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**Executive Directive 03-2021**  
**April 26, 2021**

**DIRECTING THE DIRECTORS OF BASIC NEEDS AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT  
TEMPLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL TO UNDERTAKE AND  
RECOMMEND ALL NECESSARY EFFORTS TO COMBAT FOOD, HOUSING, AND  
FINANCIAL INSECURITY**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution of the Temple Student Government, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose.**

- (a) Temple Student Government (heretofore referenced as TSG) shall undertake a comprehensive effort to assess the depth of food, housing, and financial insecurity experienced by Temple University students in order to properly assess the policy recommendations moving forward.
- (b) To acknowledge that “period poverty” (defined in Section 2) is a serious issue and begin to take actions to create a campus with more equitable access to menstrual products.
- (c) To evaluate all current programs relating to food, housing, and financial insecurity to assess effectiveness (or lack thereof) and determine how to maximize the productivity of these resources.

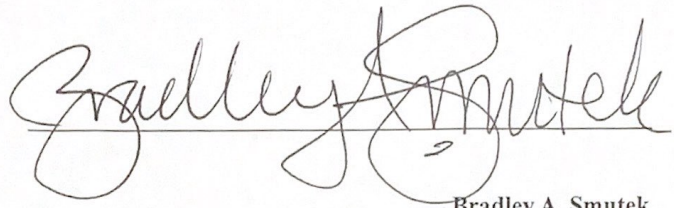
**Section 2. Definitions.**

- (a) Food insecurity is defined by the [United States government](#) as “the disruption of food intake or eating patterns because of lack of money and other resources.”
- (b) Housing insecurity is defined by the [United States government](#) as “an umbrella term that encompasses several dimensions of housing problems people may experience, including affordability, safety, quality, insecurity, and loss of housing.”

- (c) Those who are financially insecure are [defined](#) as those “who are living at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, for whom even a short-term illness, loss of income, or emergency expense can be insurmountable.”
- (d) Period poverty is defined by the [American Medical Women’s Association](#) as “the inadequate access to menstrual hygiene tools and education, including but not limited to sanitary products, washing facilities, and waste management.”
- (e) [Swipe Out Hunger](#) defines themselves as the following: “Swipe Out Hunger is a leading nonprofit addressing hunger among college students. We implement and support commonsense and innovative solutions to campus hunger, including our flagship program, ‘The Swipe Drive,’ where students with extra dining hall meal swipes can donate them to their peers.”
- (f) Hostile architecture is [defined](#) as “features implemented into city and town planning which were created specifically to deter homeless people from finding somewhere to sleep.”

**Section 3. Policy.**

- (a) The Director of Basic Needs shall begin efforts to evaluate existing programs designed to address the basic needs of students and make recommendations to maximize the productivity and effectiveness of such programs.
  - (i) Included in this effort shall be an effort to pursue a future where all unused meal swipes will be automatically redistributed to students in need.
- (b) The Director of Basic Needs shall convene a task force to study the depth of food, housing, and financial insecurity of Temple students, and shall include all relevant TSG personnel, as well as non-TSG experts and faculty, and interested parties who wish to participate. This task force shall spend a duration of time to be determined by the task force at a later date compiling research and policy recommendations.
- (c) The Director of Basic Needs shall begin efforts to plan a review of hostile architecture on campus and/or work with appropriate personnel to lobby the local government to review hostile architecture in the city of Philadelphia.

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Bradley A. Smutek

President of Temple Student Government