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Foodservice Advisory Committee

July 28, 2022,

MEETING NOTES

Attendance: Mark Murdoch, Food Services; Viviana Pinheiro, TDSA; Wenita Kirkby, Housing; Kim Stevens, CUPE 3205; Jessica Brooks, Chef Joseph Pirie, Chartwells; Deondrae Thompson, LEC; Aimee Blyth, Seasoned Spoon; Shelley Strain, Sustainability Office; Emma Kaszecki, TGSA.

1. Review of Meeting Notes of March 17
   1. Update RFP for Bata Bean and Athletics
      1. ’76 Sips Café, a division of Joanne’s Place Health Food will begin operations at the Trent Athletics Centre in late August of 2022. The menu will include hot and cold beverages, sandwiches, salads, soup, pastries, with gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options. They will also sell some of their most popular health and beauty items.
      2. Chartwells will operate Bata Bean using White Buffalo Coffee, Canada’s only Smudge Certified coffee. Bata Bean will be operated in cooperation with the TGSA but remains open to the entire Trent community.
2. Sub-committee reports
3. Operations and Marketing
   1. See Fall Operating Hours - attached
4. Sustainability and Fair Trade
   1. We will return to all of our pre-COVID sustainability measures as quickly as possible. Eco-trays will be available at all food service locations. The Sustainability Office will have two students to assist with demonstrating our sorting program early in the term.
   2. In September, at the four Symons Campus Dining Halls and Electric City Café we will offer $1 refills in a customer supplied travel mug. The promo will run for four weeks (may be extended) to develop a habit of using refillable coffee cups. The program will not be offered at Tim Hortons, Starbucks, (brands) ’76 Sips Café, Seasoned Spoon, Otonabee College Annex (not operated directly by Trent) The Ceilie (not Electric City Coffee) Durham, Traill as these locations do not have disposables as an alternate.
5. Budget
   1. Inflation will result in retail price increase at a rate higher than has been our experience for the past several years.
   2. It is likely that more students will run out of dining plan value before year end.
   3. The dining plan fee increase next year will need to include the then current rate of inflation plus the shortfall from last year. An increase in the range of 10% is anticipated.
6. Catering
   1. No report
7. Additional Working Group Reports
   1. Dining room redevelopment group
      1. New chairs are (finally) on order for the LEC Dining Room and should be in place prior to Reading Week in the fall semester
8. New Business
   1. Changes to BOOST
      1. East Bank and West Bank pickup, plus Subway, Starbucks and Durham
      2. Extended hours – daily until 11 pm, Durham until regular hours
      3. Service fee of $.99 per transaction applied to the same form of payment, as a second transaction posted by the TrentU Card Office. Plus applicable taxes – if the transaction was taxed, so is the service fee
   2. Allergen aware info on Food Service website
   3. We have submitted our recertification of Trent as a Fair Trade campus
   4. We have applied for recertification of LEC as a 3 star Green Restaurant
   5. We will begin certification of Durham as a 3-star Green Restaurant
   6. SkipTheDishes on TrentU Card – See DRAFT press release
      1. There will be a $1.49 (plus applicable tax) service fee for each $25 voucher, limit of 4 vouchers at one time, no limit on the total number of vouchers per person
      2. Payment by Trent Cash only
9. General Discussion and Q & A
   1. Can we look at our signage to ensure it supports proper separation?
      1. Yes. This will be supported by peer-based training early in the year
   2. Will Tim Hortons be open this fall?
      1. That is the plan at this time, pending hiring enough staff
   3. Can we have signage that tells customers to remove food waste from the eco-trays prior to returning them
      1. I will ask Chartwells to produce this and to work on a model for training/communication
10. Next meeting – see fall meeting schedule



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**FOOD SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**FALL 2022**

**Operations and Marketing Working Group**

9:00 – 10:30, September 27, November 1, and November 29

**Sustainability and Fair Trade Working Group**

10:30 – 12:00, September 27, November 1, and November 29

**Budget Working Group**

1:30 – 3:00, September 27, November 1, and November 29

**Food Services Advisory Committee**

9:00 – 10:30, September 29, November 3, and December 1

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**New Collaboration Between SkipTheDishes and Trent University Brings Hundreds of New Dining Options to Students**

***In first-of-its-kind collaboration, students, staff and faculty at both Trent campuses will be able to access SkipTheDishes meals using their Trent Cash***

**Thursday, July 28, 2022, Peterborough**

Sushi, pizza, salad, pad thai and more - Trent University has become the first post-secondary institute in North America to collaborate with SkipTheDishes and provide students with access to local restaurants in the Peterborough and Oshawa regions.

“With over 12,000 students across our Peterborough and Oshawa campuses, more dietary and cuisine options is always a top priority,” said Patti Kidd, manager of Campus Payment and Information Centre at Trent. “By collaborating with SkipTheDishes, we’re giving our students much more choice to explore food options that suit their diet and desire to experience new flavours.”

Students, staff and faculty using the University’s Trent Cash system this fall will be able to purchase SkipTheDishes vouchers and use a unique code to make purchases through the web or mobile app. The network of 10 restaurants in Peterborough and three in Oshawa that already accept Trent Cash will be maintained., The addition of SkipTheDishes network of eateries will mean expanded access for Trent community members to local cuisine.

Kidd mentions that while the vouchers must be purchased through Trent’s marketplace, the vouchers are not limited to use in Peterborough or Oshawa – meaning that students will have access to funds while travelling or visiting home, anywhere in Canada.

Kidd wants to provide the Trent Community with greater flexibility in the use of Trent Cash and is excited to see an option to provide students with immediate flexibility in where they spend their money.