

Food Service Advisory Committee Minutes February 8, 2013

Members Present: Erik Anderson, Krista Froiseth, Charles Griggs, Kathyleen Hardage, Briana Buie for Bertha Jackson, Frieda Long, Jeff Mohr, Debbie Reid, Freddie Wehbe, Paul Wong

Members Absent: Amin Ahmadzadeh, Jaran Brown, Jeanne Dickman, David Durkee, Brianna Johnson, Mary Jane Mahoney, Elizabeth Spurgin, Chanda Stebbins

Guests: Candace Kellom, George Briggs

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes from the November 30, 2012 meeting were approved as noted.

Food Court Report

- La Fortuna
 - Sales are lower than last year, but have recently seen a big improvement.
- Subway
 - Same as La Fortuna: sales down, but with recent improvement
- Dominos
 - Agree with sales report of La Fortuna and Subway.
 - New manager has recently been hired.

Bookstore / Coffee 101 Report

- (no report)

Old Business

- Patron Behavior
 - No major issues reported.
 - Second floor seating areas are very popular with students.
 - Noise problems have improved; noise level is acceptable.
 - New outdoor umbrellas will increase outdoor seating.
- Food Court Renovations/Signage & Decorations
 - Quotes are in progress for the outdoor signage.
 - Shlafer requested all vendors to send him logos for the signage
 - Domin will create a web page to display graphic design examples for Food Court decoration. Page will be available at next Committee meeting.
- Accessibility
 - Automatic door buttons on both north and south doors have been installed and are functioning properly.
 - In late April, the College will be audited by the ADA for compliance. Vendors were asked to check for any compliance issues and inform Shlafer so they can be addressed before the audit. This will be a campus-wide audit for federal (not Florida) compliance.
 - Wehbe asked if Facilities can inspect and make recommendations; college will do so if possible.
- Sustainability
 - Wong is in the final stages of implanting "green" containers at La Fortuna.
 - Vendors were asked to report any usage of the dumpsters by outside (non-vendor) parties. Only the three Food Court vendors may use the Food Court dumpsters.
 - Signage is needed on the recycle container instructing that boxes must be broken down.
 - ARC is on campus every day, but does not necessarily collect all items every day.

New Business

- New vending machine
 - A new 2BU vending machine has been installed outside building E. This machine features healthy snacks (organic, natural, low sugar, etc) at slightly higher prices. If the machine is successful, more will be installed around campus.
 - Question was asked if it would it be possible to install a refrigerated vending machine in an area far away from the Food Court, featuring healthy options like wraps or yogurt?
 - This was tried at the Watson Center, but sales were too low to continue it.
 - Vendors already provide the types of items requested. The issue is not selection, but location (i.e., not wanting to walk to the current vendor locations).
 - The Bookstore may be able to accommodate what other vendors cannot supply.
 - Additional 2BU machines might address the issue of more healthy snacks.
 - The goal of the College is to support the Food Court vendors as much as possible. Adding vending machines that compete with the Food Court vendors would likely cut sales, harming Food Court vendor sales, and therefore they may not be able to sustain business on campus.
 - The Committee remains open to suggestions from students, staff, and vendors.

Open Discussion

- Question from Anderson: what is the status of food service at the Blount Center?
 - Dominos reported three (3) attempts to provide food service downtown, but all three times patron numbers were too low to continue.
 - Schlafer agreed that it is not feasible at present but can be addressed again in the future.
- Boo at the Zoo (publicity)
 - Dominos reported success with providing food to last year's Boo at the Zoo. Subway and La Fortuna may participate in similar events, if desired.
- Question from Froiseth: are there any problems with students groups setting up tables outside the Food Court? Groups do not distribute food, only information or recruitment.
 - Anderson suggested the patio for this purpose, and Griggs recommended the area outside R-01. Doors must not be blocked, but otherwise there are no issues.
- Anderson recognized the students attending the meeting, and the Committee encouraged them to attend future meetings.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.