

Will write things up more formally before releasing, but here are my main points.

#### Arguments for Tradeswipe:

- 1) Currently lots of wasted meal swipes (in the mid 5 figures, based on my estimate from last semester's dining survey!). Also lots of wasted food.
- 2) Current approach of encouraging donating swipes doesn't work. Swipeshare only allows 6 swipes to be donated; UA spreadsheet last semester had not many signups; and there's only a few people who donate all their swipes at the end of the semester.
  - a) This makes sense! Donating lots of meal swipes is quite inconvenient, and lots of people won't go through the trouble out of altruism alone (especially around finals).
- 3) The goal of Tradeswipe is to become a centralized platform for students to buy/sell meal swipes. If this goal is achieved, people will anticipate how many extra meal swipes they have and sell it throughout the semester; **this allows people in CFY dorms to eat at dining halls for consistently low prices throughout the semester rather than only having free swipes at the end.** This significantly increases accessibility and helps fix food insecurity.
- 4) For many people in meal plan dorms, the required meal plan is a significant cost, and having their extra swipes essentially partly refunded could help them a lot.
- 5) This solution is very easy to implement. I've already developed the website and can release it right now; whereas policy changes will take some time and it's not clear how well they will work.
- 6) A secondary benefit of Tradeswipe is that it can help connect students to share a meal together, which can create new friendships.

#### Rebuttals of arguments against Tradeswipe:

- 1) People already give away swipes for free.
  - a) Rebuttal: clearly not enough, because of how many wasted swipes there are each semester. And people mainly swipe in their friends; there are only a few people mass-donating their swipes at the end of the semester.
- 2) It normalizes the selling of meal swipes rather than donating.
  - a) Rebuttal: Again, most people tap in their friends and don't mass-donate their swipes. Also, plenty of students from meal plan dorms could really use the money from selling their extra meal swipes, and it's unfair to expect all of them to just give away their swipes for free. **A good analogy to Tradeswipe is a campus marketplace for people's old stuff**—it's unfair to expect everyone to donate their old stuff, and even if selling your old stuff is normalized, many people choose to donate nonetheless. And for the people who continue to choose to donate swipes, Tradeswipe will make it much more convenient for them to do so.