**September 13th, 2023 - Senate Notes**

**Guest Speaker - Babson College Dining**

**General Expectations for Senate 2023 - 2024 :**

* No Phone(s)
* No laptop(s)
* Be respectful of speakers and each other
* Attendance + accountability
* Be punctual
* Roberts Rule of Order + Parliamentary Procedure

**Speaker Notes with Babson Dining**

**Point of Contact:** **Dining@babson.edu**

**Updates:**

* Ace Sushi implementation
	+ Good feedback from students. Lots of promotions going on, and various interactive opportunities! Food is good!
* Relocating Mezze
* Relocating Craveable Box
* Renovating the Pub
* New additions to Reynolds with Late Night Dining Options
* Farmers Market grab and go option in Reynolds!
	+ Very popular, sells out quickly.

**Accomplishments:**

* Top BOOST account in the country.
* Top COSTA account in the country!

**Q&A with Babson Dining**

**Q**: Build your own bowl at Trim Dining Hall. would be more convenient as a grab and go “free option”.

**A**: The current dining infrastructure needs to be renovated in order to not have an impact on dining and service speed for students. The current structure is meant for students to be served, not self serve.

**Q**: Place an order for grab and go options at the counter, rather than waiting.

**A**: Look into it now, they are concerned about the space and foot traffic as a result.

**Q**: What has the general feedback been for the introduced ordering systems, such as ordering omelets at Trim.

**A**: Good feedback so far, it has been an asistie tool to staff with language barriers, scheduling for convenience rather than having to wait for food.

* Follow up **Q**: There have been issues where the ordering system has been an issue, where food is being made prior to the pickup time, which is making the food cold and somewhat unsanitary, for raw items such as Sushi.
* **A**: Slot optimization can be worked on, currently working with their team to help mitigate issues like this from arising.

**Q**: How difficult it is for students to get off meal plans, especially as on off campus students. Are we considering the hardship it is placing on students to have this meal plan, being that they are losing funds they need to spend on food to eat off campus, when they don't have access to the meal plan.

**A**: They are working on student programming (initiated and implemented over the summer), more information is located on the Babson Student Hub.

* Follow up **Q**: How is the cost of the meal plan decided, and is there any way we could have financial aid but for a meal plan, where if you qualify for assistance, you qualify for this alternative.
* **A**: Cost is impacted by several factors. Financial Aid is not something currently at Babson, but one they are willing to look into.
* Follow up **Q**: Boost and Dining Dollars, can we change the proposition of it in terms of student interest?
* **A**: This feedback will be taken to their team! Accessibility is going to be an issue, being that there would be an increased demand and wait time for dining options in Reynolds.

**Q**: Can we showcase our appreciation to Babson Dining Staff?

**A**: Yes! Appreciation week is already happening, they are able to submit their own recipes now for a personal touch, and with good student feedback can be implemented into our daily servings. Oct 9th, you first! Appreciation week at Trim for dining staff.

**Q**: On weekends, can we have the grill room open to accommodate the amount of students we have?

**A**: Can be done. WIll bring this feedback back to their team.

**Q**: Students miss their CRISP options, and since there are topics from other parts of reys that could be utilized to make salads, if it's viable to bring the salad options back, students would appreciate this!

**A**: There are opportunities for this to occur in certain dining areas. Will take this feedback and access viability.

**Q**: Vending machines, is there anymore sushi allocation to vending machines being that ACE sushi is available?

**A**: No. The sizing and distribution of the sushi from ACE does not allow for this to properly stay in the machine without hindering the quality of the food. Actively looking into how they can adjust their shelving, to accommodate sushi and other products that could go in the machine as well.

* **Q**: When are the vending machines restocked?
* **A**: Delivery, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays from 9 am - 10 am
	+ There is an app (Framers Fridge) that you can reserve an item from the fridge, and it wont sell that item to another student. Second Farmer's Fridge location at Olin Hall!

**Q**: Is it possible to get vending machines or dining options on upper campus?

**A**: Long term infrastructure proposal is students will majority be upper campus, so they're looking into how they can spread out dining options.

