



## Dining Services Committee Agenda October 30, 2019

**Upcoming DSC Meetings** – visit [tcnj.sodexomyway.com](http://tcnj.sodexomyway.com) for more information!

- **Dates:** November 6<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 2pm – 3pm
- **Location:** Social Sciences Building, Room 223

**BITE App** – The BITE App is available to download for FREE from the Apple Store and Google Play, users can now search up menus and nutritional information for The Atrium at Eickhoff and The 1855 Room right from their mobile device! Enter the code **Q6QU6** to find TCNJ in the search results. Let us know what you think!

**Student:** The BITE App is helpful because sometimes I don't feel like walking over there. It's an accurate online menu.

**myDtxt** – Did you know you can text message TCNJ Dining directly for information, questions, or feedback?

- Text "TCNJDining" TO 82257 to opt in for info, promotions, upcoming events and details on the dining program!
- Text "TCNJRDN" TO 82257 followed by your message to contact our Registered Dietitian, Puneet Sethi RDN, directly with any dietary questions or concerns!
- Text "TCNJFamilies" TO 82257 followed by your message to be in the know for everything related to your student's dining!

**Yogurt Bar at TDubs** – We are looking into implementing a yogurt bar at TDubs and want the community's feedback on this concept and what kind of toppings, flavors, etc. they would like to see. An example of what a yogurt bar could include is as follows: yogurt, granola, strawberries, blueberries, mango, pineapples, and the following toppings: chocolate chips, shredded coconut, walnuts, and slivered almonds.

### Resident Dining

#### 1. The Atrium at Eickhoff

- **Upcoming Events**
  - Fall Harvest Theme Meal – Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Under the Sea Upscale Theme Meal – Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Meatless Monday every Monday! Visit our Facebook and Twitter (@TCNJDining) for information highlights on sustainability every Monday!
- **National Food Days**
  - National Nacho Day – Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
  - National Pizza Day – Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
  - National Cake Day – Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

## 2. The 1855 Room

- Pretzel Bites Action Station – Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2pm
- CityScapes Trenton – Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2pm
- Chef Spotlight: Dean Lewis – Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2pm

## Retail Dining

### 1. Fresh Pride Cafe

- It's a Breakfast Morning! 7:30am – 10:30am | Buy any sized coffee, get a Mindful Muffin 50% off!

### 2. Education Cafe

- Specialty wraps at Education Café are available as a full wrap or a half wrap! Make it a combo! Add a side salad for **\$2.79** or hot soup for **\$2.69**!
- Save **\$0.20** when you fill your 12oz – 20oz hot mug!
- National Cappuccino Day – Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

### 3. The Library Cafe

- Coffee Break | 7pm – 9pm | Daily | Buy any sized coffee, get a bakery item 50% off!
- Save **\$0.20** when you fill your 12oz – 20oz hot mug!
- National Cappuccino Day – Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

### 4. STEM Forum Café

Coffee Break | 3pm – 5pm | Monday – Friday | Buy any sized coffee, get a bakery item 50% off!

It's a Breakfast Morning! 7:30am – 10:30am

- a. Enjoy a breakfast sandwich (egg, cheese, meat) and any size coffee for **\$5.39 (over \$0.50 in savings!)**
- b. Enjoy a breakfast sandwich (egg and cheese) and any size coffee for **\$4.39 (over \$0.50 in savings!)**

### 5. Traditions

- National Sandwich Day – Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Limited Time Offers!**
  - Old West Sandwich | November 4<sup>th</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup> | Traditions | **\$6.99**
  - Tiramisu Cup | November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> | Traditions | **\$4.59**
- Football Special
  - Monday & Thursday – 6pm to Close
  - Sunday – 2pm to Close
  - Buy one appetizer, get another ½ off!
- Traditions Weekly Schedule
  - Monday – Football Special
  - Tuesday – Trivia Night is here! Earn chances to win Traditions swag, free Starbucks beverage, free dessert, and more! Please note that Trivia Night will not be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> during Thanksgiving week.
    - November 5<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>
    - December 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Wednesday – Dining in the Dark | Every first Wednesday of the month | Collectible buttons are available!  
**Student: The buttons are a good idea!**
  - Thursday – Football Special available 6pm – 10pm
  - Friday – Pasta Fridays! Enjoy one of two pasta specials every Friday! **\$5.99**
    - Will be on a weekly rotation – spaghetti & marinara, penne & marinara. The shareable jumbo meatball will be available every week for **\$3.99**

- Roscoe’s Hour – buy an entrée and enjoy an appetizer 50% off! Available 3pm – 6pm, Monday – Friday.

