



EPS Resolution

Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly
April 4, 2018

On behalf of the Staff Council at Carnegie Mellon University

Be it enacted by the Graduate Student Assembly assembled,

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

WHEREAS, Carnegie Mellon has recognizes 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 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 4th day of April, 2018, that the Graduate Student Assembly:

1. Endorses the Staff Council Resolution to eliminate the use of EPS;
2. Strongly encourages the Carnegie Mellon community to eliminate the use of EPS;
3. Directs the Graduate Student Assembly Executive Committee to eliminate the use of EPS for all meetings of the Graduate Student Assembly and its Committees.