



February 8, 2017

Resident

- Now serving Fairtrade bananas (in retail too)
- Ice machine added to beverage station / Juice machine relocated
- New menu cycle incorporates more international cuisines (including more shrimp stir fry, per student request)
- Asian Dressing available at International Station. Labeled and separated for allergen concerns.
- Ice cream flavors on rotation for more variety
- Sweet potato fries now available weekly (Thursdays)
- General Mills running a promotion in the Dining Hall through end of the month. Enter to win grand prize of a flat screen TV.
- Sodexo's Epic Adventure sweepstakes ends 2/13

Retail

- Renovated Donnelly Cafe opened this semester
 - Boar's Head Deli
 - Self-serve salad, soup and hot entrees
 - Snack peg board

→ Students confirmed that tour route has been revised to walk by the new cafe
- Wholly Habaneros selling Ancho Chicken Nachos LTO for month of February
- Snacking LTOs incorporated each month to add variety
- Looking into options for Starbucks and Seattle's Best K-Cups
 - Students expressed interest in product, believe it would be well-used. Agreed Cabaret and Marketplace would be two great locations.
- Mystery Shops conducted weekly (by student interns) to monitor customer experience
- Red's Best Seafood "Catch of the Day" to be featured every other week as the entree in Donnelly Cafe

Upcoming Events

- Campus Dietitian session rescheduled from 2/9 to 2/23 due to snow
- Valentine's Day Dinner (Reservation Only) on 2/14 *Event sold out
- Chef's Fare Culinary Competition on 2/16

Other

- Dining Plan Updates for Fall 2017
 - Steve working on finalizing new dining plans for the fall semester. Updates have been based off of student research and feedback requesting more thrifty cash and added portability.
- Chef Anthony and Emily to be presenting at the NACUFS National Conference in July, highlighting the success of The Valley Cafe
- eCommerce gift packages
 - Discussed student awareness of gift packages and potential factors (price, options, photographs) that influence student interest
 - Students to view the eCommerce page of the website and bring feedback

Open Discussion/Feedback

- Students expressed positive feedback on new variety of cereal flavors
- Discussed Dining Hall toaster. Suggestion to label appropriate settings on the toaster itself and encourage users not to change from designated setting.
- Brunch variety on Saturday/Sunday is noticeably lower than during the week - suggestion for more egg options to be added.
- Request for fresh fruit in the Dining Hall. Noted the need to consider labor.
- Suggestion to add a "History of Marist Dining" on the website to showcase how improvements and customer feedback have been incorporated over the years. Steve and Mohamad can provide a timeline of information.
- Positive feedback on Donnelly Cafe
 - Students have friends who now go there for dinner
 - A good substitution for the Cabaret and Marketplace - adds more variety of options
 - Foot traffic still low after 7pm
- Students noted that visits to other college campuses makes them appreciate the wide variety of options that the Marist Dining Hall has
- Positive feedback on concessions at basketball games, especially from community members
- Discussed the abundance of events on Tuesdays (cupcakes, tacos, Valley Cafe). Can the choices be spread out during the week so that students don't have to chose between Dining Hall and Valley?
 - Agreed that it's tough to move any of the three - very ingrained in Marist culture. Students to gather feedback from peers.