Real Food Working Group Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 4:30pm-6:00pm
427A Waterman

Attendees
Students

Annalena Barrett (Sodexo Intern), Maria Carabello (Food Systems Masters Program), Alyssa Johnson (student), Ryan McNally (SGA), Jennifer Porter (Food Systems Masters Program), Ani Quigley (Vermont Students for Animal Protection), Melissa Sullivan (VSTEP)

Administration/Staff

Dennis DePaul (Dean of Students office), Alison Nihart (Food Systems Initiative)

University Dining Services

Caylin McKee (Sustainability and Social Media), Melissa Zelazny (General Manager)

Faculty

Agenda
Facilitator - Ani Quigley
Notetaker - Jennifer Porter

Introductions

Committee Updates

- Implementation Committee
    o Presented by Caylin McKee
    o Final list of Real Meals – very similar to what was presented before
        ▪ Spices and oils will be the only non real items in the meals
        ▪ Added real desserts and a few more real breakfast items
        ▪ Approved real meal signs for earth week
    o Real Food Percentage – Feb 2013
        ▪ Local 8%
        ▪ Eco sound 3%
        ▪ Humane 1%
        ▪ Fair 3%
    o Only 85% of our total food budget was audited
        ▪ The missing food is most likely 0-20% real food, so our true number is likely between 10.5-13%
        ▪ The calculator committees has double checked data- we are going to move forward with the current number and start working on more recent semesters
- Outreach Committee
    o Presented by Ani Quigley
    o Looking ahead
        ▪ Update on student club: a student has volunteered to be co-president with Alyssa. We are in the process of submitting to SGA for recognition. Susie Walsh will be the faculty chair. Hoping to get approval for next semester.

- ▪ Solicitation of Outreach student chair- if you are interested in the position please email Ani
    - o Upcoming tabling opportunities
        - ▪ Farmers' market – April 23rd, 11am-3pm
        - ▪ Earth Week
- Policy Committee
    - o Update on decision matrix - presented by Alison Nihart
    - o Presented a draft of a decision flowchart
        - ▪ Prioritize real food criteria for each category
        - ▪ Need to decide how to prioritize which product shifts to target
            - • Focus on top 10 items, by value, that are not currently real?
            - • Focus on most "offensive" products?
        - ▪ Set a goal of improvement in each category every year
        - ▪ Email Alison with any comments
- Dining Services
    - o Presented by Caylin McKee
    - o RFC info table at Battle of the Campus Chefs (4/21, 6-8pm in Davis Center)
        - ▪ Jennifer, Ani, Alyssa, and Melissa will table
    - o Real Meal Cook Off (4/22, 5-8pm)?
        - ▪ Need 1 staff, 1 faculty, and 1 student to judge Real Meal Cook-off
            - • Jennifer will be a judge

Relationship with Davis Center Vendors
- Do we want to bring the Davis Center vendors onto the RFWG now that we are auditing their purchases? If so, in what capacity?
    - o If we add more non-students we will have to add more students
    - o Ben and Jerry's and New World are sub-contracted through Sodexo and are technically represented by Melissa
    - o Bookstore, Cat Pause, and Hendersons are university owned entities and are not currently represented on the RFWG
        - ▪ Joe may be able to represent them
    - o They are willing to attend meetings but do not feel strongly about it
    - o We will invite Ben and Jerry's and New World to at least one meeting per year

Meeting with the President
- Tuesday, April 29, 2pm - 2:30pm
- Ani, Alison, Caylin, and Annalena will present
    - o Anyone else who is interested can email Ani
- Content suggestions

Transparency of the RFWG
- Do we want to publicize our minutes?
- It has been brought to our attention that students perceive the RFWG as "elitist"
- It would be a good opportunity for students to feel more informed about the process
- We can post them on our website

- If you are in a conversation that you do not want included in the minutes you need to make it known

2014-2015
- Nominations for student chair
    o Ani is graduating and will be a new RFC regional organizer!!!!!
    o Email Ani with nominations
    o Voting will be at May meeting
- Commitment to RFWG 2014-2015 by May 1
    o Send email to aquigley@uvm.edu
    o Dennis and Doug will not be counted as a voting members