

Food Service Advisory Committee Minutes October 5, 2012

Members Present: Amin Ahmadzadeh, Erik Anderson, Jaran Brown, Jeanne Dickman, Krista Froiseth, Charles Griggs, Kathyleen Hardage, Bertha Jackson, Mary Jane Mahoney, Jeff Mohr, Debbie Reid, Chanda Stebbins, Paul Wong

Members Absent: David Durkee, Brenda Evans, Brianna Johnson, Elizabeth Spurgin, Freddie Wehbe

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

The minutes from the April 20, 2012 meeting were approved as noted.

Food Court Report

- Subway
 - Rising food and insurance costs, plus credit card fees, are affecting profits.
 - Sales and crew are otherwise good.
- La Fortuna
 - Sales numbers are good.
 - As of August 2012, Paul Wong has taken over as operations manager. He is currently working on removing and/or replacing unused equipment such as the rotisserie.
 - Facilities will be contacted before any major changes.
 - After these updates, more space will be available to offer additional choices. The new menu will hopefully begin in the Spring 2013 semester.
- Dominos
 - [no report]

Coffee 101 Report

- Sales are up and going well.
- The Café has reached its capacity of electrical outlets; currently researching possibilities. Need more outlets for ice machine and other equipment.
- New menu goes into effect in October.

Bookstore Report

- Sales are good, especially convenience items.
- The only current issue is a lack of space.

Old Business

- Patron Behavior
 - Mohr reported that the issue of loitering in the stairs area has improved.
 - Mahoney reported Coffee 101 and the Bookstore have no behavior problems at present, with the exception of some shoplifting at the Bookstore.
 - The presence of security cameras and increased patrolling by SFPD officers has resolved many of the issues with patron behavior and campus safety.
 - For example: the security cameras caught the person responsible for the theft of La Fortuna's television.
 - Stebbins reported that the outdoor seating area has relieved much of the congestion and noise in that area.
- Food Court Renovations
 - Renovations have been generally well-received. The counter is particularly popular. Recent additions include new chairs and plants.
 - Upstairs area is very crowded; money is available for renovations, but Jesse Pugh is currently busy moving departments around campus. Possibilities include partitions and new furniture.
 - Andersen reported an issue with voyeurism from the balcony.

- Lockers & Back Room
 - Mohr reported that the back room is overcrowded with storage, leaving no room for employee belongings; it also lacks security.
 - Shlafer and Andersen will inspect the area and work on possible solutions.

New Business & Open Discussion

- Waste Disposal
 - Andersen asked the vendors about the recycling and trash situation.
 - Mohr reported that recycling is good, but vendors are not breaking down boxes. Additionally, trash cans are too small and Facilities can't keep up.
 - Mahoney reported that Bookstore trash is not being picked up.
- Accessibility
 - Discussion took place regarding automatic door usage for patrons. Currently the south entrance has no automatic door, and the location of the buttons at the north entrance may also be an issue. Shlafer will investigate options for rectifying these issues.
- Sustainability
 - Student question: possibility of adding trash compactor and/or eliminating Styrofoam?
 - Andersen reported that most compactors are prohibitively expensive, but will look into other options.
 - Wong reported that eliminating Styrofoam is possible, but "green" options are more expensive, which will raise prices.
 - Student suggestion: recycling bins next to every trash can.
 - Andersen agreed this was ideal, but there is no budget for new receptacles and the increased frequency of ARC pickup.
 - Student question: why can't the College use vendor food waste (such as used coffee grounds) to create compost for the organic gardens?
 - Mahoney reported that Health Department regulations are an issue.
 - Storage is also a problem (flies, odor, etc).
 - Gardening clubs and sustainability programs may look into possibilities.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.