

D.A.C. Meeting Notes February 24th, 2022 @ 10:00AM

Participants

Lakeshia R. Villegas
Linda Place
Alberto Garcia
Bryana Kiera Holmes
Debra A. Carpenter
Alexcis Mendoza
Matthew Christopher Perry
Sheeva Baghalian
J. Scates

Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome & Check-In
- II. Updates
 - a. Super Bowl
 - b. Residential Town Hall
 - c. Chatback number on receipts
 - d. Meal Plan Vote Results
- III. Off-Campus/Commuter Students
- IV. On-Campus Students/Hunter Hall
- V. Staff Association
- VI. Faculty
- VII. UHCL Administration
 - a. Patio Furniture
- VIII. Chartwells
 - a. Updates
- IX. Vending Machines/Microwaves
 - a. Coke Machines are “cash only”
 - i. Bayou – Main Vending Area
 - ii. SSCB – Near Transfer Advising/SG Office
- X. Questions, concerns, comments, suggestions, new business

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10:03AM: Meeting called to order by J. Scates

10:04AM: Agenda item #1 addressed: Super bowl event taken place at UHCL Patio Cafe

- Matt Perry states overall experience was great and students enjoyed it along with giveaways and food from patio cafe
- Debby Carpenter chimes in and agrees to the positive feedback that was given on behalf of the students

10:08AM: Agenda item #2 addressed: Hunter Hall Town Hall meeting

- Matt Perry discusses resident's responses to the meal plan increase and states there was mixed responses/feedback in response to the increase including some good and some bad feedback
- Matt Perry states another meeting took place with Alberto Garcia coming in and discussing the quality and nutritional values of the food that were a concern amongst students. Matt Perry states having the calorie count added to the boost app to provide nutritional info for students is something that has been requested.
- Debby Carpenter states these changes are working on being implemented in the boost app and this is something that is being worked on for students
- Alberto Garcia discusses his efforts to make clarifications regarding the feedback from H.H. students and their concerns. He states Chartwells is making the effort to modify foods to be more nutritional, less than 600 calories, have more fruits and vegetables included, be more inclusive of students' dietary needs, cultural diversity amongst students on campus, etc.
- Sheeva Baghalian states there are some issues with customization regarding dining at the Patio Cafe and how some foods made to order are not very diet friendly for students. She states making these accommodations for students such as not adding rice to stir fry vegetables or lettuce wrapping burgers could be a great way for students to order foods fit to their dietary needs and calorie intake.
- J. Scates agrees with these statements and reports customization is an issue.
- Alexcis and Alberto made note of this feedback and are going to try to present these changes to Chartwells and dining.

10:23AM: Agenda item #3 addressed: Chatback number being included on the receipts in dining

- Alexcis states this is still a work in progress and we will have to address this later on

10:24AM: Agenda item #4 addressed: Meal plan increase voting results

- Debby Carpenter states that there are a total of 8 voting members and we had 6 votes come in which resulted in a tie of 3 voting yes and 3 voting no for the budget increase.
- There will be a SGA meeting where this will be proposed and discussed amongst the student body

10:27AM: Agenda Item #5 addressed: Patio Furniture update on behalf of UHCL Administration

- Debby Carpenter proposes new patio furniture and plans to purchase. This furniture was presented to DAC for feedback.
- J. Scates emphasizes making sure the furniture is accessible for students who need this accommodation. Debby Carpenter states she has emailed Accessibility services for feedback but has not gotten a response yet.
- Debby Carpenter states she is actively working with the Patio Cafe to employ this new arrangement of furniture and begin with the plan to take out old and replace with new

10:31AM: Agenda Item #6 addressed: Chartwells Dining services updates

- Alexcis Mendoza presents March events on behalf of Chartwells for students including live teaching classes, drink specials for St. Patrick's day, ramen features etc.

10:36AM: Agenda Item #7 addressed: Commuter Students

- No comments or concerns from Commuter Students
- J. Scates reports a lot of positive feedback from students regarding dining and their experiences

10:39AM: Agenda Item #9: Staff association addressed

- No comments or concerns

10:39AM: Agenda Item #10: Faculty addressed

- No Comments or Concerns

10:40AM: Alexcis Mendoza reports feedback from students via chatback, emails, etc. is greatly appreciated in order for Chartwells to keep up with students' requests.

10:42AM: Meeting called to end by J. Scates