

Committee on Vendors Services: An Academic Senate Standing Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of May 11th, 2015, M-209, at 11-12:00pm

In Attendance: Honey, Larisa; Li, Li Xu; Burgers, Johannes; Tokke, Cheryl (new); Tawde, Mangala; Pecinka, Kathleen

Guests: Carmiencke, Bayard; DiMeo, Christine

Absent: Murley, Jean (COC Liason); Paul Sideris (Excused) Student Representatives: Eastwood, Gregory; Mohabir, Mahendra

1. Minutes of Last meeting- March 6th - were approved unanimously.

2. New Member

Cheryl Tokke is a new member who is replacing Mangala Tawde

3. Student Presentation

Student Bayard Carmiencke presented his honors project to the committee. This project entailed an in-depth assessment of the snack options at QCC. The study included background information, a nutritional analysis of the available foods, a student assessment and some policy recommendations. Although he had a small (30 students) and somewhat non-diversified sample (all nutrition students), the overall point was that these students wanted more healthy options. Something echoed by nutrition faculty and faculty on the Vending Services Committee. The most salient points were the following:

Healthier food options:

- Dried fruit, regular fruit , raw nuts, low fat or fat free yogurt, and Kind bars or other organic granola bars.
- Bottled waters, fortified vegetable juice (low sodium V-8) , low sugar juice, and low fat milk, almond milk.

Other Colleges:

- Colleges, such as UCLA (University of California Los Angeles), Medical University of South Carolina, and Ithaca College are just some of the universities that have successfully added healthier snacks to the vending machines on their campuses.

The Vending Services Committee will recommend that the Auxiliary Committee look into finding healthier options.

4. Election

In keeping with the bylaws, there was a vote for a new chair. Rather than picking one chair, the decision was made to work with co-chairs. There were two nominations: Johannes Burgers and Larissa Honey

Johannes Burgers and Larisa Honey won with a unanimous decision.

Mangala Tawde called the meeting to a close Kathleen Pecinka seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Johannes Burgers