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Dining Services Working Group

Present: Lisa Harris, Tony Nemmers, Brittany Rose, Sandy Kill, T.J. Ross, Ed Brands, and Janel Mendoza

Location: Prairie Lounge (Catered meal)

**Premium night:**

T.J.

- Sirlon was very good
  - Wish there would have been horseradish provided
- Portabella mushrooms very also very good-maybe even better than the meat option
- Hot chocolate bar, frosting own cookies seemed like a very popular stations

Tony

- Students were able to re-swipe to get more tickets

**Other catered events discussed:**

Brittany

- Community of Scholars Event
  - Every cookie had coconut in the main base-need to offer other choices
  - Breadsticks were dry
  - Options were good-everyone was able to get through the line quickly

T.J.

- Murder-Mystery event
  - Really good selection of appetizers
  - Good desserts

Lisa

- During catered events, it is important to keep everyone on schedule to ensure food stays warm

**Timber Room:**

Lisa

- Events held in the Timber Room have been going well, as everyone can pick what they wanted to eat
  - Acoustics are still an issue (being worked on by FM)
- Received an estimate for ramp above dishroom
  - Higher than expected, but will still go ahead with it
- Still problem-solving with heat/sound getting trapped in the dishroom

### **Chancellor's Party:**

Brittany

- Very good meat offered
- Gina (chef) at carving station was very friendly and gave great customer service

Lisa

- Condiments should be offered after the main course
- Our group (FM office) didn't come until 3:00 p.m.-still lots of food left
- Nice to have pre-sliced meat available, as well as the option to have it sliced for each individual person, if wanted

Tony

- Food stations split up to help traffic flow-very successful
- Kept menu simple this year; able to offer larger quantity

### **RFC:**

Ed

- On RFC Advisory group
  - Discussing replacing furniture
    - Lisa commented that it would be a possibility for the Dining Hall to front the cost to replace furniture, carpet. RFC would pay back "loan" with proceeds from coffee bar and/or smoothie bar
  - Moving main entrance? Not secure at night
  - Discussing how to best meet community needs-conducting a survey

Tony

- Would like to get another sort of Higbies in RFC
  - Offer coffee, sandwiches, etc, without stepping on toes for food fundraisers during sporting events

### **Misc Comments:**

T.J.

- Salad very good today (nice to have ingredients separate; can make salad to your preference)

Sandy

- Person dining at TMC received a piece of parchment paper with cake
- Getting food from the grill does get a bit slow at times
  - (Tony) - Not having Laura in the back has also slowed some things down
- Everyone is happy that the green beans are back

- (Tony) – pretzels will be back after break

Lisa

- Meeting to be held Friday (12/16/16) with vice-chancellors to discuss next summer project
  - C-store or smoothie bar
  - Some ideas about expanding TMC working space
  - Smooth bar in RFC-still discussing locations
- Staff will make a point to offer salad as a side option with meals (not just French fries, etc)
- New legs were ordered for some of the off-balanced tables in RFC
- Some days are hard to keep an even temperature in TMC (try to keep the cooks cool, and the patrons warm)

Tony

- Parmesan chicken served at meal is new item
- New place to order chocolate from for desserts (including mini dessert cups provided at meal)
- Catering showcase will be held after break
  - Seasonal items will be included