

MJC FOOD SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 24, 2007

3:00-4:30 p.m.

District Conference Room B

Present: Rhonda Green, Cynthia Schmidt, Teresa Scott (Chair), Michael Sundquist, Pat Wallace, Gary Whitfield, Carrie Sampson (recorder)

Absent: ASMJC representative, Wendy Byrd, Garry Hayes, Sherri Suarez, Raquel Tiscareno, Jeff Whalen

Teresa Scott welcomed everyone and introduced Pat Wallace, Administrative Secretary for the Physical Education Department. It was announced that both Raquel and Jeff were unable to attend because they had staff absent and were having to cover for them.

Presentation from Food Services Tip Jar

Rhonda explained that when MJC Food Services began serving Starbucks coffee, customers insisted on offering tips to the staff. Since state employees are not allowed to accept tips, the tip jar was set up and last year the proceeds were given to ASMJC in the amount of about \$900. This year it was decided to divide the money between ASMJC and the P.E. Department in the hopes that more students could benefit. Rhonda presented a \$397 check made out to the MJC P.E. Department to Pat Wallace. Pat thanked Food Services on behalf of the P.E. students and said this money would be well used. Rhonda gave another \$397 check to Gary Whitfield to deposit into ASMJC's account.

MJC Food Services Update

Rhonda reported that Food Services is now fully operational on both East and West Campuses from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. After 2 p.m. on West Campus the Convenience Store opens which carries a number of food products, including prepared salads and hot foods. The Convenience Store operation is now under the MJC Bookstore, relieving Food Services of that expense. On East Campus a taco cart is open in front of Founders Hall when Food Services is closed. Starbucks is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on East Campus. Beginning October 8, the Starbucks cart will be open 7 to 11 a.m. on West Campus as well. Staffing problems prevented opening the cart earlier. Rhonda noted that financially Food Services on both campuses is doing better, which makes her wonder if there might be more students taking West Campus classes this year.

Gary stated that MJC Food Services only had a \$20,000 net loss last year, which is better than the \$80,000 loss of the previous year. He noted that East Campus Food Services lost \$58,000 last year; however, Starbucks made a \$40,000 profit. He also mentioned that West Campus Starbucks had a loss of \$17,000, while the Convenience Store only made a \$264 profit. Gary said that Food Services receives a 15% commission from the taco cart. They thought that bringing other food vendors on campus, such as Subway or Jamba Juice, would provide another revenue source as well as relieve some of the work stress from Food Services staff. Rhonda pointed out that under no circumstances would any staff be displaced. Gary noted that discussions with food vendors are extremely preliminary and that no decisions would be made without input from CSEA.

Cynthia wanted to know if the Culinary Arts program was hurting West Campus Food Services. Rhonda said that the Culinary Arts is an educational program and not associated with Food Services. It is possible that it may detract customers from Food Services, but its value to MJC as an educational program outweighs any losses caused to Food Services. Mike asked about possibly including a clause regarding appearance in the next contract with the taco cart. He said the cart's appearance is unattractive and hurts the aesthetics of the campus. Gary mentioned that they have submitted Facilities work orders to install electrical outlets in the quad area in order to provide more flexibility as to where food carts can be located. It was suggested that we monitor whether or not one person manning the Starbucks station is enough during a rush. Gary said Bank of America might put an ATM machine in the East Campus Student Center. There was discussion about the difficulty in getting Pepsi to service their vending machines on campus. It was noted that Pepsi's 10-year contract with YCCD is nearing an end. It was suggested that our next soft drink vendor agreement be for a shorter period of time and that we give serious consideration to other vendors.

Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Spring 2008 semester on Monday, January 28, 2008, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Anyone having agenda items should contact Carrie Sampson.