

Food Service Advisory Committee
Auxiliary Services

Date: March 06, 2015

Place: Fresh Food Company

Time: 12:00p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Deborah Davis, Ashley D. Hegger, Andy Moon, Sarah Feye, Curtis Suell, Kimberly Cooper, Colleen Serafica, Canyon Sanford, Lars Grabow, Don Yackley, Rosie Ashley, Sarah Kelly, Swati Basu, Emily Fahner, Mariah Marshall

Meeting Minutes

I. Open Forum

a. **Concern-**Freshii, Why did they say they were halal when it doesn't seem that is halal friendly. Students believe it is false advertising

i. **Administrative response-** The actual definition of Halal, is anything at is vegan or vegetarian. We believe there has been some miscommunication of what is Halal. With Freshii, it was brought on campus for a healthier option not a Halal option. This was actually just considered a bonus for the students that the restaurant was halal friendly.

b. **Concern-**Also at Fresh Food, the made with Gluten station doesn't seem to be a Halal station

i. **Administrative response-** The communication needs to be advertised better that at Fresh Food there are two different stations. A made without Gluten Station and a vegetarian station. We can also create a better understanding with separating the stations and having signs to distinguish more clearly exactly what they are.

c. **Concern-**Can you guys perhaps make an online brochure that has like a frame work of food options and where to go to find it. For examples places to find Halal options on campus.

i. **Administrative response-**Yes we can look into creating something like that.

d. **Concern-**Can the salad bar, look into more options for protein besides just egg. Perhaps none breaded ham.

i. **Administrative response-** Yes we can talk to Barb and the Dining team at Fresh Food looks into more options.

II. Approvals

a. February Meeting Minutes-

- i. All in favor...Minutes approved
 - b. National Retail Prices
 - i. There were concerns with our university not fully aligning with national brand prices. For example Subway has different priced sandwiches than the store that is right down the street.
 - ii. We will get more promotional material for Subway to show the similar promotional material to outside Subways.
 - iii. The drinks at McDonalds also doesn't do the \$1.00 every size drink
 - iv. **Concern**-Why are we eliminating the small drink option from Chick-fil-a
 - 1. It's a brand decision.
 - v. If we were to vote now in favor would we have to vote again for another increase in the summer?
 - 1. Yes we need to get back to the cycle.
 - vi. We will table the vote until the next meeting.
 - c. Academic Year 2015/2016 Board approved Meal Plans/Pricing
- III. Updates & Information
 - a. Beverage Vending (Review/Approval)
 - i. Not all of the items in our vending machine will be increasing.
 - 1. 20 ounce Fuze flavored teas
 - 2. 16 ounce full throttle
 - 3. 20 ounce glacial water
 - ii. This wouldn't happen until the summer and it wouldn't affect the students until the Fall
 - iii. This would stay in place for at least a year.
 - iv. All in favor- Approved
 - b. Campus Retail Program – National and Local Brands
 - i. There are more Local brands on campus. In the slides you can see which one.
 - ii. Mostly the food trucks create the diverse atmosphere.
 - iii. Having more local brands building more character to the campus.
 - c. Residential Highlights
 - i. The Hot chocolate machine has been added to Cougar Woods and Fresh Food Company.
 - ii. Fresh Food Co. has some new changes.
 - 1. Breakfast for Dinner (Mon. until 10 p.m.)
 - 2. Added a self-serve baked potato bar at the made without gluten and Halal station

3. Now serving vegan cookies, gluten free breads, toaster, spreads, house made granola & croutons; fresh, hand-pressed dough
4. Another new addition- Fresh tortillas, chips and salsa
- iii. What's Cooking, Coogs? Continued with a Gumbo Bar Demo. On Feb 17th
 1. The next date theme is Date Night. On April 7th
- iv. Spring Theme Meals at both Cougar Woods and Fresh Foods
- v. Some meals themes include Wild Turkey Burger Week, Dr. Seuss, Spring Desserts, Spring Picnic & Cinco de Mayo.
- vi. Chef's Hat Series
 1. Has been very successful so far.
 2. The chefs have been able to individually highlight their culinary skills through out each of these events.
 3. The next event
 - a. 2 chefs will pair up (Chef Nadia & Chef Carlos Gurerro)
 - b. Will be hosted after spring break. Date TBD
- d. Retail Highlights
 - i. Dannon "Vote for Your yogurt" at the Student Center
 1. The Dannon Brand come to campus and offered various different yogurt flavors and the students could vote on the yogurt they liked best.
 2. Based off the score...the Top 3 flavors are not available in the C-Stores
 - a. 1st place- Okios Strawberry fruit on the bottom
 - b. 2nd place- Oikos Key Lime Blended
 - c. 3rd place- Oikos Carmel Macchiato Blended
 - ii. Student Center Starbucks
 1. Chart provided to show the successful sales for Saturday openings.
- e. Chef's Hat Project – Employee Updates
 - i. Chef in the Fresh Food and Cougar Woods will now have Hats to identify themselves, managers aswell
 - ii. Hours will change for manager. They will rotate shifts to have a manager on shift during all hours of operation
- f. Spring Break Hours of Operation
 - i. Hours all included on slides.
- g. Office of Sustainability
 - i. Presented by Sarah Kelly
 - ii. http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/FSAC/presentation_sustainability.pdf

h. Catering Chef

- i. Chef Brent Gorman is back at the University of Houston.
- ii. He has 30 years of experience and is a Mediterranean cuisine expert

IV. Member Items

- a. **Item 1**-Can Cougar Woods have the Soy Milk on each side, as well as the coffee and juices. Is there a space issue with having same items on each side
 - i. **Administration Response**- We will look into it.
- b. **Item 2**- The pizza delivery, has anything been settled with replacing Papa Johns pizza. The pizza that accepts Cougar Cash.
 - i. **Administration Response**-Nothing has been done immediately but we will look into having it taken care of, especially before the fall semester.
- c. **Administration- Item 3**- The Spring break eating habits survey has been completed. But it will be sent out after Spring Break-“what did you do for food during the break”
- d. **Item 4**- Where are we with breaking down big cost items at Food Trucks. The food trucks are priced higher at our university then outside of the university.
 - i. **Administration Response**-Food trucks do not change prices without the directors approval. The food truck prices will start being reviewed by the committee as well.

V. Adjourn

Next meeting-

April 3rd, 2015

12 p.m. – 2 p.m