

## Minutes 10.29.09

- Retreat
  - o Task Force Report: dining plan of attack
- Rich Berlin meeting
  - o Breakfast
  - o Food truck: MIT doesn't want more food trucks
    - Illegal food permit transfer, Cambridge revoked permit for this reason
  - o Pritchett dining: nothing is happening
    - Wants a Chinese place that delivers, since that's what surveys show students want
- Colombo meeting next week with Paul Baranay
- Report reviews
  - o BRDC
    - Endowing the dining system
      - Adam: I don't think that will happen
  - o DPC
    - Quality assurance policy with dining hall providers
    - Moving food trucks to a more centralized location
  - o In common
    - Declining balance system
    - Expand options for vegetarians and vegans
    - Create a weekday breakfast service
    - Expand late-night offerings
    - Expanding TechCash to include local grocery stores
    - AYCE service

- Controversial
  - Paul: should be decided by dorm residents
  - Adam: Simmons experimented with only AYCE and it failed
  - Alex: AYCE failed in Ashdown
- Central dining facility
  - W-1
  - Sivakami: Rich said it will have breakfast
- o Differences
  - Individual eating plans (BRDC)
    - \$600 minimum buy-in, not mandatory
  - DPC declining balance
    - \$300 minimum, not mandatory
- What should we do
  - o Advertising
    - Gift cards for grocery stores
    - Breakfast pilot program
  - o Crisis on Dining 10 years ago: Chancellor summarized both reports in an opinion piece
    - Colombo could do this
- Meeting with Colombo
  - o November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - o Trying to get a meeting since August
  - o Adam, Paul and Daniel Hawkins in attendance
- Outline of how a dining system should be developed
  - o How-To of developing a new dining system
  - o PR advice

- DormCon meetings with Dining Committee
  - o When? Before Colombo meeting? Probably not
  - o Solicit feedback from DormCon over email before meeting
- Breakfast Pilot Program
  - o Rich Berlin is not excited about grab-n-go, I can install a vending machine
    - Yogurt, milk, fruit, other refrigerated goods
  - o Berlin wants to pilot a hot breakfast pilot in 1 or 2 dining halls
    - Thinks vending machines will detract from this plan
    - Willing to invest in this program, thinks it will work
  - o Berlin said you need a food permit for pre-packaged food, so he basically put a roadblock on this pilot program
    - Simmons had a pantry (similar to grab-n-go), but it no longer exists. Why?
  - o Hot breakfast in dining halls similar to Simmons late-night offerings
  - o Berlin: we have an obligation to provide students with breakfast
  - o Krishna: the point is to not lose money
  - o Committee stance on hot breakfast pilot:
    - Krishna: there is no point in opposing this
  - o Grab-n-go: could still happen in non dining hall
    - Go through Donna Denoncourt to get TechCash, since non dining hall dorms aren't under Rich Berlin
  - o Sivakami: Hot breakfast in McCormick failed already
  - o Rich Berlin: pilot period for a month
  - o Discussions TBA
- Info Alex has
  - o MIT Food Initiative

- o Leases in the student center
  - o Compostable materials: Aramark, Sodexo, Bon Appetit
- Before Anna's...
  - o Paul: Before Anna's, used to be Tosci's
    - Should we have a student space there instead of food retail
    - Alex: space planning issue
  - o Adam: Why move it? It makes sense to put food in a place within the building that is convenient. If you have time to sit in a lounge, you have time to get there so you can put a lounge further away
- Other stuff
  - o Paul: Update Senate on this new development in breakfast