



University Food Committee  
Minutes  
February 25, 2022  
1:00-2:00 pm  
KC 2270

Attendees: Bianca Munoz, Kimberly Quinn, Kylie Ohrt, Ty Krueger (virtual), Kristen Evans, Suzeanne Benet (virtual), Leah Short (virtual), Paul Kramer, Doug Wentworth, Kyle Gineman, Aaron Haight  
Absent: Allison Griffin, Jay Chapa, Sam Asoklis, Lauryn Carlisi, Felix Ngassa, Libby MacQuillan, Eldon Pearson, V'Lecea Hunter  
Guest(s): None

## Welcome and Attendance

### Student Senate Update

- Student Senate met with Craig Weischhorster and Doug Wentworth. The meeting was convened because Student Senate plans to issue a statement regarding campus dining. Senators asked questions (including questions Senate received from the campus community), and were able to get answers to their questions.
- Senators were able to use answers from the meeting to further clarify the Senate statement, which will be issued after the next senate meeting.
- Senators thanked Craig and Doug. Doug and Paul Kramer reiterated that they are happy to continue to talk through issues, answer questions and offer clarification.

### Subgroup Updates

- Each subgroup was tasked with offering 3-5 initiatives or recommendations
  - **Accessibility/Options Subgroup Recommendations** – Recommendations were not presented during the meeting. Takeaways from a previous meeting include:
    - Redesign myGV app to include more nutrition information
    - Prioritize updating menus and hours of operation
    - Increase marketing and access to the campus dietician
  - **Food Insecurity Subgroup Recommendations**
    - Look for and find additional funding sources/sponsorship for Replenish
    - Educate GVSU community about what resources are available
      - Faculty member Julia VanderMolen (Public Health) is willing to assist with efforts), including communicating with faculty/staff regarding programs, such as Laker Meal Share, Replenish, scholarships, financial aid.

- Funds are available but are not being utilized.
    - Students may not feel comfortable in asking for funds.
    - Students may not be aware of what's available.
    - How do we help students to self-identify?
  - Basic Needs information is listed on the CARE website but people aren't aware of where to find the resource listings.
    - Resources are available. Discussion of ways to communicate about resources (social media, etc.) How can the University make communications a priority?
  - Discussion of involving the Office of Sustainability in helping to educate the campus community.
    - Office of Sustainability partners with Replenish for perishables/fresh vegetables.
  - Discussion of equipment needs for Replenish (refrigeration, transportation).
    - Replenish partners with Sustainability – a need is for consistent transportation when food is available, to pick up and deliver food consistently and on schedule.
  - A van for use by the Office of Sustainability and Replenish for pickup and delivery of food
- **Staffing Crisis Recommendations**
    - Increase wage rates, bonuses and incentives
    - Recruit and interview potential staff during summer orientation sessions
    - Conduct annual climate study/facilitate 360 degree feedback process in an effort to address student staff concerns, improve morale, and retain staff
    - Marketing campaign to highlight campus dining workers – social media and/or print
      - Include hometown, major, interests, student organizations, etc. in effort to recruit more applicants
    - Discussion of Center for Women and Gender Equity partnership for social justice training
      - Social justice trainings happen in partnership during summer Campus Dining orientations
      - Campus Dining to review what social justice trainings and partnerships are occurring
  - **Third-Party Contracts Recommendations**
    - Clarify third-party contract request for proposal process and involve student voices in decision-making
      - Vetting of third-party vendors is already being done.
      - Subgroup will further research and clarify recommendation
    - External review of Aramark's relationship with corrections, and do Aramark's values align with GVSU's values?

- A complete review of the RFP process (not just Campus Dining, but University-wide), requesting that students have an equal role, and are partners in a plan for RFP processes
  - Emphasize transparency and involvement

### **Prioritize Recommendations**

- Recommendations will be sent from University Food Committee to Senior Leadership Team
  - Recommendations may not be able to enacted in one year, rather the University Food Committee work will be ongoing
- A google doc with all recommendations will be compiled and shared with committee members
  - Please provide feedback prior to the next UFC meeting on March 25, 2022
- If subgroups have not met to prepare recommendations, please do so.

### **Next meeting**

- March 25, 2022, 1:00-2:00pm, KC 2270