

SUBJECT LINE: "Lesley University: Feed Your Hungry Students"

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my frustration over the simultaneous closure of both White Hall Dining and Ava's Cafe for the Fall 2022 semester.

At the beginning of the Fall 2022 semester, the student body was told that White Hall Dining would be closed for the 2022-2023 school year, but that Ava's Cafe would open in place of White Hall Dining by "the middle of September" (as stated [here](#)). As of today, Ava's Cafe has not been reopened and does not appear to be opening anytime soon. Currently, the only food available on Doble Campus is a Grab and Go station located in Marran Gallery—serving microwavable meals that are edible at best. These meal options rarely change and frequently run out, and for students with dietary restrictions, there may be only one meal offering available.

THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO ADD PERSONAL ANECDOTES ABOUT HOW THIS ISSUE HAS AFFECTED YOU. IE: "I AM A GLUTEN FREE VEGETARIAN AND CAN ONLY EAT ONE OF THE MEALS OFFERED AT THE GRAB AND GO STATION IN MARRAN GALLERY."

Quite simply, it is not only unethical, but deceitful, to charge \$3,800 for a meal plan when the only full service dining hall, Washburn Dining, is a 15 minute walk from Doble Campus and a 30 minute walk from Porter Campus. This inconvenience could be forgiven if Lesley's shuttle service was reliable, but, unsurprisingly, it isn't. Instances like this are an incredibly common occurrence on weekdays, and shuttles do not run at all on the weekends. This leaves many students, particularly disabled students who do not have the option to walk between campuses, to go hungry. For a university that prides itself on accessibility and inclusion, this fact should be an embarrassment.

With this email I am emphasizing (1) the urgency of reopening White Hall Dining and/or Ava's Cafe, (2) the need for better meals at Marran Gallery until Doble's dining locations reopen, and (3) consistent shuttle service both on the weekdays and weekends.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

Lesley University Class of YOUR YEAR OF GRADUATION