

## UA Committee on Dining Minutes 4.13.10

- In Attendance
  - Jonte Craighead '13
  - Amanda David '13
  - Ryan Rosario '12
  - Paula Trepman '13
  - Krishna Esteva '13
  - Leslie Chan '13
  - Sivakami Sambasivam '11
  - Adam Bockelie '11
- Updates
  - Administrative Things
    - Adam: Vrajesh and Sammi are still looking for chairs and vice-chairs of UA Committees. Basically is there's something that need to be done on campus there's a committee for it.
  - Surveys
    - Siv: Ryan emailed me this morning about the survey. Sam and I need to meet with institutional research and then hopefully we will finalize our questions too. I will send out the sheet with hours for student center restaurants to Adam and will have it printed and posted by the end of the long weekend
  - HDAG
    - Adam: The overall consensus on the Idea bank is that there have not been enough comments. Even if you don't have any original ideas, just post "I agree" if there are ideas you like. We spent a lot of time talking about the themes in the ides bank. I hope we will discuss them more tomorrow because we have an extra long meeting. I am going to be presenting the Dining Plan Committee report and emphasizing the points I think we should incorporate into the new dining. The ideas I have are to not make dining not mandatory. MIT have its own self-run facility. We spent 20 minutes arguing whether or not to put in a rating system. The opinion was that having a rating system would deter people from making a written comment. Something numerical is a good way to judge interest, but it's not going to be there.
    - Siv: It might be good to provide incentives
    - Adam: Or it may not have been well publicized. There was only one email from the Dean and it was three pages long.
    - Jonte: So I have a question. We're having a study break to generate ideas for the idea bank. I'm trying to send out a survey about the rating system. (I.e. if you would be more likely to use the idea bank)
    - Adam: I spent all of my political capital arguing for it last time so I don't want to bring it up again. But if there was a strong response, I could show it to the committee. And of course, once I have the date I will email out to the committee.

- Paula: Baker's Open Forum is next Tuesday 8:30pm-10:00pm
- Adam: For people who don't live in house dining dorms it will be next Wednesdays. Any other questions about HDAG?
- Paula: Have any decisions actually been made during the HDAG meetings? And will the MIT administrators even use the feedback?
- Adam: There hasn't been actually been any decision-making. They will use the feedback they've gotten but the more specific we get during the meetings, the fewer decisions campus dining will make during the process.
- Breakfast Report
  - Adam: We confirmed your report and the Senate was pleased.
- Food Trucks
  - The conclusion of the meeting was "well I know there is no way to tell an MIT student know. We'll let you know in three weeks."
- Dormcon
  - Jonte: We now have seven responses of 11 on the doodle poll. I realized that I had the wrong contact information for Senior House and New House so I am giving them until tomorrow. For five of the people that had responded last week, Monday at 12pm and 2pm were marked and there are a lot of times during which four people are available. I will also double check with the people who aren't available to see if they might actually be available during those times.
  - Adam: So Monday is the marathon. So there will probably be a lot of people who will be busy in the morning.
  - Jonte: Oh ok. And I will send out a google doc with the contact information and doodle results.
  - Adam: That sounds good. And you should invite the non-house dining representatives to the open Dining Forum next Wednesday

Shout out to RICHY B!!!!