## 6. TDubs Dining

- National Calzone Day – Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>
- National Sandwich Day – Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- National Sundae Day – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- National Pizza Day – Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Football Specials
  - Pizza & Wings Combo – One cheese pizza with 1 topping, 12 wings with carrots, celery, & bleu cheese, and five 20oz sodas of your choice | **\$23.19 (over \$11 in savings!)** All our pizzas are made with fresh dough!
  - Wicked Wings Platter – 24 wings with carrots, celery, & bleu cheese | **\$21.09 (over \$3 in savings!)**
- TDubs Weekly Schedule
  - Monday – Football Special, Gyros at TDubs Grill
  - Tuesday – Taco Tuesday at TDubs Mexican
    - Two tacos & nachos **\$8.99**
    - Two tacos & chips with sour cream, guacamole, and salsa **\$6.19**
  - Wednesday – Food & Fun Night, S’mores Wrap at TDubs Mexican
  - Thursday – Football Special, Sausage Sandwich at TDubs Grill
  - Friday – Chicken & Waffles at TDubs Grill
  - Saturday – Football Special, Waffle Sundae at TDubs Bakery
  - Sunday – Football Special
- Whole pizza pies are available to order at TDubs! Great to share with friends and roommates! Enjoy it at TDubs, bring it outside to a picnic table, or enjoy movie night in your room! Order forms are available to place your order. Loyalty cards coming soon!
  - Cheese Pizza **\$10.59**
  - Meat Toppings **\$1.99**
  - Vegetable Toppings **\$0.99**

## Dietitian’s Events

- Eat Right at Eick – Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm in The Atrium at Eickhoff
- Mindful Moments – Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 1pm in Brower Student Center  
**Anne: We will be decorating cookies with positive body-image statements.**

## Sustainability

- TCNJ Dining Services will be hosting monthly sustainability tabling’s in The Atrium at Eickhoff and the Brower Student Center to educate the campus community on a number of different sustainability topics and how we can play our part in protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint! Topics will range from water conservation, energy conservation, food waste, and more!
- Our next tablings will be on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in The Atrium at Eickhoff and Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in Brower Student Center from 11am to 1pm.

## TCNJ Catering

- All students and student groups are eligible for 20% off their food orders through TCNJ Catering – great for meetings, events, socials and more!

**Question & Answer** – We invite students, faculty, and staff to share any comments, concerns, or suggestions they may have – what they would like to see in one of the dining locations, etc.

**New Business 10/30/2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
10/30/2019	<b>Ariel:</b> If Trivia Nights were a half an hour earlier I could go. Trivia is good. The timing conflicts with other club meetings (Harry Potter Club, Debate Club, 3 or 4 others starting at 8:30pm)	Thank you for your concern.	The Retail dining team will look into this.
10/30/2019	<b>RHA Rep:</b> In regards to the Halal options in the cooler located at the salad bar at The Atrium at Eickhoff – it is full in the beginning of the week, but it empties very quickly. Also, is the Halal refrigerator monitored?	Thank you for your concern.	<b>Ron:</b> We only get a delivery once a week to stock this cooler. Unfortunately, many of these products are stolen. We are trying to limit how much we put out at once to limit how many items taken. We are working to address this issue. <b>Karen:</b> We would like students to be able to take their food freely. It may not be feasible to staff a person to just monitor.
10/30/2019	<b>RHA Rep:</b> Students really enjoyed burritos yesterday on October 29 <sup>th</sup> at The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for your feedback.	No further action required.
10/30/2019	<b>RHA Rep:</b> We have received reports that utensils are not always clean at The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for your concern.	The Eickhoff dining team will look into this.
10/30/2019	<b>Student:</b> Single use plastic on campus. How can it be reduced in retail dining locations? Are there more biodegradable options? Corporate Sodexo has these options.	Thank you for your concern.	<b>Ben:</b> We are following a “Straws on Demand” method at our cafes in an attempt to reduce straw usage/waste. Guests can request a straw if they feel they need one, but they are longer automatically handed out with drinks. The cups at The Library and Education Cafes are strawless. Additionally, we are looking into handing out more re-usable bags (Carte Blanche meal plan holders were given bags in mid-October). We can look into the options of more biodegradable items.
10/30/2019	<b>Student:</b> Who is in charge of sustainability initiatives and what have you done?	Thank you for your question.	<b>Ben:</b> Wherever you see “Sustainable Roscoe” on a flyer, poster, etc., the Roscoe indicates that item as a sustainability initiative. We have Sustainability Interns and they have organized our Earth Week programming back in April.
10/30/2019	<b>SG Rep:</b> I have received feedback that there are not enough vegan options in The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for your concern.	<b>Ben:</b> Dietitians Puneet and Anne would be more than happy to show any guest around the dining hall and identify the vegan options available at each station. We also have maps that serve as a guide at each entrance, and encourage students to visit Vegan Loop as it offers a variety of options.
10/30/2019	<b>Ariel:</b> Why are all sizes for water charged at the same price in TDubs?	Thank you for your concern.	The Retail dining team will look into this.

