



## **Dining Services Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

### **Events/Promotions**

#### **Feedback?**

- Cherries Jubilee in The 1855 Room
- Pasta Action Station in The Atrium at Eickhoff
- Ice Cream Cone Day in The Atrium at Eickhoff

Student Feedback: Ice Cream Cone Day was extremely well received by students.

Jen Armstrong: The team is looking at other like events including a Candy Apple Day on 10/31/17.

#### **Brazilian Cooking Class**

- Wednesday, October 25 at 3:30PM in The 1855 Room.
- Cost:
  - Carte Blanche Swipe + \$5
  - Block + \$7.42
  - Points/Cash/Credit/Debit \$14.76

Karen Roth stated we need student help in promoting these culinary cooking classes and asked students for ideas on ways to not only promote them but also ensure that students show up on the day of the event. Suggestions included requesting payment in advance, working with organizations to co-sponsor and market the event to their communities; texting registered students prior to the event. Lauren Konate asked for contact information for the cooking club on campus. The RHA representative will talk to his group about future co-sponsorships. Students recommended that the class offerings relate to student groups, i.e., a vegan or vegetarian menu with sponsorship by the Vege Life Club.

## **Resident Dining**

### **1. The 1855 Room**

- Chef Spotlight featuring Chef Jim Borcsik will be on Wednesday, October 18.

### **2. The Atrium at Eickhoff**

- Noodle Day will be on October 6.
- Pierogi day will be on October 11 – Mrs. T representative will be here at 11AM.
- Meatless Monday with Residential Education & Housing – October 16 from 4PM to 9PM.
- Diwali Dinner with Indian Student Association – October 19 from 4PM to 9PM.
- Blue & Gold Luncheon – October 20 from 11AM to 4PM.
- Roscoe's Summer Vacation – October 26 from 4PM to 9PM.

### **3. C-Store**

- We are looking for feedback from students regarding what ready-to-eat foods they would like to see in the C-Store; we are looking to remove the hot dogs.
- We are looking for feedback from students regarding the farmer's market and any other fruits and vegetables they would like added to the store.

Jen Armstrong solicited feedback from students on additional options they would like to see in the C-store. They are considering discontinuing hot dogs, eggplant, squash and other foods that are not moving to make room for grab-and-go foods desired by the students.

## **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!
- Flavours of Autumn – Limited Time Offers now available – contact Catering or visit our website.

## **Dietitian Events**

- Mindful Mile – join us for fresh air and have the opportunity to ask our Registered Dietitian Samantha Romeo any questions you may have about mindful eating, nutrition, or exercise!
  - October 16 – Dixita Malatesta, Disability Support Services
- Eat Right @ Eick – October 19.

**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
10/4/17	Comment: Karen Roth informed DSC that faculty, staff and students will soon participate in the NACUFS survey this year. On other years, Sodexo conducts an annual survey.	Thank you for seeking the participation of the school community.	No further action required.
10/4/17	Request for Feedback: Karen Roth asked students for their feedback on the food at TCNJ.	Students reported that most students are quite pleased, however, the vegan community still feels that there are not enough vegan options. They also reported that students have difficulty knowing how to find these options at different stations.	Patrice Mendes: We are very close to completing a project of pairing options at different stations based on dietary needs. Karen Roth: It is important to market what we have. The marketing team will work on educational pieces to distribute to students.
10/4/17	Comment: Student ambassador stated that she asks her fellow ambassadors to speak to new students about the food customization options (“not your mother’s cooking”) to set appropriate expectations.	Karen Roth: Thank you for your valuable feedback.	Karen Roth: It comes down to marketing what we have and educating students about available options. The dining services team and marketing team will work on ways to educate students.

10/4/17	Student concern: There are very long lines at the Library Café during Meal Equivalency.	Response: Thank you for your concern.	This feedback will be shared with the Library Café management team.
10/4/17	Question: Student asked when the STEM Forum Café will open.	Patrice Mendes: The ribbon cutting will be 10/12/17. Once open, it will take 7 plus days to stock the café and get the appropriate clearance for operation. It will probably open at the end of October.	Patrice Mendes will provide additional updates at future DSC meetings.
10/4/17	Karen Roth thanked the entire committee for their participation. She stated "We work to make a difference."		No further action is required.

**Open Business**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
9/6/2017	Suggestion: Student asked if sesame-ginger dressing could be added to the salad bar at The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for your suggestion. We will look into food allergy issues as well as the possibility.	Ronald Pritchard will look into this request.
9/6/2017	Request: Student asked if Nutella could be offered at The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Thank you for your question. We will look into the option, but it does fall into the concern for nut allergies.	Ronald Pritchard will look into this request.

### Resolved Business

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Results</b>
9/13/2017	Question: Student said she loved the banana cheesecake that was offered during the summer. Can it be offered again during the school year?	Ron Pritchard looked into this.	Banana cheesecake was added to the menu 10/3/17.
9/13/2017	Request: Student would like dairy free butter in The Atrium at Eickhoff.	Jennifer Armstrong looked into this.	Eickhoff now offers dairy-free butter by the toaster and spread station located at Bliss Bakery.
9/20/2017	Concern: Student said that her professor complained that there were no options for coffee after 2:30pm.	Thank you for expressing your concern. Response: Lauren Konate reported that Fresh Pride serves coffee until 2:30pm; and Traditions offers coffee at the window until 9:00pm on weekdays and 5:00pm on weekends.	Student will share with the professor.
9/20/2017	Comment: Patrice Mendes asked the students for feedback on the 5pm DSC meeting that took place on September 13.	The students reported the 5pm DSC meeting was well received by all of the attendees and that many attended because of the free food.	Patrice Mendes: The 5pm DSC meetings will continue and food will be provided to encourage greater participation of students.

9/20/2017	Comment: Student wanted to know if there is going to be an Oktoberfest this year.	Patrice Mendes looked into this.	Patrice Mendes: Plans have not been formalized for Halloween. She will look into adding Oktoberfest festivities for that day.
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**\*\*Our next Dining Services Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 18, at 2pm in Social Sciences Building, Room 230\*\***

*All meeting times, dates, and locations can be found at our website:  
**<https://tcnj.sodexomyway.com/community/committee.html>***