

**IUPUI Food Service
Faculty/Staff Focus Group
Notes 11/10/2009**

Introduction

Moderators: Josh Berger, Stacy Blanton

Can we get a fountain coke machine in Outtakes?

Josh: There is no drain in that space, so no, we cannot do fountain coke in Outtakes.

Last Meeting

Flatbreads – still looking into starting this in Spring.

Meal Plan

Josh: Explain Trial Meal Plan: who got it, where and how they use it, how we are tracking it

Is it cheaper?

Josh: As it stands right now, we would anticipate a 3% savings. Not at the register, but if you add out the meals over the semester.

You would buy it for the year? How does it work?

Josh: You would buy it for the semester and you would lose Meals it at the semester.

Is the Meal a set Meal?

Josh: The meal would have a value (breakfast \$5, etc)

I don't get it, why not just get Flex Dollars?

Josh: Think like a parent, you would want your child to eat Meals, not snacking off your Plus Dollars

I don't think there's a lot of incentive for faculty/staff. We use our JagTag to purchase foods on and off campus. We would have to change our habits.

Unless the kick back is enough.

Sustainability

Isn't styrofoam recyclable? Wild Greens used to have a plastic container and now they have a Styrofoam container. Why was that?

Josh: Purely related to cost. In some ways, foam can be turned into other things but not as easily as you would like to think.

What is Meatless Monday?

Do we have good food that is thrown away?

Josh: Not really. Most of our food is prepared to order. How over there is some. There are legal obligations when you donate food to pantries, etc related to danger zones and other food issues.

Josh: Explains Trim Trax – it focuses on food waste and methane gas

I had the breadsticks at ML last week. Have you thought about going back to Bosco Sticks? With pepperoni, cheese or plain with sauce.

This is probably happening more often than not, they let those breadsticks sit and they get gross.

You could also sell breadsticks at Wild Greens!

When the students are here will you be open at breakfast time?

Josh: Explains November hours

So it's not for sure that you are going to close the food court in December – January for floors?

Josh and Dan explain floor situation.

The problem is that in the summer there is no place for us to get an iced fountain beverage.

Could we talk to the folks at orientation when the parents/students come in do they feel that people would use the Food Court in the morning during the week?

How do we use university services? Registrar; Onestart is important because it is going to be a culture change

Stacy: "Did you know" Project – put this information at stations

You should include food comparisons and survey information on table tents; include these snippets on interactive kiosks

We feel like step children! Keep BS open so that I can get a salad for lunch instead of walking to the Campus Center

It was lovely having the BS building open last Christmas break– but people didn't know about until the last day because, no, they didn't read the signs.

There is an unfortunate perception on campus that you all have to break through.

To help fight this preconceived idea that we've had for years about food service. Can we invite 10-15 people department for lunch? To let them try your food to know that it's good.

Include Staff Council

Josh: Next meeting will be next semester, look for an email invitation by beginning of January.