

UA Committee on Dining Minutes 3.17.10

- In Attendance
 - Jonte Craighead '13
 - Adam Bockelie '11
 - Krishna Esteva '13
 - Paula Trepman '13
 - Amanda David '13
 - Leslie Chan '13
 - Ryan Rosario '12
 - Stephen Freiberg '13
- Absent
 - Samuel Rodarte '13
 - Sivakami Sambasivam '11
- Updates
 - Jonte: Setting up meetings with Dormcon
 - Ryan: The breakfast plan could use support from Dormcon
 - Jonte: The first meeting will probably be around the beginning of April
 - Ada: There will have been 2 or 3 house dining meetings at that point so there should be things to discuss
 - The Breakfast Program
 - Adam: After breakfast report is complete, Amanda may want to work with Dormcon. Dormcon has officially no involvement with the dining plan, but most of the presidents of dorms and the dorm dining chairs on the Advisory committee. Cold breakfast in dorms without dining halls may be a good idea
 - Krishna: What about a refrigerated vending machine for breakfast?
 - Adam: As far as hot breakfast is concerned, the idea will be broached to the HDAC and then they will decide. Anyone can see the data that they will be analyzing but I am uncertain as to whether or not minutes will be posted.
 - Adam: There will be a new idea bank for dining for the new meal plan
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 - The New Meal Plan/House Dining Advisory Committee meetings
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 - Ryan: We should make sure that the idea bank is well-advertised
 - Jonte: I am worried that the student body at large won't be accurately represented during these meetings
 - Dining Chairs meeting with Rich Berlin
 - Adam: Berlin is really enthusiastic about the kitchen/cooking classes idea for Pritchett

- Ryan: What should I focus on then in my survey? Should I focus on the options themselves or how much they are spending on their food
- Adam: Well we have fairly good data from previous years. We should focus on whether or not people would actually using the different options for Pritchett
- Food Trucks
 - Dick Amster is the most influential person at this point. We should figure out his opinion. The number one place I'm thinking is the Green Building.
 - Krishna: McDermott Court could also work well. I think we can fit two food trucks just under the green building
 - Paula: Berlin also said emphasizing it as a temporary trial may make him more willing to try out the Green Building location
 - Adam: He said it could be helpful if we have support from the people in the Green Building too.
- Surveys
 - Adam: I think we should compile all of our questions together in a campus-wide survey. Ryan should include questions about the cooking class and hours for Lobdell businesses
 - Ryan: Can I contact the student groups individually? What about faculty and graduate students?
 - Adam: I was told the graduate student had a food committee. I will look into that group.
 - Jonte: If we look into graduate students, I think it might be best to focus on undergraduates and then send out a survey to grad students based on the data from the undergraduate survey
- Recap: Siv and Sam on what can be done with the student center
 - Adam: No money in budget for complete renovation. They spoke about Lobdell, the food court, the game room, etc. But Dean Columbo is on board for making drastic changes
 - Paula: Berlin discussed putting Jamba Juice in the game room. Does anyone have any ideas for ABP?
 - Krishna: Wasn't the problem with the game room that there is no running water?
 - Ryan: I would guess the demand was mostly from Z Center employees
 - Amanda: I'm sure they had business over the weekends when there are sporting events, but I think Jamba Juice would be more successful