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Foodservice Advisory Committee

June 8, 2023

MEETING NOTES

Attendance: Mark Murdoch, Food Services; Aimee Blyth, Seasoned Spoon; Gray Jackson, Christine Thomas, Chartwells; Kim Stevens, CUPE 3205; Heather Klyn-Hesselink, TGSA; Lori Johnston, Conferences; Avica Singh, Riley Ambrose, TDSA; Michelle Waterworth, ’76 Sips; Jess Weitz, Housing; Shelley Strain, Sustainability Office; Alex Bodden, Brianna Policicchio, TCSA.

1. Review of Meeting Notes of March 30, 2023
2. Sub-committee reports
3. Operations and Marketing
	1. Bata Bean frictionless café – planned for fall 2023 with extended hours
	2. ’76 Sips will close of June 9 and the OC Dining Room to close Thursday June 29. Reopening in fall of 2023.
	3. Electric City Café move to be completed for fall semester. Same menu and friendly staff, just a smaller footprint.
	4. Proposed Chartwells fall operating hours (attached)
	5. Other operating hours at the next meeting
	6. Working through the process of having Traill recognized as Food Guide Friendly Dining Room.
	7. We are in the process of replacing all of the Food Service point of sales systems over the summer to run on the current software version and provide greater flexibility in the use of the entire payment system
4. Sustainability and Fair Trade
	1. We have received our recertification as a 3-Star Green Restaurant for Gzowski and are awaiting certification for Durham.
	2. We have submitted our application for recertification as a Fair Trade campus
	3. Chartwells-update on the ban on single use plastics, what, when, how will be provided at the next meeting
5. Budget
	1. High interest rates, inflaton, especially food, and escalating utility costs will haunt the budget development process for the foreseeable future.
6. Catering
	1. No report
7. Additional Working Group Reports
	1. Dining room redevelopment group
		1. Informal discussions regarding the Great Hall have started. Work needs to be scheduled at least one or two years in advance to ensure there are no competing interest for the space at the time renovations are taking place.
	2. Food Service RFP Group
		1. Starting to frame membership of the review team;
			1. Chair, Mark Murdoch, Executive Director, Food, Conferences and Campus Payment Services
			2. Tammy Driscoll, Manager or Purchasing
			3. Lori Johnston, Director, Conferences and Hospitality Services - largest catering user
			4. A College Principal
			5. A Durham GTA Campus rep
			6. One student representative from the TCSA, TDSA and TGSA
			7. Others?
		2. The consultant is working through a series of small group and one-on-one interviews over the summer term.
		3. Focus groups and broad based survey work in late September.
			1. Further explore interest in all-you-care-to-eat
		4. To include all Trent locations; Symons, Durham, Traill
8. General Discussion and Q & A
9. Next meeting – Late July or early August – TBD.



