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Present: Tony Nemmers, Lisa Harris, TJ Ross, Holly Rutter, Jodi Sperr, Lisa Bevevino, Stacy Richards

Location: Timber Room, Dining Hall

Dining Hall

Lisa H.:

- Introduced everyone to what the group is organized for.
- Update on the new dishwasher
  - Pulper/compressor to improve composting
  - Energy savings to the University
  - Uses electric heat
  - Not as hot in the work environment and is much quieter
- Future projects for using Sodexo contract funds to improve campus dining experiences:
  - Move Convenient store above ground
- Sodexo contract was renewed which provided funding for the RFC smoothie bar and dishwasher project in the Dining Hall.
- Coke Contract
  - New Cougar Sports Center signage on the RFC
  - Pop machines on campus
- Sodexo is in charge of the vending machines on campus.

Tony:

- To use the Timber Room, email Tony.
- New Chef (Lisa) to begin on 11/5/19.
- There are four new part time workers.
- Will be Offering "Home for the Holidays" again this year
  - Will have smaller portions available.
- Catering is available off campus.
- Catering the breakfast for Head Start to provide them with hot meal options.
- Attended Premium Night at the Dining Hall and said that all food was really good but he missed the tuna 😞
- RFC Smoothie Bar:
  - Build your own sandwich
  - Balanced bowls
  - Still brainstorming food options-has hot and cold wells

Lisa B.:

- Would like to see better signs in the Dining Hall to indicate where the elevators are located
- Advertise that the salad dressing is home made.

- TMC-would like a large bowl option if buying a simply to go salad as they are too full to eat in the container.
- Has had good luck at the Dining Hall with many vegetable options and would like to see more vegetarian protein options.

Jodi:

- Had catered food at the Scholarly event and it was very good.
- Enjoys that the staff at TMC knows she likes pickles.
- Loves Marge's Pudding
- Likes that there are sandwich options at the RFC smoothie bar.

Holly:

- Enjoys food at all locations and can easily find something to eat.
- Hears of students talking about food boredom.
- Has been to the smoothie bar at the RFC a few times and each time has found it to be closed.

TJ:

- Would like to see the Smoothie bar partner with the HR department to get a coupon for the smoothie bar on anniversaries etc.