

## Open Forum Minutes

Informal discussion; not going through any formalities

Faculty/Staff present:

Kim Robinson -- Registrar

Tracy Hiner -- Director of Dining Services

Mary Almarode -- Pub Manager

Mike Shoaf -- Physical Plant

Tom Byerly -- Campus Safety

Recap of all Open Forum rules

Concerns addressed in the last Open Forum:

- Hunt Dining Services
  - Running out of food
    - Currently, Tracy does most of the ordering. Goal is to have enough food for everybody and have the same quality at 7 pm as they have a 5 pm. It is a continuous discussion that the Dining Services is having. They are also trying to use what they have.
  - Issue of straws
    - Hunt has straws now
  - Glass cups
    - Used to have glass cups -- higher chance of injury, breakage, etc.
    - Redesigned the beverage bar, which means that there is no space to have the glass cups
  - More variety of pescetarian/vegetarian options, having more protein
    - Vegetarian bar is a spin off of what is being served inside
    - Try to have a protein everyday, but it doesn't always work out -- try to supplement via salad bar
    - Probably have more options for vegetarians than we do for non-vegetarians
    - Jazmine: have you considered surveying students to see how many are vegetarian, etc?
      - Tracy: a survey will be out soon, but I estimate it to be about 20%
  - Portion Sizes
    - It depends on each service and which item is being given out
    - Hunt does have a budget; \$2.60 a meal -- they are focusing resources on one meal instead of spreading it out

- Everyday, the meal is different in terms of how it is portioned out
- Make sure that we are giving you a good portion
- If you didn't like what you got, you should be allowed to go up and get something else.
- Tralen Neal: what happens when the student only asks for one item out of everything offered on the bar? What can we do to make sure we're getting enough food?
  - We have a lot of student workers and other workers -- we have to communicate across the board about what a proper portion size is
  - You do have the opportunity to pair the one item (eg. french fries) with something else from the Dining Hall
  - We should be allowed to ask for more of one item, however.
  - We do have some work to do, but I'm going to keep trying.
- Aaleyah Joe: I'm one of the people who only eats french fries, etc, and I don't end up going to breakfast or lunch. What can I do with all the meals that I have left over?
  - That's tough because it's hard to manage who does not eat and for what reason
  - Right now, we will look at a case by case basis where you can come in and talk to me.
- Madison Miller: There is no to-go option for breakfast
- Lilly Parker: Is there a way we can get a decreased meal plan?
  - Not right now, and that is a decision that is over Tracy's head. Senior 12 is the only way to get a reduced meal plan.
  - David Mowen (Vice President of Finance and Operations and Administration), President Fox should be talked to about this
- Alley behind Hunt:
  - Tracy called Physical Plant last week
  - They called Waste Management and are working with them to get the hole in the dumpster fixed
- More choices for breakfast:
  - There are a lot of options for breakfast, and there is something different inside every day. Cannot justify adding anything more to breakfast than what we have, but I am open to suggestions
  - We have added 3 new cereals, etc.
- Please feel free to come and talk to Tracy, Mary about anything.
- Tracy's number: 5402558041
- We are no longer going to track who is taking out the green to-go boxes, so return them on your honour.

- Physical Plant
  - Smoking ashtrays/receptacles in front of Woodson; where are the smoking areas, The receptacles should be cemented/weighted down; where people are smoking are so close to the building that people inside can
    - Looking into buying different smoking receptacles that are better and weighted down.
    - Installed a new receptacle outside Spencer. Better looking smoking receptacles cost a lot more money.
      - Tralen: I don't see students using these
      - Mike: That's why we've only bought one
    - Distance is 50 ft from a building -- we don't really enforce that. It's also hit or miss because the colder it gets, the closer people are going to be to the buildings.
    - Amber: Policy developed by senate last year. The issue with it is that it has not been enacted yet, so we need to act on that as senate. Until the policy is fully enacted, we need to go through JB routes. Notify RAs and document them in terms of incident reports
  - Issue of bugs in the buildings
    - Easiest way to solve that is to keep food in containers
    - Close the windows
    - Call Physical Plant -- they will get rid of the bugs
  - Buildings are getting painted on the outside, not getting fixed inside
    - Got an initiative from the Board of Trustees
    - Working on getting an initiative to fix the insides as well
    - Had 40 leaks over a 6 hours period of time, have had roofers coming in, will start fixing the walls as soon as the roofs
  - Ciara McLaren: mold in the library because we're losing several books as a result of this. This is an important thing to bring up to the Board of Trustees
    - Physical Plant also looks at this from the point of health and safety
    - We have dehumidifiers and air filters in many buildings
    - Library is the second oldest building in town -- housekeepers are spraying down the walls and books with a special spray. We are currently working on the archive room.
  - Kitchen in King
    - Will put it on the top of the "to look at" list!
    - Will bring it up with the meeting with his boss
    - Are already replacing many washers with front load washers
    - Lisa; The only issue with the stove/oven in King is that there is a venting issue

