

ANNUAL REPORT

Food Services Committee

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I. Executive Summary

The committee met twice during the 2015-2016 academic year. Six of the eight scheduled meetings were cancelled due to a lack of agenda items, partly due to the ongoing negotiations between the university administration and food vendors.

The committee addressed a number of concerns raised by the SGA in regard to available food options, extended opening hours of dining facilities, and the use of Mane Cards at local dining facilities.

II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

1. To meet monthly each academic year to gain feedback and discuss issues, concerns, and new creative ideas for food services on campus
2. To make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs for the purpose of improving food services
3. To handle any proposals the committee may make affecting university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations"
4. To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Vice President for Student Affairs with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC

III. The Committee met on the following dates:

September 22, 2015

October 27, 2015

IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

1. An increase in student population required an extension of the hours of operations of campus dining facilities.
2. Discussion of healthier food alternative offerings at Towers Cafeteria.
3. Discussion of to-go-services.
4. Discussion of the possibility of a coffee shop in Collier Library and the use of the Stone Lodge as dining venue.

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?
Address students' issues as they arise using proper channels and make changes known to the campus community.

VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish

A. In the coming year?

1. Establish a positive and constructive exchange between campus community and new vendor Chartwells.
2. Address issues as they arise and communicate feedback on the issues.

B. In future years?

Continue improving campus dining experience.

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

As indicated above, one of the major weaknesses of the committee is time commitment. Many of the scheduled meeting were canceled due to the lack of items on the agenda. Committee membership of the general manager of the campus foodservice provider is also a two-edged sword. While the committee serves as a forum for representatives of the campus community to voice and express concerns, the presence of food service representatives may also have the potential to hamper constructive criticism of campus foodservice practices.

What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

The Food Service Committee should make sure that it serves as a positive forum where representatives of the campus community can voice, express, and discuss their ideas and concerns with the campus foodservice provider and the university administration.

VIII. Comments: N/A