

**Food Service Advisory Committee**  
**Auxiliary Services**

**Date:** October 3, 2014

**Place:** Calhoun Lofts-Dining Services Conference Room

**Time:** noon-2 p. m.

**Attendees:** Deborah Davis, Canyon Sanford, Colleen Serafica, Lars Grabow, Erica Tat, Ryan Smith, Mariah Marshall, Emily Fahner, Amber Arguijo, Geoff Herbert, Shannon Mariani, Will Fischer, Nancy Sheoni, Quinashai Watts, Swati Basu, Cheryl Grew-Gillen, Ashley Hegger

**Meeting Minutes**

Open Forum

1. Introductions
2. Roles and Responsibilities
  - a. UCPB no longer providing alternates
  - b. Member concerns:
    - i. Believes that the committee is not giving a lot of advice, but actually a sanction committee, for example many past committee meetings they have a single line item that only needs a yes or no vote from the committee.
    - ii. Would like to provide more advice.
  - c. Administrative response:
    - i. In the past we have given input on large decisions. For example the recent improvements to Fresh Food dining hall and the new UC were based off previous decisions by this committee.
    - ii. Right now we are focused on the meal plans.
    - iii. We have gotten to where we are today based on the feedback of prior committees
    - iv. UHDS is the beneficiary of the feedback provided by this committee; we are here at this committee to listen to what ideas the campus community would like to be brought forth in the program.
  - d. Member concerns:
    - i. Would like to see/share the critical concerns of students and discuss with the committee
  - e. Administrative response:
    - i. Yes, feedback is discussed normally from the different food locations on campus.
    - ii. We will make that an agenda item for one of our meetings this academic year.
  - f. By-Laws Review posted online at <http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/FSAC/bylaws.pdf>

- g. Online agenda request process posted at [http://www.uh.edu/af/committees/foodservice\\_agenda.htm](http://www.uh.edu/af/committees/foodservice_agenda.htm)
  - i. If you would like to add something to the agenda you can go here.
- 3. Vice Chair Elections
  - a. Canyon Sanford nominated
  - b. No other nominations
  - c. Committee Question: Asked if Canyon could explain why he would like to be vice-chair
    - i. He responded
      - 1. Student for several years, as both a commuter and a resident believes he can be a good representative
      - 2. Would like to get involved more with the dining program
  - d. Vote
    - i. Anonymous in Favor
    - ii. Canyon is the New Vice-Chair
- 4. Residential At-Large Appointments
  - a. 4 applicants applied.
    - i. As a committee it was decided to select 3 out of the 4
      - 1. Nancy Sheoni here today and will become the general representative
      - 2. Ashley Hegger unable to attend will fulfill one of the residential representative positions
      - 3. Diana Marchione unable to attend but will fulfill one of the residential representative positions
- 5. UH Dining Services Updates & Information
  - a. Late Night Food Program
    - i. Extended through the end of the semester. Begins Monday 10/6 from 11pm - 3am
    - ii. Located in the lot near Cougar Village 2 and the Student Service Bldg.
    - iii. Coreanos, Golden Grill and Happy Endings will rotate shifts
    - iv. Monday – Thursday only one truck a night
    - v. Cougar Cash available to be used
    - vi. 500 transactions made during the pilot period. Pilot period covered 6 nights. About 90 transactions a night.
    - vii. Police presence has been confirmed with UHPD
    - viii. Advertised through RA, email blast, news release, and word of mouth from students.
  - b. Halal Luncheon – Muslim Student Association
    - i. Launched a halal station to be shared with the Gluten-Friendly station .
    - ii. Served 500 plates when the usual is 200.
    - iii. Very good feedback received
    - iv. That station will have vegetarian, fish, and halal chicken items
  - c. What's Cooking Coogs? Program
    - i. First event was September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 31 students attended

