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4-8-16

Present: Lisa Harris, T.J. Ross, Tony Nemmers, Clement Loo, Kelly Rudney, Julie Kill, and Janel Mendoza

Tony

- Re-usable cups will be handed out to all incoming freshman, and will also be available to buy
- Managers and sous chefs are re-working menus and setting up events in the Dining Hall (handed out a list of possible theme days)
- Sodexo lost St. Cloud State, so we are hoping to get some of their equipment, including a fruit smoothie bar idea for the RFC
- On April 27th, Krisi Thiesen (Regional Sustainability for Sodexo) will be on campus and will be going on a Green Tour. Tony will be talking to her regarding different things Sodexo can do on our campus.

Lisa

- Chancellor photo was held yesterday-the cupcakes were very fresh and very good
- Catered food today was excellent; loved the dressing, but am wondering if a second option would be good for people who do not like spicy flavors
- Dee Schultz (custodian) won the catered meal for 10 people at the catering showcase
 - She invited Lisa and Mick to the meal-the food was excellent
- Would like to see two main entrees offered each day at the Dining Hall (need more variety)
- A thought about name badges-have "In Training" on name badges for new student employees
- Have received the final drawings for the 3rd floor of the Dining Hall
 - Slated to start renovations this summer
 - Will have a projector screen to accommodate meetings

Julie

- French toast in TMC was okay, but the bread did get a bit soggy
 - Fruit was warm (and grilled). Would prefer cold fruit next time
- Ramen Bowl on Wednesday in TMC was very good-several people had it at the table she was at, and all enjoyed it
- Wait time is still really good without the calzones during the lunch hour, so that is working well
- Was very impressed by the excellent customer service received from a student worker named Alex in TMC. Orders had been mixed up, and he came out to the table to ask questions and fix the error.

Kelly

- Catered food today was very good
- Was recently on honeymoon, and decided that the Dining Hall had superior food over what was served at the hotel buffet she stayed at
- Would like to see some of the old favorites come back at the Dining Hall:

- Smiley Fries
- Bagel bites with cream cheese spreads
- Idea for main entrée offered at the Dining Hall: Pad Thai with toppings bar
- Stir Fry bar does get long at times in the Dining Hall, so this would be a nice alternative where people can serve themselves

Clement

- Hasn't had a chance to eat on campus a lot lately
 - What he has had had been generally good
- Macaroni salad that is offered in the TMC cold case is very good
- Food order was lost at TMC one day
 - Instead of making his food, the staff argued in the back over who lost it
 - Took 1 hour to get his food that day

T.J.

- Premium night was very good-the shrimp was awesome
- The student meal plans have been changed starting next year-all cart blanche
 - Prices will not change
 - Can add Dining Dollars or guest passes to plan

Janel

- Catered food today was very good-the dressing was excellent
 - Would love to see more spicy options available in all areas (TMC, Dining Hall, catered events)
- The Chicken Sausage soup was very good in TMC on 04-17-16 (as reported by Robert Thompson)
- Korean Tacos in TMC on 04-06-16 were also very good-would like to see this offered more often
- Still receiving complaints regarding students serving soup by scooping from the top (need to make sure they know to stir it around and scoop from the bottom).