

# Resident Student Dining Committee

# Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 3:00pm

Location: Davis Building, Room 3138

Attendees: UTM Vicky J., Alex H., Angela D,

Students Aauyshi P., Larasati W., Michael R., Mohamed A., Kuan-Ju K.

# 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

• Vicky J. welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# 2. **BUSINESS ARISING**

# • Davis Building Renovation Project Update

- o Vicky J. provided an update on the completion of the Food Court
  - Renovations are continuing as planned
  - Vicky J. stated the Food Court may possibly open by the end of January 2019

## • Vending Update

- Vicky J. confirmed that the vending RFP was completed and that NACC Vending was awarded the vending contract on Campus
  - No TCard readers on vending machines yet due to the transition from Canteen to NACC Vending
  - Hospitality and Retail Services is in the process of testing TCards on the new TCard readers on the new vending machines
  - TCard readers accepting meal plan flex plans should be in place by the end of November 2018
  - The new Theos coffee machine is now accepting meal plan flex funds for payment

#### • IB Court

- o Vicky J. reported on the changes made in the IB during the summer
  - Second Cup was removed from IB and replaced by Subway and Quesada
  - Vicky J. stated that this was necessary due to the construction of the new Davis Food Court
  - Theos vending machine was also installed in the IB

#### TFC

- Vicky J. reported on the changes made in the TFC during the summer
  - Subway and Quesada were moved from the TFC to the IB and the addition of the all day breakfast at oooh la-la
  - Oooh la-la has been a popular addition to the TFC

#### New North

- o Vicky J. stated that the new North Building should be open sometime in January
  - The Fair Trade Café will feature fair trade coffee and grab and go items
  - Vending machines will also be installed on the main floor and the third floor of the new building

# Specialty Vending

- o Vicky J. announced the introduction of new specialty vending machines on campus
  - The new machines will include:
    - o frozen yoghurt in the CCT
    - o Theos in the IB
    - Best Buy Machine in the CCT
  - Vicky J. stated that these machines are not exclusive to the new vending contractor on campus
  - The Best Buy machine will not accept meal plan flex funds for payment. Will only accept Debit or Credit Cards

#### • Hospitality Services Budget

- Vicky J. stated that UTM has one of the lowest priced meal plan programs and is proposing that meal plan prices increase between 2% to 3% this year in accordance with the CPI Index
- Hospitality & Retail Services is proposing to decrease the number of meal plan from 12 to 8 in order to eliminate confusion for students in selecting their meal plans

## • Sustainability Initiatives

- o Vicky J. stated that Hospitality & Retail Services is committed to increasing sustainability initiatives on campus
- o Vicky J. explained that Hospitality & Retail Services is actively trying to reduce the amount of waste in the food service locations on campus.
- Organic Waste Reduction Vicky J. explained that there are two Waste Station on campus. The first was installed in OPH and the second was installed in the Davis Building in 2017

- o Staff Training 50 Chartwells staff participated in waste training by a third party. Hospitality & Retail Services paid for the cost of this training
- o Vicky J. stated that the dish return station in Colman Commons will be renovated over the December break.
- New garbage bins with proper labelling will also be installed in order to eliminate confusion on how to properly dispose of waste
- O Vicky J. mentioned a few initiatives that have already been put into place:
  - Vertical Garden in OPH
  - UTM Bees on the roof of the IB building
  - Elimination of plastic straws at all non branded food service locations on campus
  - Fair Trade Commitment working towards a Silver Designation

# 3. QUESTIONS

- Vicky J. welcomed everyone to ask any questions or raise an concerns
  - o Long line ups was an issue that was brought forward by a committee member
    - Vicky J. commented that she is working with Chartwells to try to reduce the long line ups
  - O A committee member also reported that disposable plates and cutlery is used after 8:00pm in Colman Commons.
    - Vicky J. reported that over \$20,000 has been spent on small wares since September 2018. Students tend not to return china and cutlery on a regular basis and this makes it necessary to use the disposable items
    - o Limited options after 7:00pm was a concern along with long waiting periods for food preparation especially at the Grill in Colman Commons
      - Vicky J. explained that longer prep time is necessary because the food at the Grill is not pre-cooked and therefore takes more time to prepare
  - o It was also reported that weekly schedules and menus are not regularly updated on the Dining on Campus Website run by Chartwells
    - Vicky J. will follow up with Chartwells to make sure all information is updated regularly
  - Vicky J. explained that the Tea Bar is closed because the servery is open until midnight. This change was made due to the demand of the larger student population at UTM this year

#### **4. NEXT MEETING** – To be announced