

Meeting Minutes 10.14.09

- Committee Members—present
 - Adam Bockelie (Chair)
 - Lyla Fisher
 - Krishna Esteva
 - Alex Jordan
 - Sivakami Sambasivam
 - Paul Baranay

- Updates
 - Budget Task Force Position Pieces
 - Proposal to decrease Financial Aid to match food spending: we were in support of this
 - Replace existing house dining membership fee with a \$600 declining balance fee: we were not in support of this
 - Trial Run of Breakfast in Dorms
 - Special Projects Chair Vrajesh Modi wants to work with Dining on this
 - Dean Colombo wants to wait until the Task Force Report comes out to make Dining decisions
 - No word back from Rich Berlin
 - Request for help with a Food Truck permit
 - Contacted him, no response
 - We could help him obtain the permit, potentially
 - Litter issue caused permit to be revoked
 - Permit through the City of Cambridge
 - “Want to clarify the situation with Facilities”

- Committee Logistics
 - Meeting times: Thursday 9:30pm
 - Transparency:
 - Want committee to be open
 - Everyone should be able to find out what is going on if interested
 - Adam wants to post minutes on website
 - Ua-dining email list is public
 - Members and listeners
 - Private committee issues: ua-dining-members
 - Google Calendar: shared with list, also on UA website

- Goals: Prioritize goals for the year and the semester
 - Adam: Work with Admins to develop an implementable solution for large-scale changes to dining
 - Alex, Lyla: Read reports (BRC, DPC)

- Come to next meeting with comments to refine and further develop
 - Create our own summary for voting online (similar to Task Force statements on UA website)
 - Adam: Appendix or follow-up on reports
 - New information (i.e. McCormick endowment, New dining hall in W1, Stata no longer serves dinner)
 - Things that can't be implemented
 - Adam: Chinese restaurant in Pritchett
 - Adam: Expand vegan and vegetarian options
 - Adam: Have administrators and committee members eat in dining halls
 - Adam: Trial runs of breakfast in dorms
 - Where? Which dorms?
 - Who should pay for it? How should it be run?
 - Option: students pay for cost of food, dorm breaks even
 - Health code regulation issues?
 - Can students sell food out of dorm facilities (like desk)?
 - Student run—no outside workers
 - Desk workers
 - TechCash? Not comfortable having money over to desk workers in the pilot program
 - Take cost out through dorm tax
 - Not popular at Next
 - Declining balance system
 - Funding through Special Projects
 - Adam: expand hours, food offerings in dining halls
 - Adam: explore AYCE
 - Alex: bad idea
 - Lyla: we would need to close other dining halls, but we don't see that happening
 - Adam: Publicity
 - Students need to know about programs before they are implemented
 - Needs to be more than just an email to a list
- DPC Discussion—Summaries from Paul Baranay and Adam Bockelie
 - Summer meeting with Dean Colombo
 - Three DPC members: Paul Baranay, Lyla Fischer, Cinjon Resnick
 - Colombo mentioned (1) nothing changing with dining this year and (2) he would be reaching out to Housemasters, Presidents, and Dining Chairs of dining hall dorms
 - Decided, as DPC, to contact above mentioned people to discuss changes going forward

- Thought that the UA should do the same
- Reached out to Housemasters, Presidents, and Dining Chairs under the DPC umbrella; later meetings shifted towards Dining Committee umbrella
- Simmons, McCormick, Next, Baker meetings already happened
- Dean Colombo meeting in November (Paul, Daniel Hawkins)
- McCormick meeting
 - Paul, Hawkins, and Vinayak Ranade with Housemaster Kathy Hess and President Anila Sinha
 - McCormick's private endowment funds all loses
 - Closing dining hall not possible because of said endowment
 - Clarification on this issue needed
- Simmons
 - Paul, Hawkins, and Alex with Housemasters Ellen and John Essigmann and Associate Housemaster Steven Hall
 - Originally conceived as independent dining hall (no Bon Appetit, etc.)
 - Plans for independent dining hall will be emailed from Housemasters to dining committee
 - Self-run dining program would need to come from students proposing plan
- Next
 - Adam with President Gloria Yang and Dining Chair Ron Perez
 - Reactions to the DPC and BRC reports
 - Not excited about breakfast
 - Want expanded dinner hours on Sun-Thurs
- Baker
 - Adam with President Britni Ihle
 - Discussed breakfast and DPC issues
 - Currently no dining chair for Baker
- Former DPC members met with DormCon
 - Paul, Adam, Hawkins, and Alex with President Aziz Albahar (Baker) and Co-Dining Chairs Geoffrey Thomas (Next) and Michael Berry (Burton-Conner)
 - Implement monthly meetings with DormCon and Dorm Dining Chairs
 - Cooperative/coordination meetings
 - TBA schedule
- TO DO
 - Food handlers permits for breakfast pilot program
 - Lyla and Krishna
 - Card Services: setting up TechCash for breakfast pilot program
 - Sivakami
 - Dorms interested in pilot program

- Lyla (email dorm presidents)