



Dining Services Committee – Minutes 9/8/2021

Attendees/Introductions:

- Mark Glodowski (Dining)
- Audrey Perrotti (TCNJ)
- Keith Murray (Dining)
- Frank Rette (Dining)
- Jen Ekelmann (Dining)
- Tony Salzarulo (Dining)
- Todd O’Grady (Dining)
- Zion Lee (SG)
- Anne Sugrue (Dining)
- Leigh-Ann Herbert (Dining)

Opening The Meeting:

- Mark introduced the meeting and explained the purpose of the Dining Services Committee as a way to gauge how the dining program is doing in the eye of the student body and to best fit the needs of the students.

COVID-19 Updates & Procedures:

- Eickhoff – Leigh-Ann Herbert discussed the safety measures that Eickhoff currently has in place which limited self-service, plexiglass barriers, Waste Watch Reusables containers, and the mask and My Campus Pass requirements.
- Retail – Jen Ekelmann discussed the current safety measures for Retail locations which include plexiglass barriers and contact free service. Masks are required and gloves are available at all self-service stations and utensils are swapped out regularly.

Residential Dining:

- Mark discussed the upcoming National Food Days (Guac Day & Cheeseburger Day). Mark then discussed Constitution Day and how we have partnered with SG in the past for the event. Zion

Lee commented that he will bring up collaboration in their SG meeting. Chef Tony said historically the menu has been BBQ themed.

- Mark discussed the upcoming theme event – So Long Summer Splash, as well as the dining survey which will be conducted from September 27th – October 9th.
- Mark discussed the opening of the 1855 Room and the event CityScapes – Chicago. Audrey Perrotti proposed the idea of sending an email to the provost to create awareness that 1855 Room is open. She also discussed they request with facilities to remove the sign outside of the 1855 Room entrance stating it is closed. Mark concluded with the brownie sundae bar action station that will take place on September 15th.
- Tony Salzarulo talked about what has been done in the past for the Blue & Gold Spirit Lunch. He mentioned about the various stations being a specific sport, fact boards, the cupcake football centerpiece, and decorations such as jerseys, pennants, flowers, etc.

Retail Dining:

- Jen Ekemann led off with discussing the updated hours for Traditions, SubConnection, the Library Café, World Fusion, and stations at T-Dubs. She continued to inform the committee that her team is currently 40 employees short and that they are actively recruiting from wherever they can and working with various temp agencies to find employees. She discussed that we are hiring student workers for all positions and urged students to apply and spread the word.
- Keith Murray discussed supply issues and brought up the example of a delivery being canceled late at night the day before it was supposed to come in. He said that we are seeking new vendors to source our products and will update menus accordingly.
- Mark highlighted the various specials happening at T-Dubs – Taco Tuesdays, Food & Fun Wednesdays, Football Specials, etc. which got a good reaction from the room.

Dietitian:

- Anne discussed her upcoming events – Mindful Moments & Eat Right at Eick. She also discussed that September is National Whole Grain Month and that we will have information going out in our locations and social media.

Q&A / Feedback:

- Zion said he has only heard good things about the dining program so far.
- Zion – “Is The Atrium at Eickhoff giving out free masks to students that forget them”
 - o Keith Murray – “No, we simply don’t have enough for everyone and students are required to have a mask prior to entering The Atrium at Eickhoff.”

Keith Murray – “Hiring is the #1 priority, and we are trying to move as quickly as we can. Our HR is actively recruiting and working with 8-9 temporary agencies to try to secure labor. Most employees are working double shifts and 6 shifts a week and we cannot ask them to do much more. Supply Chain issues have caused deliveries to be cancelled last minute or shorting on supply. Some menu items will be impacted as supply shifts.”

- Zion discussed pitching the DSC in SG meetings so increase participation. Mark added that he can create any marketing collateral needed to promote the meetings.

Next Meeting:

- Mark closed the meeting by informing the committee that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 2:00PM in the Social Sciences Building – Room 223.