

PRESENT: Adam Bockelie, Daniel Hawkins, Fangfei Shen, Allison Hinkley, Vinayak Ranade, David Templeton, Jonathan Goldberg, Lyla Fisher

Vinayak Ranade: Send bios to Paul Baranay. Progress; have you come up with questions from last meeting? Send them to the list.

Adam Bockelie: Didn't think of questions...

Allison Hinkley: Do you want me to look an any tables?

Vinayak Ranade: no. Just want questions that are not shown in the survey data but can be answered by analyzing raw surveys. Email list by Thursday.

Vinayak Ranade; Me Geofft, and Cinjon Resnick have been looking at raw data. We've made reasonable progress and we now know how to look at the data, but we cannot yet run random analyses. We can also post questions to the wiki.

Lyla Fisher: We should meet again...

Vinayak Ranade; Meet sometime between now and Sunday. Would prefer some time Friday afternoon. Probability of finding something groundbreaking is low. There is still a lot more in the spreadsheets. Should brainstorm what changes we want to see in dining and then use spreadsheets to check the feasibility.

Vinayak Ranade; John Hacker (RLA for Simmons, Senior House, and East Campus) ran restaurants and has offered to help with analyses.

Allison Hinkley; What is the feasibility of converting existing places...for example say we change Café 4 to something else...

Vinayak Ranade: that is where we are at. For next 20 minutes lets come up with ideas for changes we want to see.

Daniel Hawkins: breakfast. Already have some options that are not DH. Want to see breakfast cooked in dining hall somewhere central. Not McCormick because you can't take food out.

Jonathan Goldberg: Most people eat in room because it is faster and cheaper.

David Templeton: hour negotiable.

Allison Hinkley: Hard to sign into facility...have to phone in or call a friend.

Fangfei Shen: Problem with Baker is that Baker would get more traffic than they want.

Vinayak Ranade: has breakfast already...Annas

Lyla Fisher: Cheap cereal, etc. is possible.

Jonathan: Cereal/snack vending machines. Like Medlinks before finals. Needs to be low cost and have variety.

Vinayak Ranade: Café 4 already has this.

David Templeton: breakfast not more than \$3 including food and drink.

Jonathan: This prices will need a subsidy.

Vinayak Ranade: It is okay for our proposals to break even as long as it is not in the red.

Lyla Fisher: What if we offered an option like a continental breakfast that a dorm could opt-into.

David Templeton: I like the idea of a cereal dispenser.

Lyla Fisher: One of the desk worker duties could be to set up breakfast.

David Templeton: the student center options are not healthy to eat every day.

Allison Hinkley: There should be one dorm that has breakfast similar to dinner service.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: It is hard to walk to another dorm to get breakfast.

Allison Hinkley: There should be breakfast convenient to all dorms. What about Sunday Brunch at McCormick

All: (at 2pm)

Vinayak Ranade: EC does that sometimes.

Daniel Hawkins: Food at dorms would cut down on traffic to Baker

David Templeton: should think about Late Night. There was a market for it...would they leave their dorm for it?

Allison Hinkley: Most people get delivery

Vinayak Ranade: That is also biased because there are limited options. We can demand that LV be open 24hrs.

David Templeton: there should be a place to buy something at 5am.

Lyla Fisher: We should look at the contract with LV.

David Templeton: they have a really long contract

Vinayak Ranade: Lyla Fisher and David Templeton work together to get LV contract information.

Vinayak Ranade: LV should be open 24hrs and should reduce prices by 20%

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: Make healthy options cheaper, add fresh vegetables. Use an index to set prices maybe.

Vinayak Ranade: There are places in the world that can assemble a salad assembly line style like annas and it is cheap.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: If you are a student you should get better prices for healthy food.

Lyla Fisher: "unhealthy tax"

Allison Hinkley: there should be a convenient salad bar place. Cafe4 type or Steam Café. Claim to be organic but contains a lot of processed foods. Needs to be a place with fresh, raw vegetables.

Vinayak Ranade: We get the idea. Allison Hinkley in charge of investigating the feasibility of salad.

David Templeton: Make sure ideas come from data. Is there data for the salad thing?

Vinayak Ranade: Look at the spreadsheets. There is a Zone Map in the main BRDC report. Zone 2 is student center, 3 is main building.

Lyla Fisher: Lunch. Other big thing that most people care about.

Vinayak Ranade: Probably Campus Dining biggest concern. Our concern because it is a monopoly...you have to buy food on campus.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: Based on data, there are food trucks, student center, all these at to >60%. How many people who eat on campus care about price and nutrition? Check if the zone they eat in is where they want to eat.

Vinayak Ranade: You investigate lunch options.

David Templeton: Would our prices work the same if everything was \$2 cheaper?

Vinayak Ranade: Maybe we need to focus on operating costs. Would more people use Campus Dining if it were cheaper? Would that matter? I will ask John Hacker.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: AYCE?

David Templeton: half /half split.

Vinayak Ranade: tough to implement.

Lyla Fisher: I have issue with lack of variety...AYCE will change the menu every day.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: Stata does that. What about new place?

Vinayak Ranade: Would be nice for Bosworth's to have a real breakfast option.

Group: Good place for Grab and Go.

Vinayak Ranade: Bosworth's and Cafe4 are always crowded in the morning. Lot of people buy coffee there.

Lyla Fisher: Could we convert a room?

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: lots of investment. Stata could be reconfigured to make a big buffet area.

Fangfei Shen: all the food here is made in walker and then moved to other places.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: Maybe we could put a breakfast buffet in two places

Vinayak Ranade: everything that goes into Walker has failed.

David Templeton: before pre-Pritchett all of walker was one huge dining hall. Why was that changed? Everyone went to lunch there.

Vinayak Ranade: it was the old student center.

David Templeton: W20 was built in 70s...

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: The new physics building has a garden it could be turned into a cool lunch place. It is always empty.

Allison Hinkley: Want to get more participation in dorm dining halls. Continue to decrease prices...HD gives you discount for lunch places. That would encourage participation.

Lyla Fisher: Would be nice then to have a half option for non HD members who can't get to a dining hall for dinner. Part off for non dinner places.

JOHNATHAN GOLDBERG: Should be an option to commit to full dining and get better prices. Pay more up front but it covers everything.

Vinayak Ranade: Like all you can eat for a whole term.

David Templeton: Freshmen parents LOVE dining plans.

Vinayak Ranade: If we can get a stable place at MIT that sells produce at a good price where you can use dining dollars.

Lyla Fisher: If we can prove that the produce stand has a profit, can't we move it into walker?

Vinayak Ranade: Was supposed to be on the dot...

Allison Hinkley: there is no rain location for them...

David Templeton: needs to be a better way of finding out about a change in location than dorm-spam

Lyla Fisher: what about a tarp?

Vinayak Ranade I'll look into that.

David Templeton: Kitchens. Make a footnote in the report that students want kitchens and new renovations should include kitchens.

Lyla Fisher: Should have gift cards for Star and Campus Food. Should be able to buy those with Dining Dollar or TechCash.

Vinayak Ranade: Should talk to friends about this stuff. Doodle will come out soon. I emailed Donna about meeting with BRDC or at least a rep of us go to them. We should share ideas. Hopefully I or Daniel Hawkins can go to BRDC on Thursday. I will also meet with John Hacker and run some back-of-the-envelope calculations.