

Student Dining Committee

11/14/13

Paula(Director) let students know about plans to expand service for the Pony Express starting next semester. Tues.-Thursday nights would be added, to include service on Tuesday and Wednesday at Campus Core and Evo Village. Paula asked for suggestions on other locations that might be viable for evening service. One suggestion was the intramural basketball games at Carr, with are in the evenings.

Paula also asked for help in getting information about evening classes at Carmen Center, and was given a contact name of a professor that might be able to assist with that.

Paula also let everyone know about Dining's new Twitter deals—daily deals advertised on Twitter. So she encouraged the students to follow Dining(@RacerDining) and tell other students about this.

Some positive feedback—students are really enjoying the sliced apples at Winslow, also the menus being listed on MyGate, although there was a request for more specific info on the Monday night football menu items at Winslow(follow up note: the person who posts the menu information said that she does put the specific “team” menu item on the menus, but if anyone is looking now at the menu for this coming Monday, it just isn't listed yet. But it will be, and has been in the past).

There was a request for extending the hours at Rhino Rest Stop to include the weekend. Paula explained that business at Rhino Rest Stop was very disappointing this year and in fact there were tentative plans, still to be discussed with the College Head and RCC, to close it at the end of the academic year and turn the space over to the College. If sales during the week were so poor, when all the residents were on campus, it seemed likely sales would be even worse on the weekend. That lead to some discussion during which information was provided that apparently students from White are now able to shop at Rhino Rest Stop because they are not being asked to leave their ID card at the front desk. In Paula's view, this made sales even more disappointing. A good suggestion was made to perhaps close one of the nights during the week in exchange for a weekend night, to try it, and that way there would be no added labor expense for Dining. Friday night was suggested as the night to try. Paula will check sales to see if there is a particular night when sales are generally less, and that could be the night to close (follow up note: Paula checked the last 3 weeks of sales, and there does not appear to be any consistency with regard to sales on certain days of the week. Taking an average over the 3 weeks, the slowest day appears to be Thursday, perhaps because it's a big party night? Anyway, we will do a trial the first 4 weeks of the spring semester, with Rhino Rest Stop closed on Thursday night and open on Friday, 8pm-12am. If sales do not meet expectations, the Friday hours will be discontinued, as well as Thursday since that is a slow night).

There was a question from the Regents rep about the Regents/White dinners in T-Room. Please refer back to the minutes from the last meeting.

Please note that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, Dec. 3rd**.

Minutes submitted by Paula Amols

