

## Dining Committee Notes

11/29/12

It had been suggested by the College Heads that perhaps holding these meetings at the Curris Center might improve attendance. The 4 students present at this meeting disagreed and felt it was much better to have it at Hart. So, that's where the meetings will continue to be. And today's meeting will be the last of the semester.

The representative from Regents asked if Dining could try the morning hours at Rhino Rest Stop at the beginning of next semester, commenting that business now was low because students were running out of Flex dollars. Paula(Director) noted that the decision to eliminate morning hours last spring was based on the lack of business seen since the beginning of that semester, so she did not think it would make any difference that the semester was new and students had more Flex. Also, that given there were 400 residents in just Regents, there should be more than 8 students with enough Flex to buy coffee in the morning.

Paula did say that with the start of the spring semester, Dining would try 7:30am-9:30am hours at Hart Café, to see if there really was enough demand to cover the cost of being open then.

The question was asked as to why Fast Track no longer carried Ben & Jerry's ice cream. The answer is that Dining's vendor no longer offers it.

The comment was made that the selection of chips at Regents should be expanded.

The following is a review of past comments/suggestions, etc. that were awaiting final answers or resolution:

1—a request for more Rice Krispies. Although they are offered 2-3 times/week, it was determined upon discussion that the problem was really a desire for more of the plain ones. This will be done;

2—sub rolls at the Winslow deli—we did try one, but it didn't do well. Tim is still looking for a different one we can try;

3—a request for more chicken & dumplings—it is back on the rotation for the winter and will show up 3-4 times before the menu is adjusted for the warmer spring weather;

4—a request for more red velvet cake—it's not one of the more popular items, but is run more typically in cup cake form;

5—a request for cotton candy ice cream—it's not available;

6—a request for mini chocolate chips at the waffle station—these have been available since the request, and are going very well;

7—a repeated request for strawberry cream cheese—it's not popular enough to take the place of something else on the line, so will not be available;

8—a request for something other than the red apples—Granny Smiths have been available several times during the past month. We’ve also been offering pears, which are proving to be more popular than in past years;

9—a complaint about less variety in the bulk chips—1 of the containers broke, but that had pretzels in it, and those are the slowest mover. We’ve been offering all of what’s available in bulk, there’s not a lot of variety in them, but we do still have the bagged chips, which offer more variety.

Minutes submitted by Paula Amols