**Follow up questions:**

* Who can we contact to talk about meal plans? Who is in charge?

**E-Board Report Outs**

**VPF:**

* No updates
* Quickly explaining to first year senators the funding timeline and training!
* First **Ways and Means** meeting will be happening this Sunday, September 17th beginning at 1 p.m.

**EVP:**

* Elections, FIRST YEAR SENATORS
* Apple picking Bonding Trip Saturday, September 16th, 9 - 2p.m.
* Next second will be longer as we are working on Roger Rule.

**President:**

* Meet with Spinelli regarding transportation, if we want to spend money on a shuttle, we will have to cut funding from other places
	+ Student priorities form will help us to access where we can focus our priorities on student needs.
* Hydration project
	+ No more plastic water bottles, dining can provide water tanks for events, partnered with an OWWWG for branded water bottles!
	+ **Committee**: Brayden, Divya, Ann, Jilian, Rewa, Xin Ja, Dalton
* Babson College Marketing, contact them for club PR! BLipiner@babson.edu!
	+ Have Corey send a blurb on behalf of the Game Room.
* Meeting with Dean Ward
	+ **Q**: Woodside is so quiet, sounds are not applicable in Woodside, could be an emergency in cases such as Fire Alarms.
	+ Public safety mentioned we have a new emergency specialist team! Can contact them regarding this issue.
	+ Work with the Wellesley fire department to practice putting out fires in cases of emergencies!
* Food truck parties with the Public Safety x SGA trailers. Make monthly parties, and distribute goodie bags for events every week, with interchangeable items!
	+ ETA: Once a month on a Saturday, from 12:30 - 1 a.m
	+ Committee: Sophia, Jillian Vanessa
* Women based event for women's month, collaboration with SGA. Large panel of women CEO’s and CFO’s coming to talk to Babson students.
	+ **Committee**: Divya, Rewa, Jolie
* Funding opportunities resource book
	+ Get a group picture durning apple picking!

**VPC:**

* Social media OWWWG.
* SGA Corkboard.

**VPCO:**

* Not here.

**VPAA:**

* First UAPC meeting of the semester! Working on the agenda.
	+ Top priority is pushing the pass/fail deadline to later in the year.
	+ Getting AP/IB credits transferred over
	+ AI integration for student utilization

**Advisors’s Corner**

**Angel**

* Start to work on timelines and committees with fellow SGA senators to start working on senator projects
* As senators, encourage your peer to have peer to peer discussions if issues are arising amongst one another

**Kenzie**

* Org fair was successful, had over 300 people check in
* New club registration is in progress!
	+ Meeting with 11 new clubs starting next Wednesday, notice of approval will be announced Thursday
	+ New club application deadline is September 25th.
* Hosted two (2) Club and Org funding trainings
	+ Clubs that have not undergone training, reach out to Jackon and Kenzie to find a time to work through the funding training!

**Senator Report Outs**

**2026 -** Sophia and Ann are working on a mental health initiative during midterm week

**2025 -** Working on a way to get the CO 25’ hats distributed> Hosting a party with discretionary

**2024** - Mental health project for their larger community

**Accountability Forms**

* Forms need to be filled out PRIOR to Wednesday Senate.

**Open Forum**

* Contact point for speed bumps
	+ Public Safety
* Difference between new rey's public safety area
	+ Satellite space, roger’s base and one card assistance
	+ Sustainability office is now in Olin
* SGA Card’s need One Card issuance
* Club and Organization Fair
	+ Concern: Weissman was closed prior to the org fair, which forced students to spend their own money because the resource for art and printing was closed.
	+ Concern: Timing may be too early in the day.
* Look into potential free excess amount of pages from Canon Copy Cemter, to give more access to colored printing
* **COVID IS BACK!!! Stay safe and sanitary!**

**Announcements**

* Fresh Check day is Friday, from 11 - 2 p.m.
	+ Petting zoo and free stuff from POW
* HSU hosting a churro event
	+ Entire week of events
* VSA: partnering with HSU for a cultural game night