

Dining Advisory Committee - 29 November 2021 Meeting Minutes

Student Attendees

Heather Hollingsworth
Neri Traugot
Elizabeth Paull
Chase Marcum
Lake Luther
Eliza Jones

Non-Student Attendees

James Richards
Chef Mariano
Dr. Steve St.Onge
Todd Larsen
Joellen Peterson

Food Served from the Depot

Hey Juan burritos
Wildflower Cafe tomato bisque
Obento chicken katsu and eggplant katsu

Actions Taken by Dining from Last Meeting

- Meal exchanges are at the Depot now.
- Local restaurant, Taste of Bim is coming to College Creek Marketplace serving M-F lunch (lots of vegan/vegetarian/gluten free foods including empanadas and fried plantains).
- More cooks have been hired in the J and in the Marketplace which alleviates some of the culinary pressure. Still not fully staffed, but getting closer.
- Since the last meeting James lost 12 employees and gained 12 employees so it's a constant mission to communicate. Ninety percent of the time the chef meets with the staff before meal times to go over ingredients/plans.
- The J Grill has added made-to-order grilled cheese, omelettes, and eggs.
- Working with the vendors on extending hours at the Depot. Some are open to it and others need to see more business before they can add more hours.
- Breakfast for Dinner will have vegan/vegetarian options. The menu is pending release.

Concerns/Comments from Students

- Students are liking the personalized omelettes at the J Grill, but staff needs to get the word out that simple eggs can also be fixed there.
- Los Bagels offers Jewish food at their Arcata store and some students wish they'd offer it on campus too, especially on holidays.
- Some meat eaters have seen raw meat being served and others haven't noticed that.
- Some students really enjoyed the prime rib event where the meat was cut for each person, making it a personable experience. The new coffee bar is a hit too.
- Some reports of Redwood and Sunset laundry having trouble with C-points. Todd checked with the Tech person and he hadn't been notified.
- Some students reported trouble with the app loading C-points.

- Students who can't make it to the J after it closes due to class load need somewhere to get dinner with their meal swipes. Possible solutions were discussed.
- Students on the south side wish that the Marketplace were open till 9:00 p.m. like it used to be.

Vegan/Vegetarian Specific Feedback

- People with dietary restrictions feel like they are getting left behind. Special events are too often geared toward people who do not have dietary restrictions.
- People still want more variety and not pasta and chili all of the time.
- The salad bar has been improved, but there are bad spinach sightings and moldy tomatoes seen specifically at dinner time.
- Vegans/vegetarians on the south side specifically are saying they have less options since the update to the hot lines arrangement at the J.

Commitments

- Based on Neri's comment about the most common question she gets which is not "What can I eat" but "Where did ____ go?" James will work on being consistent with food placement so people know what to expect as they're going down the food line.
- James and Heather talked about her emailing him when she sees decaying food so that he can find the people on that shift and talk with them.
- To address the need of students to eat who can't make it to the J in time for dinner because of their class load, James will experiment putting together "meal replacements" in the Cupboard and the Marketplace, starting with small numbers to see what kind of meals go including both classic options and lighter fare.