University Food Committee
Minutes
March 25, 2022
1:00-2:00 pm
Zoom

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

Welcome and Attendance

- Student Senate Update
  - Student Senate issued a Statement on Campus Dining and Food Issues
  - Committee members are encouraged to read the statement which is found on social media and the Senate website
  - Kyle Gineman and Aaron Haight have reached out to Senate President Autumn Mueller regarding information and actions that Senate requested of University Food Committee
    - Kyle and Aaron will meet early next week

Recommendations

- Final review of and comments on recommendations
  - Third party contracts subgroup – spelling correction noted
- Vote taken
- Recommendations (attached) were approved to be presented to Senior Leadership
- Aaron will send to recommendations to Student Senate for their review, as the University Food Committee was formed in collaboration with Student Senate
  - When Senate has reviewed, Aaron will forward recommendations to Senior Leadership

Next meeting:

- April 22, 2022, 1:00-2:00pm, KC 2215/2216
University Food Committee work will continue next year
  - Is there an intention that UFC will look at metrics?
  - What might those points of data be?
- What will the Committee’s response look like based on the UFC submission to Senior Leadership?
- The April meeting will be in person and will include a celebration and thank you for Committee members
- If you are not able to attend, please let Aaron Haight or Susan Sigler know
  - At the April meeting, Kyle Gineman will introduce next year’s Student Senate co-chair of UFC
Accessibility/Options Subgroup Recommendations

- Redesign myGV app to include more nutrition information (allergy, ingredient, dietary needs, etc.)
  - Include short nutrition education videos on the redesigned app. Graduate students from Clinical Dietetics could contribute these as part of their practicum work.
- Increase access to the campus dietician, making them more visible to students via the redesigned app.

Food Insecurity Subgroup Recommendations

- Build an intentional partnership with University Communications to create a communication plan regarding all GVSU food insecurity efforts: Replenish, Laker Meal Share, Scholarships, and other efforts that may form as a result of this committee.
- Consider additional funding options for Replenish: work with University Development to identify foundation funding and steward donors opportunities, offer fundraising opportunities with student organizations, clubs, etc. for additional donation options (sponsoring giving challenges, etc.)
- Share previous Replenish needs assessment and ask for funding of those needs. Identify funding to purchase into a shared van between the Office of Sustainability Practices and Replenish.

Staffing Crisis Subgroup Recommendations

- Increase student wage rates, bonuses and incentives
- Recruit and interview potential student staff during summer orientation sessions
- Conduct annual climate study/facilitatie 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

Third-Party Contracts Subgroup Recommendations

- Share Campus Dining third-party contract (RFP) process on website.
  - This should include timeline and selection committee members.
  - Selection committee should include multiple student voices including representatives from Student Senate, RA Staff, and Student Employment.
  - Explore student membership for all RFP decisions.
- Conduct an external review of Aramark’s relationship with corrections to determine if they are in alignment with GVSU’s values.