

Dining Services Committee

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Agenda

1. Approval of Nov 30 Minutes

After Tim did a quick overview of the November 30 meeting, the minutes were approved as written.

2. New Meal plan structure

Tim & Bob presented the new meal plan structure for the 24-25 academic year. There will be 2 flex levels of meal plans only with Platinum, Gold, & Silver available for new students and Platinum, Gold, Silver, & Bronze available for returning students. Independent will also be available for returning students living in DA, DB and all LVC owned houses.

- Flex variations: there will be 2 levels of flex to choose from—\$200/semester or \$400/semester. Tim and Bob thanked the Dining Services Committee for their feedback regarding this change in meal plan structure.
- 10 Guest swipes a semester: Each meal plan will have 10 guest swipes available to use per semester. The swipes are part of the overall meal plan number for the semester. If students choose they can use guest swipes for themselves as part of their meal plan swipes for the semester or use them to provide a meal for a guest.

3. New Deli Structure

- Going mobile to keep down lines--will be on Grubhub—will reduce lines at the deli station.
- Students can indicate on the ticket exactly what they want on their deli order and include allergen information so that no one receives the incorrect deli order—can accommodate special dietary needs in a more efficient and safe manner.
- Only deli in many miles taking all the precautions to avoid cross contact resulting in lower lines. This includes use of individual tongs for each meat & cheese product.
- 2 deli workers on during every meal period deli is open so lines can run more smoothly.
- Students ordering from the deli will need to physically be in the dining hall and pick up their items in a timely manner and then there will be no extra charge for GrubHub use.
- Students will still be able to use Metz hacks when using this service as well.

4. Movement of chairs and tables

Students are encouraged to stop moving chairs from tables and sliding tables together which results in crowding and limited seating at tables. This causes damage to tables and chairs, further limited capacity.

5. Food Waste report

Tim shared the weekly food waste report which indicated that there is almost a \$6,000 post food consumer waste being reported. This equates to about a 10% food waste per weekly cost. Metz tries to help with food waste on their end by condensing lines towards the end of a meal period. The group discussed ways to lower the post-consumer waste amount. Tim indicated that his team would be willing to prepare more special meal nights like General Tso night, Prime Rib

night etc. if students can really work hard to reduce this waste number. They will be discussing at Student Government and communication can be posted in residential halls and MUND.

6. Other Business

Lines

There are now 2 lines open at every meal period when popular items are being served like chicken tender Thursdays at lunch or General Tso night. This has greatly helped with the wait times and lines at the dining hall during these meals.

Budget Process

Bob gave a brief overview of the College business model so students could understand how costs are determined. Costs are presented to the Board of Trustees after the budget process and then approved by the Board. Both Metz and LVC negotiate costs and meal plans to fit each other's needs. Metz and LVC have been a good partners over many years. They are a family-owned business and have worked together with LVC to give the best products and service.

Ramadan

Bob asked Tim to present plans in place this year for Ramadan. Metz will host a special meal on the eve of Ramadan in the dining hall with popular food items available. The late-night grill & meal exchange will be available so that students celebrating Ramadan can get their late-night meal after their daily fast. A bagged breakfast will be available to order through Metz the night before each Ramadan day so that students may have a meal available to eat before sunrise. There will also be an EID event to celebrate the end of Ramadan in the Dining Hall.