

Committee on Vendors Services: An Academic Senate Standing Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of October 29th, 2015, H-458, at 1:10 – 2:00 PM

In Attendance: Honey, Larisa (co-Chair); Burgers, Johannes (co-Chair); Tokke, Cheryl; Pecinka, Kathleen, Sideris, Paul

Absent: Murley, Jean (COC Liason); Li, Li Xu; Student Representatives: Not assigned yet

1. Minutes of Last meeting- May 11th - were approved unanimously.

2. Chair's Report

A. Larisa Honey explained the charges of the committee and the plan for the coming year. The committee plans to determine how students feel about the food and drink options available on campus and make suggestions towards improvement.

3. New Business

A. Election of Committee Secretary

- Paul Sideris was voted secretary of the committee.

B. Follow-up on bookstore inquiries into costs of textbooks

- Paul Sideris followed up on bookstore pricing at the Barnes and Nobles. The bookstore tries to get the lowest prices. Independently operated, the bookstore sets their own prices.

C. Discussion of Vending Machine Survey

- The committee wants to gauge how students feel about the food options on campus. We will create a survey which we will deploy, hopefully with the aid of the Student Senate. Alternatively, the survey could also be placed near the vendors and vending services.

- Larisa Honey offered to get in touch with NYPIRG to see if they could provide feedback.

D. Track comments about vending machines on social media

- Students have been leaving comments about the food options on campus through Facebook message. Paul Sideris offered to liaise with David Moretti to get these comments.

- Paul Sideris also offered to create a dedicated Vendor Services committee e-mail so students can contact us directly.

Paul Sideris called the meeting to a close Cheryl Tokke seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Johannes Burgers