



Associated Students of Concordia University Irvine

Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Senators Present: Amanda Alvarez, Celina Stratton, Claire Brainard, Damiana Gumiran, Erika Boychenko, Evette Jahangiri, Hayden Kirkman, Jessica James, Lauren Youngsma, Nikki Ancona, Reanna Benton, Sarkhan Nabiyevev, Christian Woodfin

Senators Absent: Chloe Heiser

Executive Board Present: Emily Dailey, Catherine Foster, Ryan Van Dusen, Ariana Sadeghipour, Rose Jones

Faculty and Staff Present: Rafael Covarrubias, Laura Courvoisier

- I. **Call to Order**— 10:31 am - Catherine Foster
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Catherine Foster
- III. **Attendance:**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** 1st Reanna Benton 2nd Amanda Alvarez
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** 1st Erika Boychenko 2nd Sarkhan Nabiyevev
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. Time Capsule Spring Event Signups
 - i. First Week of April (4-6)
 - ii. Mon/ Tues
 1. Booth outside caf for prediction about Concordia and the World
 - iii. Wednesday- Event
 1. Watch Time capsule
 2. Ice Cream Truck
 3. Manning the booth
 - iv. Email Google Invite
 - b. Discussion about the Skateboard Policy in Senate
 - i. Three weeks from now
 - ii. Be asking friend/ stidents for opinions
 - c. Rafael Covarrubias
 - i. New Manager of Operations - comes from same district
 - ii. Questions for Caf and Emendare
 - iii. Erika- Told about plan for a meal plan for Emendare
 1. Has that at another school and it works well there
 2. Still in the works

3. Tim is aware of it
 4. Can follow up with where they are in the plan
 5. Possible for next semester
 6. Plan to differentiate hours from caf hours
- iv. Sarkhan- What upcoming projects?
1. Food in general
 2. Isn't familiar with how it went last semester
 3. Trying to make students aware of more variety in the caf
 4. Next semester- Menus will be posted with a calorie count
 - a. Deadline isn't until October with the company
 - b. Goal for it to be up in August
 5. Quality of the Food- converses with the cooks daily
 6. Isn't too fond of the color of the carpet and wall
- v. Nikki- Are the caf hours posted on the door? And have they Changed?
1. Not very visible, but they are posted and they are correct
 2. Can have dinner until 8
 3. Friday/ Saturday 5- 7:30 for dinner
 4. The extra hour is deli, salad bar, grill – limited food and not responsible to keep it stocked
 5. N- Can we make other students aware?
 6. Easter hours are now posted
 7. Catherine- when the hours have changed in the past, they have posted a sign for two weeks to let students know
 8. Online update?- Hours are posted on the Concordia Website
 9. Christian- Mass email to the students
 - a. Laura- Rose will help with the email blast
 10. Ariana- email webteam@cu.edu to update the hours
- vi. Ryan- Moring Hours. During finals week, the caf opens at 7 and finals start at 7. Is there a way to open them earlier? Sometimes the caf opens late in the morning for 7:30 classes.
1. Doesn't think it would be a problem for finals week to open up at 6:45 as long as the school makes the board plan early
- vii. Rose- They will still stop exhibition around 6:15 pm on a Friday
1. If you show up before 6:30, they still have to make your food
 2. Will be taken care of
- viii. Emily- Game plan to increase productivity and service of the workers?
1. There is
 2. Going through a transformation right now
 3. Trying to reposition people into a better placement on their stations
 4. Has posted a few jobs for this account
- ix. Catherine- what are the rules for taking food out of the caf?
1. It should be in a ToGo container
 2. Catherine- Do they have the right to take it away from you?
 3. No one should be taking it away from you
 4. Amanda- my burritos were taken out of my hand. They wanted me to pay for a second meal. Has known other people taking them out.
 5. Food policy- Should not allow food to go out if it is not in a ToGo container or proper storage
 6. Amanda- should be more consistent
 7. That will stop and will post a sign for the policy
 8. Cannot bring own container- may not be clean

