

Food Service Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 25, 2002

Members Present: Richard Giagnacovo, Jen Howe, Andy Rhoades, Rachel Ranft (Guest), John Root, Judi Villegas, Mike Weiss.

Discussed Items

1. John apologized for not sending the minutes from January 28th meeting. I thought they had been sent out weeks earlier but had not sent them. The minutes from January were subsequently sent the next morning after the meeting.
2. John Root reminded the committee members to continue to fill out the evaluation forms when they eat in the facilities. This is a critical part of our duties and the main reason that we receive the 30 block plan for participating in the food committee. One member of the committee commented that a cashier at Jones Diner was not sure of what the forms were when asked for by the member. Richard said he would address with all cashiers.
3. Meal Plan usage – John reported that it was still too early in the semester to give a report on Meal Plan usage. A report as for the end of February will be distributed at the March meeting. John did report that we currently have 4,461 students on traditional meal plans for the Spring Semester. This is a drop of 139 from the 4,600 in the fall semester. This represents a 3.12% drop that is less than the typical 8% - 9% drop that occurs between semesters. John also pointed out that this past Fall semester we had 714 students either off-campus or living in San Saba or Arnold that chose meal plans when one was not required. In the spring we had 602.
4. Richard reported that the Chick-Fil-A grand opening went very well. Chick-Fil-A sales are up 12% and breakfast is continuing to increase. Also a student reported that many times when she goes to Chick-Fil-A they are out of trays. Richard informed the committee that this has already been addressed and 600 trays were on order and expected next week.
5. The students that attended the Steak Night on February 14th noted that the steaks were a little tough. Richard said that he would have preferred they would have marinated the steaks over night which would have made them tenderer. The students also commented that they really enjoyed the nights when we do things like karaoke, Harley Night, and pictures with Tony the Tiger.
6. The meeting ended with a brief overview of the coffee house concept that is being considered for Mugs. We discussed the full service Starbucks and the replacement of Capella's with a Freshens Yogurt or Ice Cream concept. The students in attendance felt that the coffee house idea would be a welcomed addition. We also discussed the possibility of an appetizer menu for the evening hours and creating the evening as more of a programming format.

7. John informed the committee that the new dining service web site is up and operational and can be accessed at www.mycampusdining.com/swt/ . Some of the links on the Universities site still go to the old dining services page however. Also John noted that while the site was operational it appears that some additional text needs to be added.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Next Meeting March 25, 2002 – Commons Dining Hall

xc: Mr. Bill Nance
Dr. James Studer