

## Dining Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes – Thursday, December 2, 2010 – 1PM

Attendees: [Students] Brian Gelok, Elizabeth Hamberger, Jeannie Lutkin, [Admin/Faculty/Staff] Beth Ainsworth, Victoria Banks, Teri Bettencourt, Mohamad Charafeddine, Patti Houmiel, Steve Sansola, Ginene Zeyher

Black – Agenda notes

Purple – Minutes/Notes/Action

### ✓ Dining Services News - SUSTAINABILITY:

- Marist College one of eight college campuses chosen to pilot food waste reduction program - Sodexo Campus Food Waste Tracking Shows Dramatic Reduction in Kitchen Waste. Marist to be announced in training as an example/best practice account for all to model.
  - 100lbs September 1700lbs October – Improvement in rice waste.
- The EPA Game Day Challenge 2010 RESULTS ARE IN - Marist College named Organics Reduction Champion - Please visit [www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/wastewise/challenge/gameday/results.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/wastewise/challenge/gameday/results.htm).
  - Compostable plates in retail and concessions will continue
  - Contact Jacel Eagan - Editor of the circle
  - Contact Tim Massie for a Marist College Homepage headline.
- New information throughout the Main Dining Hall about our sustainable practices.
- New welcome center - Coming Soon.

### ✓ Retail:

- Cabaret - Egg sandwiches available and made all day! - We have a coupon available online at [maristdining.com](http://maristdining.com)! :-) - Will be putting it on Facebook in December.
- SUPPORT THE MARKETPLACE at Jazzman's – Tell your friends to come visit and shop at the Marketplace for convenience items.
  - Committee ideas to generate more sales and business to the Marketplace at Jazzman's:
    - Coupons that RA's can hand out door-to-door the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the semester
    - Advertisement in the Circle
    - End of the year specials – a certain percentage off
    - The Marketplace at Jazzman's – a one stop shop! Workout in the gym, do some laundry, shop at the Marketplace!
- Compostable plates in retail and concessions are in full practice.
- People are generally happy with retail.

### ✓ Resident:

- Follow-up on extending hours at the pasta station - The hours are non-stop from lunch to dinner
  - ACTION: Hours of operation/serving times at each station

- The Holiday Wrap Up - We're promoting a SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAY! Students can come in and wrap their gifts using old newspapers and magazines. - Monday, December 6, 2010 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- Gingerbread House Decorating Contest - Wednesday, December 8, 2010 - 2-4pm
  - Contact Val about displaying winning Gingerbread House winners at Marist Holiday Party.
- Holiday Dinner - Thursday, December 9th

✓ OTHER NEWS:

- **The last Valley Cafe is Tuesday, December 7th - Come try it! ☺**
- Final Exam Late Night Study Break – Courtesy of Sodexo
  - Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Cabaret starting at 9:30pm
- **ANNOUNCEMENT: Starbucks will be in the Hancock Center – 1<sup>st</sup> floor as soon as you walk in.**
  - Starbucks at Marist will be apart of the Share the planet program.
  - Starbucks also has tumblers people may purchase to promote a reusable mug program.

✓ Website:

- Check out our sustainability page.
- Check our Facebook page! :-) – Marist Dining Services – BECOME A FAN! Get the latest update on dining news!

✓ Student Complaint/Concern:

- Utensil water splashing from the dish room. Can this be avoided?
  - Sodexo will brainstorm ways to eliminate the splashing from the dish room workers throwing utensils in the water that splash on customers.
  - Maybe have a dry rack – every 10 minutes add to liquid.
  - Sodexo will follow-up with this at the next meeting.

✓ Open Floor/Discussion:

- **Vodka Sauce at the Pasta Station – Students would like to see more.**
  - Will look into increasing the vodka sauce offerings.
- **Panini Station – There is a problem with the paper sticking to the sandwich bread. Is it possible to have non stick parchment paper?**
  - Sodexo will look into different parchment paper. In the meantime, a little margarine on the bread might prevent sticking.
- **Bonnie – Omelet lady is awesome.**
- **More grilled chicken at the salad bar**
  - Grilled chicken is offered at the salad bar Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Donnelly:**

- Everything is good.
- More Minnesota Wild Rice – More than once a month
- More balanced soup schedule
- Chicken at the Pasta Station:
  - Sodexo: It is unsanitary for chicken to be help at the pasta station. Students should get the chicken from the salad bar and bring it to the pasta line.
  - Pasta attendants should be trained to answer student questions or refer students to one who can.
- Toasters – customers are experiencing problems with the toasters. Something may be wrong as one side gets toasted and burnt while the other side is untouched.
  - Sodexo will add 2 additional toasters
  - Sodexo will check with the manufacturers
  - The solution is to:
    - 1. Chef Anthony will contact the manufactures.
    - 2. Another 2 machines will be purchased
    - 3. The wiring will be checked.
- Sophomores in Midrise love Late Nite Dining.
- The Soups
  - On Monday 12/6 we will be setting up suggestion boxes and signage for all soup locations. The basic premise is for people to put in their favorite soups, or lists of their favorite soups and we will base next semester's soup menu on the top responses. We will also put it online for people who want to respond electronically.
  - Info will be compiled over the break and given to Chef Anthony
  - We will follow through next semester by advertising how the recipes were selected and that it truly is a menu "by popular demand" for the Marist Community.

✓ Happy Holidays!