

**Food Service Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 10, 2012 – Commons Dining Hall**

Members Present: Dr. Margarita Arellano, Jeania Brandon, Leslie Bulkley, Russell Clark, Cody DeSalvo, Tyler Dukes, Susan Dudolski, Gerald Fineis, Kathryn Price, Dr. Rosanne Proite, John Root, Charlie Salas, Abel Valencia, Kathryn Weiser.

Discussed Items

1. The meeting began with Leslie introducing 2 of her managers. Jeania Brandon, who has been with Texas State and Chartwell's for more than 20 years and most recently managed the Den, is now operations manager for residential board dining. Jeania will oversee both Harris and Commons Dining Halls. Jeania brings with her a wealth of knowledge in dining services and will no doubt be a valuable addition to our team in her new role. Gerald Fineis is our new operations manager for retail operations and oversees the LBJ Student Center, the Den and Jones. Gerald comes to us from Colorado where he worked for Chartwell's. He also has 10 years' experience in the hotel industry working for the Ritz Carlton. Let's see if he can bring some of that Ritz Carlton pizzazz to retail dining.
2. John reviewed the fall meal plan numbers and explained that due to the enrollment numbers coming in less than everyone was anticipating it affected the dining numbers as well. The total meal plans sold are approximately 600 below what was anticipated, we currently have a total of 5,586 students on resident dining plans.
3. John reported that the renovations to Commons came out very nice. There are still some issues that the contractor needs to work on but we are open and everything seems to be running smoothly. We will have a building event once the entire building officially opens in the Spring.
4. Weekend Hours – John and Leslie explained that due to the low number of students participating in the meal plan it necessitated closing Commons on the weekends, as we had done the two previous years. We had anticipated being open on the weekends at Commons but had to reverse that decision when the numbers came in where they did. There was a good discussion concerning the issue and some discussion about what we could have done better to alert students of this decision. Unfortunately it wasn't until late in the summer that we realized the board numbers would be as low as they are. John agreed to meet with Tyler, Kathryn and Cody to go over the dining services budget and explain why this move was necessary.
5. Abel Valencia gave a report on the marketing plan for the fall semester. We will have our traditional holiday events, Where's Chef Boko program, and many specials offered throughout the semester. Abel told everyone the best way to stay informed about events is through our web-site and social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

6. John informed the committee that the Programming Company hired to program the new Jones Diner was getting ready to finish their report. Once this is completed we will begin looking at hiring an architect and moving forward with designing and planning the building. John informed the committee that they will have input once we begin the design stage and assist in planning how the new Hall will function.
7. Compostable Cups are now being warehoused at the local Coke distributorship and will be more easily available to us. This should reduce or eliminate the supply issues we had in the past. This initiative was instituted at the urging of ASG and in particular Nathan McDaniel our ASG President.
8. Finally Leslie was happy to announce that after a 5 year absence Coke will once again supply the campus with Dr. Pepper. In the coming weeks it will be rolled out campus-wide in; fountain, retail and vending. John explained what happened contractually back in 2007 when we ceased carrying Dr. Pepper but things have changed and it will now be available.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Future Meetings

October 8, 2012	Lyndon's UClub
November 5, 2012	Department of Housing and Residential Life Room 301
December 3, 2012	TBD