- ii. Chef Carlos led the session
    - iii. Video of the event not yet complete but when it comes out it will be sent to the committee
  - d. Wellness Wednesday Workshops
    - i. Collaboration with Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
      - 1. Sarah Feye (UHDS Dietitian) has been working with the Recreation Center to do campus wellness workshops
      - 2. First one was Oct 1<sup>st</sup> about vegetarian day.
        - a. About the flexitarian diet.
    - ii. The next one is Oct 29<sup>th</sup> “Rethink your drink” and Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> “Healthy Holidays”
  - e. Meatless Mondays
    - i. Apart of the Flexitarian diet life choice.
    - ii. Soy Milk Additions/Promotions
      - 1. Silk Soy Milk Give away on Sept. 29, which was a “Meatless Monday”
      - 2. To announce the addition of soy milk being in Cougar Woods
      - 3. Single Servings available to buy in the Cougar Village 1 C-Store
        - a. Only store available right now—due to test run
        - b. Doesn’t need to be refrigerated
  - f. UH Food Day
    - i. Guest Chef coming to campus Oct 22nd at Cougar Woods
    - ii. Chef Mikel Lawrence
      - 1. Supports the vegetarian movement here on campus and around the world
      - 2. Known as the skydiving chef
      - 3. Pairing it with world food day which is actually that Friday however this was pushed up for maximum exposure.
  - g. Annual Dining Style Surveys
    - i. Oct 13 -Nov 3
    - ii. Goal to beat last year’s responses- target at 1800.
    - iii. Last year was 1750 responses
    - iv. Dining student staff will go to the dining halls and give out surveys.
    - v. Results will be represented in the spring.
    - vi. Cougar Wood dining hours changed based off last year’s survey.
      - 1. Hall Closes at 10 p.m. now instead of 8 p.m.
6. Member Items
- a. No soups on Sunday in Fresh Food?
    - i. Administrative response: soups should be there daily. Will look into who was in charge that day.

- b. Food wasn't served passed 3 p.m. but full platter of food still out. Students upset when server refused to fill their plates
  - i. Administrative response: We will communicate more effectively to the servers that they aren't supposed to stop serving exactly at 3 but actually just start slowing down their serving. However they can still serve passed three if there are students waiting to be served.
- c. Can the leftover food be given to the homeless shelters in the area?
  - i. Administrative response: we do have a program already together; however, it is important to understand that the food already cooked and left out needs to be properly stored before it can donated
  - ii. Food Donation Connection- they are in the area, looking for organizations in the area that would like to partner with us. For example we partner with Covenant House-adoption agency
  - iii. As a group we focus on how we can get more efficient on saving food and not over cooking.
- d. Summer menu planning. There is not a variety.
  - i. Administrative response: In the summer there are many conferences for young kids. Hot dogs & hamburgers are all that is requested by them.
- e. What is the final expected number of food trucks
  - i. There will mostly be 5 food trucks on campus at one time through the week.
  - ii. The program needs to be self-sustainable.
  - iii. It will hit a hitch in the middle of October when one of the pads goes away.
    - 1. Pad 2 will go off the grid because of the new building construction
  - iv. Can there be a UH App dedicated to food trucks on campus?
    - 1. At the moment there is a calendar online provided by Dining Services
    - 2. The food trucks themselves do their own twitter announcements that tell where they are.
  - v. Can the campus dish app have another page for Food Trucks?
    - 1. We will look into options.
  - vi. Will the hot chocolate machines be returned to the cafeteria?
    - 1. Administrative response: Because they are always breaking, we find it a better customer service option to just not have them in the halls. We will look at either finding a better machine or a way to manage single servings.
- f. Meal Plan Sub-Committee still needs volunteers
  - i. Plans to change the meal plan structure
  - ii. Fall is busier than the Spring
  - iii. No set meeting time at this time, will be determined by the committee meetings
- g. Chick-fil-a closes too early can it be extended another 2 hours
  - i. The spring hours are currently being worked on for all locations.

- ii. Can they also add a screen for speeding up the order time
  1. UHDS is working on ways for CFA to become more efficient.
  2. A screen might not exactly be in their brand standards.

VIII. Adjourn

Next Meeting

Date: November 7, 2014

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Fresh Food Company @ Moody Towers