**Resolved Business 10/16/2019**

10/16/2019	<p><b>RHA Representative:</b> During Meal Equivalency it seems as if there are not a lot of employees stationed at the Food Court. The pasta station and SubConnection seem to be greatly affected by this. This usually occurs around 12:30pm. Maybe more technology may help such as being able to put your phone number in on the kiosk and get a text when your food is ready.</p>	Thank you for your concern.	<p><b>Ben:</b> Thank you for your feedback. We will have our Retail dining team look into this as in regards to scheduling.</p> <p><b>Chef Frank:</b> The team is very aware of the congestion during these peak hours of Meal Equivalency. We go on a first come first serve basis and the food is made as it is ordered, therefore people who get their tickets in later will have longer wait times.</p> <p><b>Ben:</b> We have looked into the feasibility of mobile ordering and text notifications but unfortunately, we do not have the technology available to procure this at the current time. Please note that you would like to see more of this when you take the survey and tell your friends to note their thoughts as well, as this feedback is greatly considered.</p>
10/16/2019	<p><b>Ariel Steinaltz:</b> Workers at Roscoe’s Tacos in Eickhoff seem confused by the taco specials. I asked for nachos and they just gave me regular chips.</p>	Thank you for your concern.	<p>The Eickhoff team will look into this issue.</p> <p>Update: Ron Pritchard and his management team spoke with the staff at Roscoe’s Tacos to ensure they understand what the taco specials are to ensure customers receive what they ask for.</p>
10/16/2019	<p><b>Jen:</b> It is great to see the number of participants increasing. We all appreciate you coming to these meetings! The more feedback the merrier. It is your dining program and we are just here to serve you so the more feedback we have the better it will be!</p>	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action required.
10/16/2019	<p><b>RHA Representative:</b> I went to The Atrium at Eickhoff approximately a week ago and I got soup. There was shrimp in the soup, although it was not labeled as shrimp. I have a minor shrimp allergy.</p>	Thank you for this concern.	<p><b>Ben:</b> Mislabeling of food is very serious and we are working diligently to make sure that this does not happen. Please notify the staff for the safety of yourself and the fellow guests. We do routine training sessions with staff detailing the seriousness of allergens. Our employees are our first line of defense and subsequently the supervisors and the managers. We have everyone checking stations to assure that this does not happen. We will be hosting re-training sessions to assure this does not happen again and the team is taking this very seriously.</p>
10/16/2019	<p><b>Student:</b> What has been done regarding composting on campus since the last meeting?</p>	Thank you for your inquiry.	<p><b>Ben:</b> We are still looking into this and while it is a project, it is in its infantile stages. We are looking into who our trash manager is currently.</p> <p><b>Karen:</b> Composting on campus is definitely a goal for Dining but the contract with the trash</p>

			manager is through Facilities Services. It is a matter of whether or not we are institutionally set up for composting.
10/16/2019	<b>Student:</b> We did a cooking class last semester and it would be great to have that opportunity again.	Thank you for your inquiry.	<b>Chef Frank:</b> We are definitely interested in doing one of these events again. What I want to do this time is design a class based on what students want to learn so that attendance is strong and people enjoy it! Scheduling is hard because it has to coincide with days where there are minimal catering events, Lions Days, other special events, and the hours of operation. We also have to have conversations with various parts of the dining team, such as the Dietetic team. There will definitely be more information to come!

**Resolved Business 10/2/2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> There are fruit flies near the beverage dispensers in Eickhoff.	Thank you for your concern.	<b>Jen:</b> I will look into this and assure that the staff is properly trained.
10/2/2019	<b>Student:</b> Is there any donation programs in place by Sodexo?	Thank you for your inquiry!	<b>Chef Tony:</b> Most of the produce we get is cut by the provider and as such there is not much leftover food. Our cooks are instructed to cook in a manner that reduces excess food so that there is not a lot of leftover food. Safety protocols are in place for the health of the consumers and usually prevent us from donating food due to conditions such as special refrigeration, storage, etc. Sodexo does make charitable donations with less fragile food such as iced tea after Commencement and even with the recent water crisis. We will be donating the water and the juice that we obtained. Food is prepped in batches so there is ideally not extra food. Sodexo is big on food production in front of the people consuming it. Our kitchen team works hard to make sure they are not over preparing. In the past we have also worked with student organizations to perform a Plate Scrape in Eickhoff, which is where all the wasted food is collected and weighed to raise student awareness on their waste. We also do not use trays to help reduce food waste and water consumption. We would love to chat more about solutions to reduce food water!
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> We have been getting compliments regarding the Dining Services staff!	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action is required.

