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Dining Services Working Group
Present: Clement Loo, Julie Kill, Kelly Rudney, T.J. Ross, Tony Nemmers, & Janel Mendoza

Tony reviewed notes from last meeting:

- Lines have been changed in the Dining Hall-revamped salad bar
- TMC-haven’t received many negative reviews regarding removing wings from the lunch menu. Wait times have improved.
- Faculty/staff meal plans are being considered
  - **Student meal plans changing**
- Went over TMC, Higbies, C-Store, and Dining Hall Spring Break hours
- Premium night at the Dining Hall will be held March 23-**not** Easter themed
- An Easter buffet will be held on March 27 at Dining Hall
  - An email will be sent out regarding these events
- Today-Dr. Seuss theme
  - Trying to do more theme days
    - Welcome any ideas
- Looking at putting in a kiosk-style C-Store in the Student Center
  - Downstairs across from Louie’s where current pop machines are located
    - Pop machines will be moved in to Louie’s
  - Will be temporary
    - Will try for a year, then look at how well it worked to determine future plans
- Looking at adding some sort of option at RFC
  - Smoothies, coffee options
- Summer remodel going through at Dining Hall
  - 3rd floor will be closed off
    - Able to hold private meetings
    - Can cater this area
    - Seating capacity 16
    - Bigger tables available

Clement Loo

- TMC-mac & cheese buffalo sandwich was very good
- Has been eating at TMC or Dining Hall every day, and has had good food each time
- Root Beer ice cream is excellent
- Has noticed that there is not always fruit offered at Higbies
  - Tony clarified that sometimes fruit is sold out quickly
T.J. Ross

- Haven’t been at Dining Hall very much
- Comment cards from Dining Hall indicate that there have been too many tacos lately
- Fish tacos at TMC were excellent
- Baja California option at TMC fell apart-flavor was okay, but very difficult to eat
- Beans offered with Mexican food options are not good; zero flavor-definitely canned

Kelly Rudney

- Soup today at Dining Hall was very good (Cheese)
- Themes are a great idea-very fun
- Was at a catered event recently for Admissions
  - Some of the serving wear was a bit cumbersome
    - Squirt bottles would work well for dressings
- Appreciate the emails being sent out in regards to what is being served at TMC, along with the daily soup options
- Haven’t seen email regarding using the green to-go-containers
  - Tony said he will send one out

Julie Kill

- Not much soup in wild rice at the Dining Hall today, but flavor is very good
- Beef Barley soup at TMC yesterday was very good
- Chocolate cake at Higbies is excellent
- Wait time has improved at TMC during lunch hour
- TMC staff is very helpful and go out of their way to help customers who have mobility issues
  - Bring out food to customers
- Would like to see Snickerdoodles at Higbies more often
- Student comment-lots of the same meat offered during the week at Dining Hall
  - Would like to have more meat variety during the week
    - Tony has talked to the chef about making sure meat options are varied

Janel Mendoza

- Quesadilla at TMC was not cooked enough-contents not cooked thoroughly
- Stir fry at TMC had very little sauce
- Staff at TMC provide great customer service
- Students do not seem to be sure about portion sizes or what goes with the specials at TMC
- Stir fry always excellent at Dining Hall
- Very pleased with the changes made at Dining Hall-nice to have salad bar up front