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SPONSORED BY: Sen. Sevor

DATE INTRODUCED: 3/6/2019

COMMITTEE: N/A

SUBJECT: Plastic Straw Replacement Act

COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A

SENATE VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE RESULT:

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

I. WHEREAS, By 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish; and

II. WHEREAS, Plastic takes millions of years to decompose and seventy-one percent of seabirds and thirty percent of sea turtles have plastic in their stomachs posing significant environmental risks to the ecosystem; and

III. WHEREAS, The University at Albany has thousands of students and faculty that contribute to plastic pollution through participating in campus center food venues and dining halls; and

IV. WHEREAS, Because of the University at Albany’s massive, encompassing impact, students and faculty can make a significant difference in halting plastic pollution thereby bringing environmental prestige the University; and

V. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Association Senate calls upon the relevant University at Albany officials to see to it that metal straws with cleaners be provided to all students on and off campus; and

VI. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the University at Albany provide paper straws available upon request if a student, faculty, or visitor wishes to use a paper straw or forgets their metal straw; and

VII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the University at Albany will accomplish a hard phase out of plastic straws in all facilities by the fall semester of 2019; and

VIII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Havidan Rodriguez, President of the University at Albany, Dr. Michael Christakis, Vice President of Student Affairs, Steven Pierce, University Auxiliary Services Executive Director, Dr. Mary-Ellen Mallia, Director of Sustainability, Jeff Kurto, Sodexo Retail Manager, and Mr. John Giarrusso, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management.

Langie Cadesca, President

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