- Rev: is there a reason there is no stove/oven in the SAC clubroom?
        - Mike: will look into that!
    - Deandra: can we get new shower heads in Hilltop?
      - Mike: will look into that! (easily fixable)
  - Security
    - Inconsistency with the buildings that are locked
      - Have had recent issues in Deming, so we are trying to enact a policy that is campus wide to secure buildings at night. We've never had one.
      - Locking Wenger and Deming at 11 pm -- there is a possibility that the door didn't get shut properly -- make sure the door shuts properly behind you
      - Call Campus Security if you need any of the buildings -- please present student ID
    - Tralen Neal: Is there a way that the seniors can be given a key? Senior biology majors are given keys to certain labs, so can a similar system be developed?
      - Not opposed to it, but we will have to look into that properly because that could get out of hand
      - Everything is open door during the day
      - The students should have access now -- it just takes a little bit of planning
    - Juanaysa Singletary: Is it possible to install cameras by the door?
      - Cameras do not deter crime. They are good evidentiary solutions but do not actually stop crime. Also do not have the staffing to monitor these cameras
      - Do have price books, however. Now looking at budgeting
    - Juanaysa Singletary: Was the artwork being destroyed the only crime in Deming?
      - There were hate crimes in that improper words etc were written, but they have been resolved now

#### General Concerns:

- Qadira Mohammed: A lot of the options tend to be noodles, and having carbohydrate heavy options is sometime not filling. Can there also be more variety in terms of salad toppings?
  - Working on getting new items for salad bar, new menu items
  - Toppings are always changing for the salad bar
  - Trying to keep fresh fruit/canned fruit more consistently
  - If we've failed, please come and talk to someone
- Amber: Concern that the beans and rice are now no longer part of the everyday menu

- Took beans and rice away because we now have the soup and sandwiches. Did talk about it as a group, so if it's a consensus that people want the beans and rice back, we'll make it happen
- Lilly: Could you be more specific about the allergen information?
  - It's a liability
  - Right now, it depends on you recognizing it/asking someone about it
  - Easy to answer the question regarding food made from scratch, but harder with processed food.
  - Starting January, the nutrition information should be more comprehensive
- Jazmine: New Exam Policy -- what are your concerns regarding this? Will be taking concerns to Dr. Holt who heads the Educational Policy Board (EPC)
  - Jaysn Chase: I came here for the exam policy and I know a lot of other people chose to come here for that as well
  - Tralen Neal: Each year, we put someone on Educational Policy Committee to speak on the students' behalf. Please speak to either Rolanda Williams or Brooke Wiles.
  - Check your emails from Cindy Wine and Morgan Smith! Make sure that you are opening them and participating in discussions that are important to you
  - Rolanda Williams: these changes are being made not only with cheating in mind but also because some students wanted to have their professors on hand/accessible to ask them any questions/doubts you may have about your exam. Please encourage everyone to take that survey

#### Announcements

- Jazmine: Diversity Week (next week) is starting on Monday! Pam Malone is coming to talk about converting BLM from a moment into a movement. Please come out and support!
- Tralen: This is not a program that we randomly created. There have been racial tensions on campus and we want to attach the problem. We want to be a no tolerance campus, so EC is partnering with SOULS, MCU, and BSM. We would like a high participation rate, so please be active. Take the survey that is sent out during that week.
- Jazmine: Diversity week is not only about racial tensions; it is also about sexual minorities and religious groups -- please be a part of the discussion
- Lilly Parker: On Tuesday 22nd, we are going to be having a Spoken Word/Coffeehouse event in the Pub
- Rev: Speaker is very approachable and is also a partner at a law firm in St. Louis. We want to pack the space! There is also a reception following the lecture.
- Rev: The Melanin Monologues are a spoken word event being hosted by BSM on Oct 29th

- Aaleyah: Please encourage everyone to respond to the surveys about Greek Life

(Board of Trustees come twice a year)

Motion to adjourn: Shari Moody

Seconded.