

Food Services Advisory Committee
Moody Towers Dining Hall
Meeting Minutes February 1, 2010

Attendees: Michael Harding, Sevelia Johnson, Esmeralda Valdez, Morgan Parker, Jan Bergmanson, Ed Wigley, Maria Honey, Geoffrey Herbert, Micah Kenfield, Nicole Sopko, Emily Messa, Tony Urso, Syed Husain, Benny Gilbert, Deborah Marks, Kenneth Fomunung, Prince Wilson, Rebecca Szwarc, Keith Kowalka

I. Open Forum

- A. Fair Labor Action Committee- presented by F.L.A.C. representative, Brendan Laws (fairlaboruh@gmail.com)
 - 1. Human Rights issue in Florida, where UH buys tomatoes
 - 2. Average tomato picker is picking 2 tons for 10 hour work day, under minimum wage, workers being exploited
 - 3. Visited Immokalee, Florida to visit farmers and the CIW, Coalition of Immokalee Workers
 - a. Coalition formed in 1993 to help abused workers
 - b. Way it works- workers are picked up by crew leader and work hard labor all day
 - 4. Important for UH and Aramark to be responsible for where products come from and help worker rights
 - a. Worried about image of university if there is no change
 - 5. Would like to call on Aramark to strike a deal with CIW
 - 6. Aramark- working on “penny per pound” deal- will follow up on updates or any new messages from Aramark corporate on negotiations

II. Approval of the December 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

III. Operations Update from UH Dining Services

- A. Hours of Operation Strategies
 - a. Java City does well for Breakfast so self serve will open an hour earlier. Cashier will start at 10 Valentines Day, self serve an hour earlier.
 - b. Moody Towers only 8 clicks between 9-10 (Saturday and Sunday)
 - c. Moody and OB (10am)
 - d. UC C-store now closes at 8pm instead of 7pm.
- B. National Brand Price Increases
 - a. Chick-fila prices to go up
 - b. UH Downtown #1 Taco Bell
 - c. National chains don't rely on University Calendar and only change once a year
 - d. Einstein's Bagels

C. Update on Reusable To-Go Containers Program

- a. OB working well
- b. Hang signs with benefits and posters on each floor, promote during Recycle Mania
- c. Swap some containers but try to avoid changes so we can promote sustainability.

D. Marketing

- a. Dining up overall 15 points
 - i. Improvements needed in freshness, variety, hours, and culinary.
 - ii. Increase speed and service
- b. 4 student scholarships as intro into meal plans
- c. Program with General Mills
- d. Dairy drawing for bikes

IV. Vending Services Updates

A. Contracts

- a. New Coke agreement
- b. several months, possibly February
- c. Canteen expires in July, depends on contract
- d. RFP equipment time table finalized, start first week in May

V. Dining Townhall and Moody Towers Dining Hall Renaming Process

A. Formation of the Planning Subcommittee

- 1. Will be focused on planning the Town Hall Meeting and coming up with Renaming Process

VI. Adjourn

A. Meeting Schedule for the rest of the semester:

March 1, 2010 1pm-2:30pm Moody Towers Commons

April 5, 2010 1pm-2:30pm Moody Towers Commons

May 3, 2010 1pm-2:30pm University Center Big Bend Room (formerly Cougar Card Office)