Food, Health, & Safety Committee Minutes

Minutes of September 12, 2017

Present: Jack Aldisert, Todd Badham, Terry Halvorson, and Deborah Hope

The meeting was called to order by ASUPS Chairperson Jack Aldisert. The following reports were given:

Todd Badham/Security:

- Security employees have been given new uniforms that are more comfortable and therefore well-received. The uniforms also go along with the Security Department’s new attitude toward being more approachable. They have hired six new full-time staff members who were hired with this attitude in mind.
- There is a new sense of having a strong team, and a desire to create contacts not based solely on rule-breaking. Todd asked ASUPS representatives to let students know they should feel free to introduce themselves to security officers.
- Crime—Bike thefts are the same as last year for this time period. Students need to purchase U-bolt locks, and also need to take measures to secure the wheels as well. There is currently an increase in theft of just the wheels off bikes.
- Parking—Students need to register all vehicles with the Security Department’s new system so that Security can continue to build their database.
- Students are encouraged to watch the training video regarding emergency responses on the UPS website.
- On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, there is to be a lock-down drill.
- Todd was asked to explain how Security is implementing its new emphasis on community relations. He stated that the mission is to make people safe with a different approach that is not about “busting” people, but more about interaction.
- Todd is meeting with the Freshman class on Sunday to remind students that Security is available for assistance.
- Todd was asked about the University’s smoking policy, and responded that he felt ASUPS should create a policy that would make students happy, as he did not want the Security officers to have to reprimand students. There was discussion on the unfortunate amount of cigarette butts now on the plaza and what could be done. Jack offered to speak to the Senate regarding the situation.

Terry Halvorson/Dining Services:

- After finishing 80 interviews, they have hired 60 new student staff members; 40 will work in the Diner and the other 20 students throughout DCS. All will be ready to work next week following orientation.
- The chef’s table has been revamped.
- They are now on a 4-week menu cycle rather than a 6-week cycle.
- They have implemented the following: new pasta and sauces, gluten-free corn pasta, garden tortellini are back on Fridays, and some items are only seasonal.
• Terry reported that they do pay attention to the texts that come in, and definitely make changes as they are able. Students are encouraged to text comments to Dining Services.
• Terry reported on a new program of Waste Highlights, which helps reduce food waste. Since its implementation, there has been a 28% reduction in waste.
• Terry reported that food theft is a major issue. Discussion ensued as to how to manage this situation, and Jack offered to bring the issue to the Senate. Ideas regarding advertising how theft actually ends up costing students more were discussed, and suggestions were made to create posters and/or other media.

Jack Aldisert/Food, Health, and Safety Chairperson and ASUPS Representative:

• Jack emphasized that ASUPS wishes to focus on the values of Equity, Justice, Community, Accessibility, Transparency, and Your Voice, and how these should guide every department. Jack expressed appreciation for Security’s meeting with Freshmen and Dining Services’ text program as models of transparency and accessibility.
• There was discussion regarding the date and time of future meetings, and Jack offered to contact committee members to find out if this particular time works. It was agreed that the committee should meet every other week.

Respectfully submitted by
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