

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee _____ Campus Dining Committee

Academic Year Covered by Report _____ 2017-2018

Date Report Submitted _____ June 25

Report Submitted by _____ Stephanie Bullock-Allen

Number of times committee met _____ Eight

RECOMMENDATIONS

As a committee, we heard several request and recommendations. They are as follows.

- Additional food truck options and days of availability
- Increase the hours of operation of the dining halls to permit eating options later in the evening.
- Improvement considerations for Tapingo the pre-order of food app
- Research ideas to reduce the lines and congestion at the Starbucks at Talley Student Union
- Continue in the appreciated efforts to provide for special dietary needs including allergies and intolerances that students may have.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

Stephanie Bullock-Allen was elected to serve as Chair of the Dining Committee for the 2017-2018 academic year. The committee met each second Tuesday of the month for 8 months. Six regular meetings were held along with 2 special gatherings: 1 for the Christmas holiday and 1 for our end of year celebration. During the first meeting, introductions of all members in attendance were made acknowledging all the new student members. Shawn Hoch provided a power point presentation concerning the Dining Committee and its mission including our objectives going forward. In future meetings, the committee was given information on each of the dining halls and the enhancement/ upgrades that had been made or those on the calendar for future renovations. Wellness initiatives for the year were discussed, notably NCSU's participation in the Partnership for a Healthier America and the Healthier Campus Initiative. Students often commented on food allergies and intolerances thus, a detailed report was provided on how the dining halls and other eateries on campus address the special nutrition needs of our students. Also, in our monthly meeting, members were given reports on the upcoming fall and spring events such as Peanut Day and Night of the Wolf. Each month, committee members were tasked with visiting a designated eatery for review. Members would discuss their experience, positive and/or negative if any. This was a great way to really connect and bring to light so many different dining options on campus. Open dialog

about the experience was welcomed. The Dining Staff are open and willing to hear all reviews in efforts to make improvements.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)

If possible, it would be helpful if student members receive their appointments at the beginning of the school year and not during the middle/end of the term. We received two students after our midway mark and in doing so, they missed vital information concerning the committee's purposes and goals. Also concerning our student members, we request a good mixture of students based on their classification (freshmen-grad students), special dietary needs or possible food or nutrition backgrounds. The committee has noticed a big drop in membership and therefore member attendance. We hope for better consistency among members. It seems that currently most faculty/staff appointments rotate on and off in the same 3 year period. If this could be rotated in some fashion, that would be great.