- a. Will not know if it is their food or the container if a student gets sick
- x. Christian- students and teachers enjoy eating outside on the tables. Is that an issue?
 - 1. They will have to figure out a new rule to make it universal
 - 2. Needs to get confirmation if it is the same as walking out with food in your hand
 - 3. Each account is different, but they are responsible to explain food safety issues
 - 4. Christian- eating outside is more of an honor code
- xi. Erika- Is there a way to have a sign that says why people cannot bring in their own Tupperware container?
 - 1. Yes!
- xii. Erika- They used to have free Tupperware with a card and a lot of people liked it?
 - 1. Didn't know they did that. Asked about it when he first got to Concordia
 - 2. Catherine- a lot of people were not returning them
 - 3. If they do not bring them back, they get charged for it- around \$4
 - 4. Erika- I know a lot of people would prefer this system
 - 5. Claire- when do you have to bring them back?
 - a. The next time you want a ToGo box
 - b. Must return an old one to get a new one
 - c. Do not have to pay upfront, but are locked at one at a time
 - 6. Solution for people who cannot bring their own ToGo box
- xiii. Christian- a lot of students have talked about the forced meal plan, but they cannot use their extra meals for other people. Students are frustrated about losing money
 - 1. If you are on the meal plan, technically, you are not allowed to swipe other people in
 - 2. School is going to want each person having their own plan
 - 3. No rollover plan- understands it is a waste, but it is school policy
 - 4. Christian- Is there a way to swipe visitors in?
 - a. Doesn't think there is a way around it, but can follow up
 - 5. Christian- Who can I talk to about this?
 - a. Me or Tim
 - b. Behind the scenes reasons why we can't do it
 - 6. Claire- Is there a way to donate the leftover meals?
 - a. The company has to be involved in a food recovery program, but it is not implemented here
 - b. They should be donating every meal that is not being used
 - c. Need to get that rolling for us at CUI
 - d. Maybe students should change their meal plan
 - e. CUI does need to get involved in the food recovery program- maybe get students to think about food waste more
 - f. The caf staff should be more involved with the students and know where the donations are going
 - g. Amanda- more students will feel more comfortable if the meals are not going to waste
 - h. Could pull up local information and forward it to Senate and decide what program to go with
- xiv. Rafael- Doesn't feel like he really knows the students. Clientele was different at his previous college. Needs to know more about what the students are looking for. Better service? Lineup?
 - 1. Catherine- a lot of students like both healthy and unhealthy food. The wraps are popular

2. Amanda- The food has improved a lot in variety and quality. The service and the speed needs to improve, especially when events are on campus. Improve consistency with rules.
3. Christian- The lettuce tasted like rabbit lettuce.
 - a. For the most part, the produce should be fresh because it is local. Could have been a prepping issue.
 - b. C- Would be cool to have more fruit. Simpler w/out the dressing on the fruit salad
4. Ariana- food has really improved. There are good days and bad days. The service could use some improvement. Refilling plates, silverware constantly. The exhibition line can be really slow.
 - a. Thank you for the water section!!!!
 - b. The water line already exists and it has been changed out for clean water.
5. Catherine- Can we get smoothies in Emendare?
 - a. Next project is Emendare
 - b. Has a contact for that.
 - c. Could definitely get that here
 - d. We will be consistent
 - e. Amanda- students will not mind the new rules, but it needs to be consistent to avoid frustration
 - i. Cannot implement too many things at once, but the new semester will have more consistency
 - ii. The speed relates to having the right people in the right places

VII. **Old Business:**

- a. Chapel Credit
 - i. Be sure you are going
- b. University Services RES Tour
 - i. Pictures were sent out
 - ii. Uppers for the summer
- c. Club Proposals
 - i. Arab Culture Club
 - ii. Pursuers of Peace

VIII. **Open Floor**

IX. **Adjournment:** 11:15 am