

UA Committee on Dining Minutes 2.17.10

- In attendance
 - Leslie Chan '13, new member
 - Adam Bockelie '11
 - Paula Trepman '13
 - Krishna Esteva '13
 - Sivakami Sambasivam '11
 - Alexandra Jordan '11
 - Jonte Craighead '13
 - Amanda David '13
 - Late/Excused: Ryan Rosario '12
- Dean Columbo Statement
 - Final plan to be released in April or May for implementation in Fall 2011
 - Adam will follow up with him tomorrow
- Project Updates
 - Siv/Jonte: Dormcon/Dining Chairs Meeting
 - Meeting post-release of plan?
 - Survey/open forum: what should be highlighted as important issues
 - Make sure they are knowledgeable about current situation*
 - Have contact info of past Dorm Dining Chairs, update the list
 - Schedule a future meeting, make sure there is something to meet about

*How Meal Plan Revision Will Work: Columbo wants to work with House dining chairs

- Siv: Lobdell
 - Lengthen hours of service
 - Keep lunch area open
 - Possible vendor changes
 - Contact Rich Berlin
 - CPAC changing their times
 - Dig through online dining locker
- Alex: Kitchens
 - Want working appliances
 - Even after appliances are fixed, they continue to break
 - Surveying of kitchens?
 - Especially bad in EC, Senior House, Random?
 - Where to get money? Karen Nielsen, set up a meeting with her
- Ryan: Pritchett
 - Potential options, look at UA locker
 - Contact Sinjon, Vinayak
 - Gauge student interest in possibilities in Pritchett: booths, posters, emails-target EC and make sure they are aware of its location-and contact Rich Berlin beforehand
 - Figure out hours and price ranges-look through DPC report/raw data: MIT_ban1 and MIT_ban2

- Put out a second survey of actual options: i.e. smoothie place, etc.
 - Specific companies still need to go through proposal process- talk to administration before contacting specific vendors
 - Renovations/base repairs? Rich Berlin
 - Publicize findings
 - Krishna: Food Trucks
 - People to Contact: Facilities and Planning (Real Estate and Campus Beautification)? Maybe the dot? Ask Rich Berlin
 - Alex: two food trucks near benches close to EC? Amphitheater outside of Stata?
 - Amanda: Survey Data
 - Speak with Bon Appetit to get pricing
 - Adam: Analyze survey data and Invision Strategies data
 - Which dorm? Hours? Prices?
 - Adam: will interact somehow with meal plan-a pilot can work as a transitional program. It will be difficult to get administration to pilot a program that won't be part of a new plan
 - Come up with a plan and suggest it to administration
 - Adam: MIT Institutional Data is a resource. Will ask Mike Bennie how to get their data
 - Paula: Meal Plan
 - Contact student representative on Financial Committee
 - Talk with Adam to get up to date on meeting with Columbo
 - Leslie: help Krishna with food trucks
- Green Paper
 - A detailed report with dates and considerations
 - To be released in two weeks

Reminders/ Questions

- CC ua-dining-chairs@mit.edu when you email Rich Berlin or other administrators
- Jonte: When does DormCon meet?
- Ryan: making surveys?
- Adam: Use a surveymonkey or googledocs survey.
- Amanda: IS&T can ensure legitimacy of survey data (with certificates)

NEXT MEETING:

- Make progress on projects