
DINING SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

- Upcoming Events
 - November 11 - Next DSC meeting
 - Thursday, October 29 – Halloween event in Eickhoff Hall – Join us for a spooktacular Halloween event! Paint a pumpkin, or ice your own cupcake. We'll have a menu featuring the delicious flavors of fall, including fresh dipped caramel apples.
 - Thursday, November 12 – Helping Hands Across America canned food drive, and Thanks for Giving Dinner in Eickhoff Hall. – Each year, Sodexo accounts across the country make an attempt to break the Guinness World Record™ for Largest Food Drive by a Non-Charitable Organization in a 24 Hour Period (Multiple Locations). As part of this great event, we have two initiatives planned so far:
 - As Large as Larry – We'll be displaying a life-size poster of Larry (Big Larry) Stevens in Eickhoff Hall a couple weeks prior to the event to generate interest. The poster will challenge students to pile the donations high and make it “As Large as Larry.”
 - Pre-Packaged Donation Bags – On the day of the event, we will have pre-packaged bags of food available for purchase at several dining locations in \$5 and \$10 increments. Students, faculty and staff who purchase the bags will then bring them to the main collection point.

We will also host our annual Thanksgiving dinner that night as well, but will call it “Thanks for Giving” so we may thank our students for their donations.

We have reached out to the SGA, RHA, Inter-Greek Council and The Bonner Center for support, but have not yet heard back from them.

- Tray-Free Dining Update Initiative
 - Presentations were made to the SGA and RHA on the 14th and 21st. We received great insight and feedback from both groups. Tray-Free FAQs are posted on tenjdining.com and a survey will be going out to students shortly.
- Peanut/Tree Nut Desserts have been separated in Eickhoff Hall
 - With the relocation of the soups to the salad bar, we now have an opportunity to separate desserts containing peanuts and other tree nuts. While this does not guarantee that the other desserts are peanut free, and that no cross contamination has occurred, it certainly minimizes the risk.
 - Needs signage

- Nutritional ID update
 - We've been working hard to update the nutritional IDs! Emily, our student employee focusing on nutrition, has been printing and laminating furiously, as well as collecting information on stations such as the deli and omelet bar to create nutritional grids to be posted at these stations. We're about 70% through the process, and hope to have the new IDs rolled out in the first couple weeks of November.

- The Balanced Way "Build a Better Sandwich" contest
 - Congratulations to Vinny Pelli, winner of our Build a Better Sandwich contest. Vinny created "The Paisano," a sandwich with grilled chicken, provolone cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, lettuce, tomato and Italian dressing, that will be featured at our deli every Wednesday in November. The sandwich fits the guidelines for The Balanced Way, and it very tasty!

- Thank you letter from ADEP
 - I would like to thank you so very much for your help with the "Dance Away Domestic Violence" Dance-A-Thon!! It was a big hit, and I'm still receiving positive feedback from the students. In fact, one student was so enthusiastic about the venue, that she approached me about hosting another event in T-Dubs.

- Open Forum
 - SGA
 - Humus- in the Stud,
 - Yogurt- in Eickhoff
 - Lia- happiest person ever
 - TW- using people's name when greeting (good stuff)
 - SGA- consensus- soft bread not hard bread
 - Eickhoff- cups and lids shortage
 - Water- in stud broken
 - Cram Jam/Finals Fest- Joanna contact Jen Hill and Alison Lazzaro
 - European Vacation- Belgian waffles very popular
 - RHA
 - Utensil shortage in Eickhoff

- Trayless Tuesdays- concerns about clean tables and carrying plates to the dishroom multiple times; will come up with a resolution and recommendations
- 1855- RHA was successful
- Lights in Eickhoff at night turn off