



Resident Student Dining Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021, 1:00pm
Location: Zoom Meeting
Attendees: UTM Andrea D., Angela D., Vicky J., Jessica H.
Students Hamza W., Alwin X.

1. Business Arising

A. Food Service Operations – 2020 – 2021 Update

- Andrea D. confirmed that there would be no changes to on-campus food service operations before the end of the semester
 - Vicky J. added that summer food operations will remain unchanged from the status quo
- Andrea D. mentioned that the menus will be continually updated on the on-line ordering platform
 - Andrea D. committed to a review of the program after the end of the year to make changes, additions, and improvements for the Fall
- Andrea D. asked for some feedback on Daily Blends
 - Hamza W. identified an issue he had when trying to make a purchase with his meal plan and the transaction did not go through
 - Andrea D. was not aware of any issues with meal plan transactions from Daily Blends, but will investigate the issue that Hamza raised
- Andrea D. recounted the reasons why Sally and Phood were still not up and running
 - Andrea D. stated that UofT security concerns with integrations have dramatically increased since the beginning of the pandemic due to the radical switch for most people to working or attending class remotely
 - Resolving the security concerns is a long process, but H&RS is working with UTM I&ITS to move these forward as quickly as possible
 - Andrea D. felt confident that Phood would be working before the end of the school year, but was not sure of a timeline for Sally
- Sally & Phood – connections to these two platforms has been causing challenges in security on our networks after review with our IT department. Working closely with IT to

B. Food Service Contractor RFP – Update

- Andrea D. recapped that the Food Service Contractor RFP was posted on February 3, 2021, and the Site Visit with all 4 food service contractors took place on February 11, 2021
 - At this point, no proponent has requested an extension, so the submission date will likely stand at March 4, 2021
 - At that time, a sub-committee of the Food Service Advisory Committee will be formed to work through the bid evaluation process, which will include a bid summary presentation from Kaizen, an initial bid evaluation, a short-list interview of the two highest-ranked proponents, and a final bid evaluation

- The sub-committee will not be involved with the contract negotiation process
- There should be enough buffer time in the process to have a contract in place by the end date of the current contract (May 31, 2021)

2. New Business

A. Basic Eligibility

- Andrea D. reviewed with the Committee the updated definition of meal plans and what qualifies as tax-exempt that the Canada Revenue Agency posted in 2019
 - Basic eligibility currently applies to meals and individual products that are considered tax-exempt as well as prepared foods and beverages when purchased individually
 - The revised basic eligibility will apply only to meals and to individual snack and beverages when purchased with a meal
 - The direct implications for meal plan students will be that:
 - the purchase of individual baked goods and prepared beverages at outlets like Starbucks and Tim Hortons will only be made using Flex
 - the purchase of any item that is tax exempt when purchased individually will no longer be made using Basic
 - the purchase of many taxable snack items will be made using Basic only if these items are purchased with a meal
 - Hamza W. asked if there will be clear communication to students with regards to these changes
 - Andrea D. responded that information regarding these changes is updated on the H&RS website and will be communicated to students via email and the Residence newsletter starting the week of February 22, 2021, and a follow-up communication will be sent out closer to the Fall

B. Meal Plan Carryover

- Andrea D. announced the extension of existing meal plan carryover by one year
 - 1920 RezCarryover (carryover from residual meal plan funds from 2018-19) that was set to expire on April 30, 2020 was extended by one year as a result of the campus closure in March 2020 – 1920 RezCarryover will now be extended further, expiring on April 30, 2022
 - RezCarryover (carryover from residual meal plans funds from 2019-20) that is set to expire on April 30, 2021 will be extended by one year, expiring on April 30, 2022
 - Information regarding these extensions will be posted on the H&RS website and will be communicated to students via email and the Residence newsletter starting the week of March 1, 2021
- Andrea D. added that the extension decisions were made because many students who have carryover of any kind have either chosen not to, or have been unable to, return to campus for various reasons and, therefore, have not had the opportunity to spend these funds
- Further policy changes may be considered depending on the future status of campus operations

NEXT MEETING: TBD