

**Food Service Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 07, 2005 – Commons Dining Hall**

Members Present: Carrie Cassens, Pat Fogarty, Kyle Morris, Kolette Palacios, Andy Rhoades, John Root, Paul Taylor, Kathy Weiser.

Discussed Items

1. At the request of one of our committee members we adjusted the agenda and discussed the new meal trade items first and followed by the contract additions/deletions.
2. Paul Taylor informed the committee that beginning in the spring semester we would be adding a Chicken Caesar Salad to the menu at Coyote Jacks and that item would be available as a meal trade. This is being done after feedback from a student sub-committee of the ASG to have that item available in the LBJ Student Center as a meal trade.
3. Next, John discussed the progress that has been made on the contract additions/deletions document. John distributed a list that he has put together that includes 12 enhancements to the contract including everything from meal roll-overs to maintaining Saturday dinner hours at Harris Dining Hall. Over the years it has been noted that we have deleted a few items from the contract that were deemed unnecessary and with the full support of those stakeholders that were most affected. While during the same time we have added and enhanced the contract in much greater proportions, and we are now acknowledging those changes in a formal document that will be attached to our contract. We will have more to add to this list and the committee will review again at the December meeting. If committee members wish to review past minutes where some of these items were discussed all the committee meeting minutes are posted on the Auxiliary Services web site under the food committee link. We have all the minutes of meetings archived dating back to 2001. John noted that over the years in order to maintain the high quality program that our students, faculty and staff have come to expect these changes have been necessary.
4. Kyle Morris asked for an update on the juice machines at Jones Diner. Due to our contractual obligation with Coke we were forced to eliminate a non-coke product that had been previously available in Jones Diner. Coke is to provide us with a new alternative but they have yet to deliver the equipment necessary to dispense the product, minute maid juices. Paul Taylor was to contact Coke again and see what could be done to have that equipment delivered. The committee discussed the possibility to placing another alternate non-carbonated drink in Jones until this situation can be addressed.
5. Kyle asked Kathy Weiser if there had been any progress on adding additional residence students to the committee. Kathy explained that the residence life staff had gone to the hall council and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee but had

not had any luck convincing anyone to serve. She told Kyle that she would go back and try again in order to have another residence student serve in the committee. John confirmed that the student would be allowed to have the 30 meal plan block that is available to all committee members, regardless if they have a current plan or not.

6. Next John discussed the meal plan participation numbers for the current semester and those numbers are recorded below. John noted that we are close to where we were in terms of meals remaining compared to last fall at the same time. John also noted that we might see a drop in the amount of meals eaten this fall semester compared to past due to meal roll-over, students no longer lose their meals from fall to spring semester, since an agreement with Chartwell's was reached spring 04, based on student request.

Meal Plan Balances
As of October 31, 2005

	Total Plans	Meals Remaining	Average Meals Remaining	Percentage of Meals Remaining	Average Meals Eaten	Percentage of Meals Eaten
100 Meal Plan	1,873	90,438	48.3	48.3%	51.7	51.7%
150 Meal Plan	3,035	225,147	74.2	49.5%	75.8	50.5%
200 Meal Plan	1,184	119,970	101.3	50.7%	98.7	49.3%
250 Meal Plan	160	20,536	128.4	51.3%	121.7	48.7%
Total	6,252	456,091				50.4%
	Dollars Remaining	Average Dining \$ Remaining	Percentage of Dollars Remaining	Average Points Spent	Percentage of Dollars Spent	
100 Meal Plan	\$ 125.00	\$ 118,877.22	\$ 63.47	\$ 61.53	\$ 49.2%	
150 Meal Plan	\$ 100.00	\$ 122,301.74	\$ 40.30	\$ 59.70	\$ 59.7%	
200 Meal Plan	\$ 75.00	\$ 29,691.00	\$ 25.08	\$ 49.92	\$ 66.6%	
	\$ 270,870					56.8%

Our resident student population remains very high at 5,465, and our resident dining population remains the highest ever at 6,252. This means we have 787 non-resident students that chose to purchase a meal plan that were not required or 12.6%, a very high number that would indicate a high degree of satisfaction with our program.

7. John updated the committee on the participation in the Bobcat Bucks program. As of 11/07 for the fall semester our students have deposited \$64,208 into Bobcat Bucks Accounts and have spent \$44,008.28. Students have spent the majority of that money on food, \$26,446.18 being spent at on-campus food locations and \$10,261.01 spent at off-campus locations. We now have 33 merchants off-campus accepting Bobcat Bucks and 2 more are coming on this week. It was noted that the Bobcat Bucks Accepted Here signs you see at various locations in San Marcos are a good advertising tool for the school.
8. Paul Taylor distributed copies of the Thanksgiving Holiday schedule to the committee. John noted that we are opening Jones Diner again on Sunday evening

when our students return. We changed this last year for the first time and we served 1,100 students vs. 250 when we opened Commons and Harris. Obviously we are now serving a far greater number of our students with this change. Kathy Weiser noted that on the last day Tuesday evening it might be better to open Harris opposed to Commons, because more students that are staying through the Holiday live on that side of campus. John and Paul said they did not care and that if residence life wanted that change to let us know and we could try that either next fall or at Spring Break.

9. John reminded everyone that Moonlight Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday December 6th in Jones Dining Hall.
10. Kathy Weiser reported that Chicken Tenders were not being offered as frequently as in the past and Paul Taylor agreed noting that they are still on the menu, but are now a cycle menu item, meaning they will show up every couple weeks instead of a couple times per week. Also it was noted that there were straws out that did not have wrappers and Paul was going to check and see the reason for that. We have typically ordered individually wrapped straws for our facilities.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Future Meetings

December 05, 2005 LBJ Student Center Food Court