discontinued post-consumer composting program through Bobcat Blend.

**WHEREAS:** Food waste which is not properly disposed of ends up int landfills, where it is buried, deprived of oxygen, and eventually produces methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas; and

**WHEREAS:** A study by the International Energy Agency in 2012 listed food waste as being responsible for 8.2% of all global greenhouse gas emissions, which is comparable to the 10.1% of emissions produced by vehicular road transportation[[1]](#footnote-2); and

**WHEREAS:** According to figures released by the Food and

Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 2014 and 2015 food waste accounts for about 4.4 gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions per year[[2]](#footnote-3); and

**WHEREAS:** According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

tossed out edible food scraps are the single biggest component of waste in landfills today[[3]](#footnote-4); and

**WHEREAS:** Bobcat Blend is a student run, research and teaching

oriented campus composting program, which raises awareness about the intrinsic value of composting, while helping students, faculty, and staff develop environmentally and economically sustainable habits and ensuring that the university as a whole takes a responsible approach toward waste management; and

**WHEREAS:** Since the removal of post-consumer compost bins and

shadow boxes in Texas State dining halls, Bobcat Blend has been unable to process post-consumer compostable waste, which makes up a significant proportion of food waste which is improperly disposed of and ends up in landfills; and

**WHEREAS:** On February 3rd, 2020, the Texas State Student Senate passed “A Resolution in Support of Adding Part-Time Staff for Bobcat Blend” which requests that the university administration hire a part time Bobcat Blend technician to service and operate the Bobcat Blend composting facility and the Bobcat Blend vermiculture facility; NOW, THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas State Student Government calls for the University administration to, in conjunction with Waste Management and the departments of sustainability and agriculture as well as Bobcat Blend, install diligently labeled post-consumer compost bins and shadow boxes at all Texas State dining and food vending locations, so that students at Texas State University may begin to take personal responsibility over their own food waste, and reduce their individual emissions; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** This legislation will be forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.

1. https://doi.org/10.1787/co2\_fuel-2014-en [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb144e.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. https://hillviews.txstate.edu/issues/2017/a-taste-of-texas-state/bobcat-blend.html [↑](#footnote-ref-4)