10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> The beverage station runs out of ice and condiment station runs out of food.	Thank you for your concern.	The Eickhoff team will keep an eye and try to refill these stations more periodically. Please feel free to get a manager and these items will be replenished on the spot.
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> The toaster was acting weird.	Thank you for your concern.	Unfortunately, the toasters do break and we recently had one fixed. We deployed a loaner toaster for a brief period of time but now we have the toaster back and it is operational!
10/2/2019	<b>RHA Representative:</b> What happens to all of the plastic waste when the dish washer breaks?	Thank you for your question.	<b>Chef Tony:</b> All of the plastic plates do get recycled.
10/2/2019	<b>SG Representative:</b> Students are excited about Trivia Night.	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action is required.
10/2/2019	<b>SG Representative:</b> Students were impressed with your response to the water issue!	Thank you for your feedback!	No further action is required.

**Resolved Business 9/18/2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
9/18/2019	<b>Ben Zingaro:</b> Does anyone have any ideas as to how we can better reach the student body?	Thank you for raising this concern.	<p><b>Ariel Steinaltz:</b> Most students are unaware that Dining Services Committee meetings exist. We could try to advertise these meetings more. I found out through a school project last year and I was on the email list for this year already. Most students do not check their email in my opinion so I think social media would be best. I use Instagram the most. Advertising the free samples may also help.</p> <p><b>AJ of Residence Hall Association:</b> I like to read the posters across campus, as I do not use social media.</p> <p><b>Mallory of Student Government:</b> I found out about this meeting as I am the representative for SG. I will be talking about this meeting and giving highlights to the rest of Student Government after this meeting.</p> <p>Moving forward, we hope to have a representative from Staff Senate attending these meetings. We hope everyone can come back with feedback and we can discuss further next meeting.</p>
9/18/2019	<b>Brian Lawton:</b> For Homecoming, Traditions will be handing out different treats and prizes. A magnet with the Traditions	Thank you for sharing this information.	No further action required.

	logo was handed out. Sealed envelopes with a prize inside of them will be handed out during Spirit Week. The envelopes can be opened the following week by either myself or Jen. Students can win free meals, gift cards, and more! Come hangout in Traditions!		
9/18/2019	<b>Ariel Steinaltz:</b> I was recently charged for water at The Lions Den, why is this the case?	Thank you for sharing your concern.	<b>Jen Eckelmann:</b> I will follow up with The Lions Den staff and re-train them on this matter. Please do not hesitate to speak with a manager should this occur again, they will be happy to correct the situation on the spot.
9/18/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> During dinner hours at The Atrium at Eickhoff, there tends to be little to no ice available in the soda dispensers.	Thank you for raising this concern.	The Eickhoff team will look into this situation.
9/18/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> The chicken pizza at The Lions Den, the pork chops at The Atrium at Eickhoff, and SubConnection overall have been getting great reviews from students!	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.
9/18/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> I ran into a girl with a gluten allergy and she did not know that there was a gluten-free zone for her in the dining hall.	Thank you for sharing this concern.	We are pushing for students with dietary restrictions to get in contact with Puneet or Anne, our registered Dietitians, as this will give them a personalized experience and showcase all of their dietary options. Students are invited to talk to managers in Eickhoff as well and they will happily help them navigate through their options.
9/18/2019	<b>Ben Zingaro:</b> Jen and I are working on a schedule for our samplings at the future Dining Services Committee meetings!	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action required.

**Resolved Business 9/4/2019**

Date	Issue	Response	Results
9/4/2019	<b>AJ of Residence Hall Association (RHA):</b> There have been positive reviews regarding the Lemon Water available in The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.
9/4/2019	<b>AJ of RHA:</b> Students are excited about all the new changes happening to The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.



9/4/2019	<b>Chef Frank:</b> We have samples available featuring the Oreo Sweetshot if you'd like to try them out and let us know what you think!	Thank you for sharing your feedback.	No further action needed.
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