

# EPS Resolution

Carnegie Mellon University Faculty Senate

March 6, 2018

*On Behalf of the Staff Council at Carnegie Mellon University*

Be it enacted by the Faculty Senate assembled,

WHEREAS, the Carnegie Mellon University Faculty Senate wishes to support the Strategic Plan 2025 Value for Sustainability, the Staff Council and Student Senate at Carnegie Mellon University sustainable practices on campus, and the Carnegie Mellon University community; and

WHEREAS, Carnegie Mellon has recognized its responsibility, through the Strategic Plan, to protect the natural environment, economy, and the health of its campus community; and

WHEREAS, expanded polystyrene foam (“EPS”), commonly referred to as Styrofoam, is an environmental pollutant that is commonly used as food packaging brought into the university from vendors, faculty, staff, and students; and

WHEREAS, due to the physical properties of EPS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency states “such materials can have serious impacts upon human health, wildlife, and aquatic environment, and the economy”; and

WHEREAS, EPS packaging and food service ware cannot be recycled through the Carnegie Mellon recycling collection program and is otherwise difficult or impossible to recycle, and not compostable; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Council enacted a Resolution on April 13, 2017 attesting to the above and strongly encouraging the Carnegie Mellon community to eliminate the use of EPS.

RESOLVED, on this 6<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2018, that the Faculty Senate:

1. Endorses the Staff Council Resolution to eliminate the use of EPS; amended, *"with Green Practices Committee oversight and monitoring"*.
2. Strongly encourages the Carnegie Mellon community to eliminate the use of EPS;
3. Directs the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to eliminate the use of EPS for all meetings of the Faculty Senate and its Committees.

Attested: Carnegie Mellon University Faculty Senate