

## Feb 23, 2024 5:00 PM | 📅 Dining Services Meeting

Attendees: Chair Buono, Vice Chair Milner, Senator(s): Hlaskova, China, Sundell, Cronan

Absent: Senator(s): Wentworth, Hudson, Hurwitz, DeLorenzo

### Notes

- Each Senator introduced themselves and their positions
- Director St-Germain discussed composting and sustainability initiatives
  - Dining Service is hiring, training, and implementing students to encourage other students to utilize the composting stations within dining facilities
  - Composting will begin in Butterfield and Mainfare Dining Halls
  - Dining Services are prepared to advertise and market the new composting initiatives
    - They will use bins and scales to measure and keep track of the amount of food and other
  - This will be an initiative that takes place throughout the semester, and hopefully extending into orientation
- Chair Buono asked about the role of the senate for the initiative
  - Social media coverage and marketing is something that the senate can always help with, whether over social media and on televisions and screens around campus
  - VC Milner spoke about physical posters in residence halls, the library, and the MU
- Director St-Germain spoke about the dining services survey
  - Described the success of the HRL survey, and how the dining services survey will be rolled out before the end of the semester
  - Also spoke about the ice cream machine and how it is still being deliberated about within Dining Services
- There is a plan in place to place hot food kiosks for students to use after Spring break in the library and other locations
- Dining Services is doing a to-go service for students participating in Ramadan
  - Senator Sundell states that the senate should absolutely advertise it on their socials
  - This could be worked upon and collaborated with both the LGBTQ+ liaison and Student Senate Cultural Committee
  - Chair Buono described her thoughts that dining services should send out a food preference form for students observing and participating in Ramadan
- Senator Hlaskova explained her concerns, ideas, and feedback regarding dining services
  - The wrong information being presenting on the board
    - Director St-Germain explained how the menus were put onto the board, and how it can sometimes mess up the presentation and advertisement of the food being served

- A shelf for different spices and how students as a whole would respond very positively to a large spice rack for students to use
  - Director St-Germain asked the senate to make a list of the spices that they want, and that he will buy it
- The student body responded very positively to the Mardi Gras celebration, and that the smoothies were very popular. Wanted to know if these smoothies could be provided all the time
  - Director St-Germain pointed at the smoothies in the corner store and Rams Den, but understood that the smoothies were something that students would like to see in the actual dining halls themselves
    - Chair Buono asked about an idea she had: to have someone from the senate take pictures during the events in the dining halls, and asked if she could have access to the calendar
- Chair Buono discussed different things that CA will discuss in their next meeting
  - Incentives for the dining services survey
  - Running a booth to plug and advertise the dining services survey
  - Sending a questionnaire to the Senate General Assembly to make a comprehensive list about the spices that they would like
  - Student outreach for the vending machines