

MJC FOOD SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 29, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Noon

YCCD Conference Room B

Present: Wendy Byrd, Rhonda Green, Garry Hayes, Cynthia Schmidt, Teresa Scott (Chair), Michael Sundquist, Raquel Tiscareno, Jean Paul Varagnat (ASMJC) (*arrived late*), Gary Whitfield, Carrie Sampson (recorder)

Teresa Scott welcomed everyone and asked if there were any changes to the summary notes of the September 29, 2006, meeting. Rhonda requested one change to the second paragraph.

Rhonda stated that MJC Food Services financially is making some progress, due largely to closing the cafeteria on West Campus. She estimated a \$20,000-\$25,000 loss would have occurred if the cafeteria had remained open this year. The convenience store and the Starbucks' coffee cart were both open during the fall. Many people still do not realize that the convenience store carries some hot food items. On East Campus deli sandwiches are served two days a week, and the Cantina is open the other two days. Rhonda said the decision was made to keep the convenience store open rather than the cafeteria because it takes only one staff person. The cafeteria needs at least three staff people to operate.

Wendy noted that the student government is very concerned about the closure of the West Campus cafeteria. She said ASMJC would like to contribute to reopening the cafeteria if their proposal to have a negative check-off for the student activity sticker for online registration is approved. They estimate that the negative check-off might generate as much as \$80,000 a year in extra revenue. Rhonda said that if the cafeteria is reopened, then it might be necessary to close the convenience store during cafeteria hours. However, this can be evaluated when the time comes. Gary also commented on the need for some kind of appeal process for the negative check-off in case students forget to uncheck the box and dispute the charge. Teresa suggested that an advertising campaign might help students understand the importance of the negative check-off.

Cynthia said that she thinks her nursing students would use the cafeteria if it were open. The Culinary Arts program is open now, and she noticed some of her students going there. However, the compressed schedule rarely allows time to have an actual lunch break. Most students only get a snack to eat between classes. Raquel stated that she and Rhonda are working on bringing a hot dog and/or taco cart on campus during the evening. Hopefully, Rico Mac Taco will set up a cart behind the Student Center on East Campus between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. However, Rico Mac Taco (or any other vendor) is unwilling to do the same on West Campus. There simply isn't enough student activity to make it profitable. Rhonda said Food Services will take a percentage of the cart's earnings. College Council will need to be informed of the plan to place a taco cart on campus.

The committee discussed the compressed calendar, and the problems associated with it. Cynthia said she thought the original plan was for some of the East Campus Divisions to move, in part, over to West Campus. Mike said there has been quite a bit of resistance to splitting Divisions between the two campuses. He stated that even though the Pirate's Express Shuttle does make it easier to move between campuses, East Campus is still viewed as the main campus. Mike further said that the new MJC Educational Master Plan may dictate where some Divisions will be maintained.

Gary discussed the recent problems getting Pepsi Corp. to service their vending machines more frequently. Currently, Pepsi only refills the machines two times a week. Patton Vending does a much better job of keeping their machines filled. Since Food Services takes a percentage of earnings from the vending machines, revenue is lost when the machines sit empty. Teresa noted that even though Food Services is a self-sustained entity, it uses YCCD employees, which means that possible upcoming benefit increases and salary raises will adversely affect Food Services' financial situation.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Fall 2007 semester on Monday, September 24, 2007, 3:00-4:30 p.m.. Anyone having agenda items should contact Carrie Sampson.