

Union and Dining Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 29, 2008
5:00 pm
Vista Conference Room

Attendance: Crystal Jushka, Sheila Schroeder, Tim Kroll, Rick Warpinski

Note: No official votes could be made since there was not quorum, but unofficial recommendations still needed to be made since this was the last meeting of this administration. It should also be noted that the decisions made were based off of discussion from all semester.

I. Information/Discussion Items

II. Action Items (Making Final Decisions)

a. Dining Pricing Discussion

- i. There were no recommendations that the committee could really make at this point about pricing. Kevin had claimed that there would not be many significant price changes, if any. A survey has gone out to students that will allow for feedback about dining and pricing. The committee strongly recommended that those survey results be taken into consideration when further decisions are made about pricing.**
- ii. The committee also strongly recommends that the Union and Dining Committee as well as SGA and the Union itself, work to educate students about why prices are what they are. Rick even mentioned having his own separate advisory board involving students aside from the Union and Dining committee to work on projects such as this.**

b. Hours of Operation

- i. The committee has been discussing dining and building hours with both Rick and Kevin for the past few meetings. The general decision about hours was actually discussed a few meetings ago involved both building and dining counts. In conclusion, the committee recommends that all areas in the Cloud Commons should stay open until 2:30 pm for lunch on Fridays to allow for those who have class until 2:00 pm to get something to eat. Frascetta and Ultimate Baja will stay open past lunchtime until the end of dinner at 7:00 pm when both stations are open next fall. Since weekend morning numbers are low, the committee recommends that the Union should not open until 9:30 am, as well as the Coffee House. Since breakfast at the Grille was not too successful this past year, the Grille will not open until 11:00 am on the weekends and begin to serve lunch. Other hours of operation that the committee did not have too much control over were for the Phoenix Bookstore and the UW Credit Union. The Bookstore**

will be open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on the week days, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday, and 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Sundays. The Credit Union will be open 9:00 am -5:00 pm on the week days and closed on the weekends. The committee also recommends that any input from the student surveys be considered when creating official hours of operation.

c. Room Naming

- i. Committee members have agreed to a few names for certain rooms within the past few meetings. The committee recommends that the new lounge outside of the Credit Union should be called the Timber Lounge. Also, the rooms in which the Office of Student Life is currently located should return to being called the World Unity Rooms, as they once were. The committee felt that the only appropriate name for the new dining area would be Leona Cloud Commons B, (and the main Leona Cloud Commons would be A) because it would reduce confusion. There are a few rooms left to be named. The committee decided to leave the Party Room as is for now. Originally, the Party Room along with the current Fourth Estate office and the custodial office were possibly going to be named Niagara A, B, and C. But since the Fourth Estate office and the custodial office are going to be storage rooms for the time being, the committee felt that the Party Room should stay as is. The committee does recommend that Niagara be considered in for future room naming. The lounge by the Phoenix Club and the meeting room off of the 102 hallway need names as well, but the committee did not feel that they had generated sufficient names for these spaces and decided that they would feel more comfortable leaving next year's committee responsible for generating more names.**

III. Open discussion for Ideas/Concerns

- a. Crystal said that she would write up all of these recommendations and forward them on to Rick. She also said that she would be passing on a lot of this information onto the next Secretary/Chair personally. She feels more comfortable leaving things such as poster and banner spaces and some room naming for next years committee so that they have something to work on right away.**