

Food Services Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2010

Attendees: Rebecca Szwarc, Keith Kowalka, Maria Honey, Deborah Marks, Emily Messa, Mike Harding, John Price, Nicole Sopko, Esmeralda Valdez, Tony Urso, Geoffrey Herbert, Meredith Jones, Tammy Green, Micah Kenfield, Jonas Chin, Marianela Arreaza

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 1:05pm
- B. Open Forum
 - 1. Nicole Sopko thanked the Food Service Advisory Committee, she will be graduating this month and will not serve on the committee next semester
- C. Approval Items
 - 1. April 5th Minutes- were approved by committee
 - 2. Summer 2010 Operation Hours
 - a. Conversation about C-Store at Calhoun Lofts- encouragement from the committee for to consider Calhoun Lofts being open over the summer
 - b. Hard for Dining Services when there are less than 2,000 students living on campus during the summer to support C-Store
 - c. Concern over changing the open time of UC Statellite Star Bucks to 8am instead of original time of 7:30am, concern is about the students who have class at 8am
 - 1. Statistics- 12 to 15 transactions usually during the 7:30 to 8am time frame
 - d. Committee approved of the Summer 2010 Operation Hours
 - 3. At-Large One item tabled momentarily to give both candidates chance to show up to meeting
- D. Information Items
 - 1. UH Dining Vision
 - a. The Process- Started with Student Surveys, Feedback and Townhalls about future improvements for campus dining
 - b. Example: when band members spoke at Open Forum about late night options, responded with pasta as a late night option in addition to pizza
 - c. Residential Dining- bringing on new Moody Towers Fresh Food on Campus Concept and a new RFOC to OB soon, want to preserve the tradition in the Quads
 - d. Establishment of the meal plan scholarships, started last year and will continue every year to help students pay for a meal plan
 - e. Green initiatives in campus dining- brought a new reusable to-go container program to UH
 - f. The UH Dining Vision started with the students vision and are being met as we move forward, please refer to slideshow for more information
 - 2. Re-opened the Approval Item: At-Large One position
 - a. Introduction of Marianela Arreaza, a soon to be Senior Sociology major
 - b. Involved in the Interfaith Organization and Fair Labor Action Committee
 - c. Wants to bring ethical food, expand vegan options and survey residential students about campus dining
 - d. Would like to attract local businesses to get involved
 - e. Time commitment? She is ready to come to meetings
 - f. Other candidate Adriann Hobbs being considered
 - g. Discussion
 - h. Committee brought to a vote and selected Marianela Arreaza

3. New Catering Menu
 - a. Bringing a mixed and matched catering, bringing a summer casual menu
 - b. Everything from roasted chicken dinners to build your own baked potato
 - c. Bringing new favors- chipotle style, assortment of ciabatta sandwiches, middle eastern selections and bacon wraps are all part of the new summer menu as well as fruit infused water
 - d. Assortment packages include two summer side salads and two summer beverages
 - e. Mini-Wrap Picnic, Healthy Grilled Chicken Ciabatta Assortment, Petite Sandwich Luncheon, Summer Chicken BBQ and Middle Eastern Selections all come with selection of entrees and sides for a price of \$5.99 per person with a minimum of 12 people
 - f. Vegetarian Options are always available
 - g. Calorie counts are available, always willing to mix and match if reasonable request
 - h. Students will be able to pick up (no service charge) or have it delivered at a minimal service charge
 4. Introduction of Meredith Jones, new Marketing coordinator
 - a. Meredith is a graduate of UT-Tyler where she interned for Aramark
 - b. She's excited and glad to be part of the UH team
 5. Process for Proposals
 - a. Trying to formulize a formal way of process for proposals in Food Services Advisory
 - b. Met with Research Subcommittee (Micah, Mike, and Nicole) to discuss
 - c. Proposals can be brought forward by anyone, however at least one Food Services Advisory Committee member would have to sponsor it
 1. Would like the role and communication of committee members to increase and its always helps the process when at least one member has heard of the proposal
 - d. The committee would then vote after hearing about the proposal and reviewing it
 - e. After that if it is passed by committee it goes to the Office of the Assistant VP of University Services Office, where the proposal is reviewed and has a chance to talk to different groups about the proposal
 1. The Office of the AVP University Services has two weeks to respond and show progress in the proposal
 2. The AVP can come back to the committee and make proposals for committee consideration
 3. Committee will then re-evaluate and advise accordingly
 6. Re-usable To-Go Containers
 - a. Stop gap measure of having a biodegradable container option available in case of reusable to go containers running out
 1. Do not want anyone turned away because they can't get a to-go container
 - b. Signage and drop-off locations are increasing and there seems to be more response from residents after putting drop-offs on every floor
 1. Will continue marketing and educating students
 2. Looking into adding a return me sticker to the containers
 3. Continue to look into the tracking possibilities
- E. Updates
1. Moody Renovation- please visit uh.edu/us and click on Moody Dining Cam to get live feed from the renovation happening at Moody Towers Dining Hall
 2. Burger Studio- looks like we're working on replacing Grill Works at the UC Satellite with the Burger Studio concept
 - a. This would be the first Burger Studio in the Southwest region

- b. Concern over convenience, want to make sure that flow is good, suggestion to have computers out instead of at the serving counter
 - c. Create flash simulation of what the burger might look like for marketing purposes
 - 3. Research Subcommittee- Discussion about the cigarette sales on campus, process for proposals
 - a. Cigarettes will be sold at C-Stores at the UC and UC Satellite, discussion was centered around terminating the sale of cigarettes on campus
 - 1. Research Sub-committee discussed the possibility of smokeless tobacco and looking into a writing a formal research proposal to not sell cigarettes in C-Stores the next time tobacco license is up
 - b. Thoughts on process for proposals, incorporated to earlier information item regarding the process for proposals
 - 4. Last Dinner at Moody Towers
 - a. Went well, great events leading up to it with an awesome Friday lunch time
 - b. Lots of people wrote on the walls
- F. Address from Chairman Kenfield
 - 1. Please refer to full text version
- G. Adjourned at 2:28pm