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**DINING SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009**

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- Upcoming Events
  - Monday, November 7 – We'll be handing out our Finals Snack Packs as part of The Balanced Way program. This year, students will have a choice of what they want for the bag.
  - Tuesday, November 8 – Cram Jam – Take a study break and join us in Eickhoff from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. for cotton candy, fresh popped popcorn, chicken tenders, fried mac & cheese, and lots of other favorite comfort foods.
- Tray-Free Dining Update Initiative
  - Karen to update the group.
- The Library Café
  - Paula Rainey & Dean Pavlovsky to present
    - Reduction of trash in library, not just TLC
    - Evolution of bookstore into a place to linger, eat, drink, etc
    - Libraries are following suit
    - Bookstores pay cleaning crews, we do not have the luxury or money
    - Discounted for using refillable cup- certain type, non-spillable,
      - refill special cup only as library approved cup (stamp)
      - sanitation issue
      - sizes
    - Lower waste on campus and in library
- The Balanced Way Focus Group & Survey results
  - Although students want healthier food options (more than 3/4 of respondents), they frequently associated healthy as being anything that is "fresh, local, vegetarian, trans fat free, green."
  - Students prefer pictures of available foods over plated items on the serving lines

- Students are seeking the healthier choices, but claim they prefer to be "guided" versus having meals all planned out for them.
- Students want to see nutrition come alive with more culinary presentations and nutrition classes.
- Students are concerned about how to eat well when no longer on campus
- C-Store Promotions & Specials
  - Holiday chocolates are in at the C-Store. Grab one for Mom, Dad or some other special person.
  - We also have a raffle for a 2GB iPod Shuffle, enter today!
- Aspetto
  - Any thoughts from SGA, RHA or others when news of changing the coffee in Eickhoff was passed on to the groups?
    - Up on our website (wait til Feb)
    - Two nights in January with vote
    - Aspetto tasting 2000 samples, email Michelle or USP
- \$100 gift card drawing
- DSC next semester
  - Any thoughts on how to attract more students?
    - Should we offer different incentives?
    - How else should we advertise?
    - Do we change the frequency of the meetings?
      - Move location to a higher traffic area
      - Target freshman to use DSC as resume builders, business majors, health and exercise science majors
      - Advertise in Eickhoff and gym
      - Director's dinners
      - Students Activities Fair each semester, next one is January (main one is in fall)
- Open Forum
  - Beverage Vendors- Steve U. from RHA sat in on RFP beginning stages

- TrayFree update: 37% agree/strongly agree, 5% disagree/strongly disagree
  - RHA Resolution: one month with trays, one month without trays...want more information
  - Can be done, but it's hard for students to give up the luxury
  - Committee recommendations: with renovations might be better, expected move all at once is better, definitely after renovation
  - Signs around tray area about lower energy and water usage, more education
  - Plate scrapes in spring to start education with freshman to set trend when they come in
- Alison and Thanks for Giving dinner, discussions with director about it