

# **Dining Services Advisory Committee**

## Meeting Minutes

Oct 9, 2019

- 1) Attendance
  - a) Robert Southworth, Jose Abraeu, Jon Gordon, Sue Riehl, Colleen Pennell, Lindsey Schoettlin, Matt Sirinek, Pam Watters
- 2) Staff Changes
  - a) New Executive Chef, JZ
  - b) Sous Chef, Jennifer Robinson
- 3) Dining Events
  - a) Best Thing I Ever Ate (BTIEA)
    - i) Throw down event between PIT and MDR staff end of month
  - b) Latin Event
  - c) Food Truck area
    - i) Hope to see elevated menu
  - d) Local Restaurant luncheons in MDR
  - e) Halloween Stranger Things lunch
    - i) Staff will dress up
    - ii) Fun food items
- 4) Dining Services student workers
  - a) Hard to do training
  - b) Staffing for shifts
  - c) Jon has requested higher wages for night/wknd shifts
  - d) Hiring video
- 5) New All Access Plan
  - a) Total of 46 signed up for plan
  - b) Unlimited meal access throughout the day
- 6) Whine and Cheese Focus Group
  - a) Scheduling soon
- 7) Student Senate Board Meeting
  - a) Email Jon potential dates
- 8) Homecoming this week
  - a) Serving pulled pork from smoker
- 9) Paper straws are going away
  - a) Straws will be available upon request
  - b) Will look at numbers to see reduction in use over time
- 10) Complaints
  - a) Wrapping fruit
    - i) Third party auditor specified apples should be wrapped since people grab freely with their hands
    - ii) Working on alternatives to store and dispense apples
- 11) Monster Guitar Giveaway
  - a) Buy Monster energy drinks and receive ticket for drawing
  - b) Also no purchase option to enter
- 12) Food Pantry in Library
  - a) Food available for those who need it in Student Involvement Center (SIC)
  - b) Looking to expand
  - c) Employee contribution at beginning of year
  - d) Utilize funds to support food pantry initiatives

- e) Also looking to use leftover food from catering events
  - i) Working on online signup for students
- f) National Service Project in April
- g) Thanksgiving event for donations
- 13) New Microwave in library
  - a) Help to support commuter students
  - b) Also have a microwave in the PIT and Grad Center
- 14) Sustainability Report
  - a) Dehydrator on campus reduces waste by 90%
    - i) Plan to schedule a tour for dining services
  - b) Measure waste in dining room
  - c) Making effort to divert waste from landfills
  - d) Waste bins gets mixed with compost for campus gardens
  - e) Looking to do 1-2 times per year
- 15) Higher Freshman Enrollment for Fall 2019
  - a) Pushing 1900 plans
  - b) Managing facilities and spaces
  - c) Allowing form more flexibility with meal exchanges in ABP and PIT
- 16) Old Main Society Event
  - a) Dinner on Thursday
  - b) Over 250 attendees expected
  - c) Combined effort with event and dining staff
- 17) Feedback
  - a) Always encouraged
- 18) Student Senate
  - a) Discussion about issues
    - i) Ordering in PIT
      - (1) Not enough staff
      - (2) Distracted staff
      - (3) Music too loud
      - (4) Takes too long for food orders
    - ii) ABP
      - (1) Setup is not ideal
      - (2) Always seem to be in someone's way with limited space
      - (3) Inconsistency with food orders depending on who's working
    - iii) Meal Swipes
      - (1) Not able to get at Stone Creek given smaller location and flow