

DINING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2009

12:00 noon

JRC Room 224A (The Day Room)

Present: Nancy Combs, Will Davidson, Travis Greene, Kendall Holley, Jonathan Ismail, James McVeigh, Claire Moisan, Ben Offenber, Les Ollinger, Eric Vos, and Dick Williams; also Mary Kirk, Jeanette Moser, Barb Shell, Vicki Wade, and Terry Waltersdorf.

Absent: Holden Bale.

Introduction of New 2009-2010 Committee Members

Dining Services Updates

- Tomorrow is National Food Service Employees' Day – we rely on over 350 student employees in our operation.
- Britt's Fall Nutrition Displays – schedule was shared. Schedule is publicized on Dining website front page. Britt will also be holding a session in November "Nutrition 101" geared towards helping students navigate nutritionally through the Marketplace. More information to follow.
- Web Page "Chill" begins Monday – Dining web page will undergo minimal changes during the next month as College converts from Born Free to Drupal.
- Marketplace Special Tuesday 9/29 -- Local Foods Dinner. Some growers will be present. Something locally grown or produced will be featured in each venue.
- Family/Alumni Council/Volunteer and the 150 year Grinnell in Grinnell Weekend coming up 10/1-4. Many events scheduled, Dining will be very busy!
- Grill closed during Fall Break for floor repair and flag installation.
- Fall Break hours for Marketplace were reviewed. Will be publicized on web page.
- Mary reports on changes in the Spencer Grill this year – revamped menu, new menu boards, added fruit syrups, new featured sandwiches. Moved the store items forward for ease of purchase. Comments are always welcome, sheets are available.
- Dick reviewed the Marketplace Specials scheduled for the fall semester.
- The new Anderson Erickson yogurt flavors were reviewed.

Follow Up

- Separating the water spigots on drink machines – cannot be changed due to carbonation assignment and carbonation in the lines.
- Changes in requirements for student involvement on the Dining Committee. Ben has experienced difficulty in appointing students who meet those requirements. He will put together a proposal for review.

Comments from Campus

- Students look forward to Wing Night each month.

- Question about chocolate soy milk – Terry reports that the company has discontinued producing it in bulk, in spite of our request and status as one of their biggest consumers in the country. Small containers are available for purchase in the Spencer Grill.
- Eric relayed that students have expressed that they are having difficulty with the location of the dessert serving counter. In its present location as you exit the servery, the desserts are too tempting and they are unable to avoid them. Dick will look at possible alternative locations, but difficulty lies in need for plenty of space for customer flow, and availability of electrical service in the floor.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 8 at noon in JRC Room 224A (The Day Room). Minutes from meetings will be posted on web site. Reminders are sent out the Monday before each Thursday meeting. Please reply to those reminders.