

Food Services Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes for 11/12/2010

Attendees: Mike Harding, Tushar Chawla, Evan Lee, Bryan Haver, Linda Keng, Rebecca Szwarc, Sharon Bode, Xiaojing Yuan, Marianela Accuna Arreaza, Tanea Tahir, Johnnie Jackson, Colleen Schmidt, Javier Hidalgo, Prince Wilson, Emily Messa, Esmeralda Valdez, Maria Honey, Tony Urso, Geoff Herbert, Misty Pierce, Keith Kowalka, Lucia Ayala, Jonas Chin

I. Open Forum

- A. Ann Geiger, Junior and Resident in the Quadrangle Residential Hall
1. Safety and security concerns- walking to Moody Towers when OB is closed for dinner
  2. Convenience issue, not convenient to walk from the Quads to Moody
  3. By opening the OB for dinner- possibly help with the lines at Moody Towers Dining Hall

II. Approval Items

- A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from Oct. 8 Meeting
1. Motion to make addition to the minutes stating that- "UH Dining is changing the feeling at Java City"
  2. There was a motion to call to question along with the addition to the meeting minutes- seconded and approved with unanimously by committee
- B. Meal Plan Prices Proposal for Fiscal Year 2011
1. University Planning and Budgeting presented by Tom Ehardt
    - a. Overview of the Process
      1. Overall structure of the planning phases for budgets start with internal and external environment assessments
      2. Go to the strategic principles and goals
      3. From there go to legislative appropriations and both the College and University Budget planning and development phases, then a look at annual operations and then it goes to outcomes
    - b. Multiple Cycles
      1. Fiscal Reporting Years: 2010- January 2010-September 2010, then begins fiscal year 2011
      2. Working on an early schedule this year, due to legislative year, will need to have prices for meal plans to present in public forum by January
    - c. State Appropriations
      1. Total State Budget- 182.2 billion dollars, 41% goes to public education agencies
      2. 6.4 billion of the 41% goes to all the University Systems funded by the state
      3. UH receives 7%, about 458 million dollars of the 6.4 billion
      4. State uses formula based funding, annual funding equals semester credit hours times \$62.19
    - d. The UH Budget
      1. Funding comes from current funds, plant funds, endowment funds, loan funds, agency funds
        - a. From that comes general, designated, auxiliary, restricted grants funding

- b. Food Services is an auxiliary service, just like bookstore, parking, no state funding go into maintaining the services
    - c. 2011- State Funding for the University will be around 28%, Student Support- 38%, Grants and Financial Aid-20%, Other-16%
    - d. Auxiliaries make up about 12% of the total fund for the university
  - 2. For more information and the total slide show:
    - [http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/FSAC/UH\\_Planning\\_and\\_Budgeting.pdf](http://www.uh.edu/af/docs/FSAC/UH_Planning_and_Budgeting.pdf)
    - a. Posted on A&F website
- 2. Meal Plan Pricing Proposal presented by UH Dining Services
  - a. Food costs
    - 1. Food prices are going up
    - 2. CPI Consumer Price Index from Bureau of Labor Statistics
    - 3. Trends have shown that there has been a steady rise in CPI for food
    - 4. Starts with calculating what is going on in the market
    - 5. UH Dining has a market basket in which Aramark uses to buy groceries factors in the inflationary rate, it's a very volatile market
  - b. Meal Plans
    - 1. Make sure that students have meals
    - 2. Lifestyle Meal Plan- looking at the numbers, offers the best value per meal
    - 3. Break-down chart of the meal plans cost per meal
    - 4. Factored into each of the meal plans there is a proposed increase of 100 dollars to the final meal plan price, close to a 7.5% increase from current price
      - a. Proprietary distribution rules, cannot publish the break down discussed during the meeting, those who are interested must contact a member of UH Dining or University Services to view the slide
- 3. Discussion
  - a. UH Dining Program
    - 1. The meal plans support the entire program, not just the residential dining halls Program
  - b. Meal Plan questions
    - 1. Why aren't there more block plans and why do the meal plan prices fluctuate Depending on the meal plan?
      - a. Meal plans are structured to meet the unique needs of college students
      - b. Plans that make sure that students have a reasonable value for each meal
      - c. The Residential Dining Halls, by having a plan like the Lifestyle 21 increases the predictability allowing UH Dining to plan
      - d. With the variety, the 33 different options (retail areas), doesn't go back fully into the UH Dining Program, part of it goes back to the franchises on campuses
      - e. Reason why we have franchises on campus in the first place is because we have partners like Aramark on campus, otherwise it would not be able to sustain due to all the scattered options and the franchises would not be interested in the university market due to the 8 month service period opposed to the 12 month period like most places off campus
      - f. UH Dining does not set the prices at all the retail locations
      - g. Communication must continue to improve to let residents know that they can change their meal plans up until the 12<sup>th</sup> day of class

- h. Why don't meal plan swipes roll over?
    - 1. Would have to go through a reconstruction of the meal plan structure, there aren't other universities who do roll-over meal plans
    - 2. Also part of a budgeting issue for food and costs
    - 3. Meal plans are important in order to build a dining program
  - i. Changes and the evolution of UH Dining vision
    - 1. Would like to encourage tangible changes and making sure that people are aware of the changes
  - j. Looking at the UTSA Meal Plan Structure
    - 1. Does have unlimited meal plan, but at the end the block comes out to similar to a Lifestyle 21 and there are limited food options on the campus
  - k. Labor wage
    - 1. Factored is the labor wage, UH Dining usually gives a small increase of about 3% in wage to keep up with living standards and there have been more hires in order to operate the dining facilities
    - 2. Staff have not got wage increases in years, questions about the labor wage increase
    - 3. Staff at UH and UH Dining are separate payrolls, UH Dining wages come from food service provider Aramark, separate issue
    - 4. More details on the numbers proposed, please request due to proprietary distribution
4. Meal Plan Proposal Called to Question
- a. Motion was seconded and the vote was taken, 4 voting members voted in affirmation, 6 voting members voted no, the proposal does not pass

### III. Next Meeting

- A. Timeline and Meal Plan Pricing
  - 1. Must have the meal plan prices for next year ready for presenting in January as explained by Tom Ehardt in the previous presentation due to the schedule for tuition and fees this year, it is earlier than usual this year
  - 2. Must have another meeting and would like to have it ready before going to winter break, taking into account the finals schedule, etc, would like to meet right away
  - 3. Would also like to know from the committee things that would like to be presented for the next meeting
    - a. Satisfaction surveys with services from other universities
      - 1. See the satisfaction at UTSA
    - b. More about labor costs
    - c. More on the operations and to see what factors into it
  - 4. Next meeting on November 19, 2010 at 8:30am in the Moody Towers Dining Hall

### IV. Meeting Adjourned

