

Food Service Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 10, 2001

Members Present: Charles Blackwell, Dr. Kurt Czupryn, Laurey Ellertson, Trey Erwin, Pat Fogarty, John Garrison, Richard Giagnacovo, Jennifer Howe, John Powell, Andy Rhoades, John Root, Melissa Ruud, Charlie Salas, Dale Schneider, Dr. Joanne Smith, Fred Varela.

Discussed Items

1. Everyone acknowledged receiving copies of the April minutes via e-mail and the minutes were accepted as written and sent.
2. Charles Blackwell introduced his new Director of Retail Operations, Dale Schneider and Director of Resident Dining, Fred Varela. Dale comes to SWT from Aramark and Fred has been with SWT for many years, serving as the manager of Commons last year. We welcome both Dale and Fred to their new positions.
3. Charles Blackwell discussed the new concepts that have opened this Fall semester including; Socrates Express, Coupe De Licious, Austin Blues, and the Paws-N-Go II Located in Jones Lobby. This new location will include Island Oasis Smoothies, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and Sunflower Cleaners. This location should be ready to open by the end of the week.
4. John Root addressed the ASG legislation that was introduced last spring, "Stop Ripping Me Off". John explained that the differences in the pricing between the 100 and 150 Block Plan was \$54.50 and that the student that brought the legislation indicated that the per meal cost to the student that used a meal trade was higher than the meal value they were purchasing. It was pointed out that the price per meal is highest on the 100 Block plan but is reduced when a 150, 200, or 250 plan is purchased. The price per meal based on this assumption ranges from \$6.62 – \$3.63 based on the plan chosen. It was also noted that when the Block Plans were introduced in 1998 the Food Committee wanted to have plans that ranged price wise the same as the 10 – 14 – 19 meal plans that had been in place. The addition of meal trades raised participation to Low – Mid 80% from Low 60%. The actual meals eaten are the same under the 100 Block Plan as they were under the 10 Meals per week plan. Meal Trades are merely an enhancement to the program and are not presented as a cost effective alternative to the Dining Hall. Melissa Ruud said that she would research the response that Dr. Studer provided ASG concerning the legislation.
5. John Root discussed the possibility of changing some of the meal plans for the fall 2002 – spring 2003 semester. Based on our current meal days available our 100 Block Plan only allows for 6.09 meals per week. It was questioned if this was an advantage to continue to offer this plan, because even though we are conscious of wanting to offer a low cost meal plan are we really offering a viable option for our students. Mr. Root was going to research the number of students on the 100 Block

plan that exhaust their plans and those that require additional points before the semester ends.

6. John Root showed the committee a sample of the new Chartwell's Web Site template for their college and university accounts. Charles Blackwell noted that SWT should have a similar look to its site in the coming weeks.
7. The future of the Sub-committees was discussed and it was decided that formal sub-committee reports would no longer be required, however the basic subject matter in the sub-committee; Menus, Retail Ops, Catering, Assessment would still be openly discussed as issues warrant.
8. Andy Rhoades informed the committee that we are working with Chick-Fil-A to move the LBJ Student Center operation from the 2nd to 1st floor during Winter break. The Pizza Hut will move to the space currently occupied by Chick-Fil-A and the new space for Chick-Fil-A will allow us to expand the offerings and serve more customers.

The meeting adored at 5:05 pm.

The next Food Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2001 4:00 pm at Commons Dining Hall.

xc: Mr. Bill Nance
Dr. James Studer