



Culinary -MINUTES
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024, at 3:30 PM
GHL Room 171

Members Present: George Langevin, Paul Paz, Shan Wickham, Alan Maniscalco, David Finnie, Tanner Genck, Dave Angell

Members Absent: Ron Onslow, Russell Brent, Rebecca Angell

Clark College: Earl Frederick, Wende Fisher, Niira Krupnick, Theo Koupelis, Elizabeth Flores, Aaron Guerra

The meeting began at 3:33 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will next meet in person on October 15th, 2024.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from November 7th, 2023, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Theo shared that the College is experiencing an increase in enrollments.

Theo announced new job positions and shared they have brought in a Cook 1 position and a food supervisor.

Theo discussed the search for the Vice President of Instruction.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Aaron shared that the program is working on brochures and intends to visit various High Schools this week for outreach events.

Aaron shared that Earl will oversee the restaurant in second-year management and that they are switching to overseeing first and second-year cohorts.

David F shared alumni post-graduation updates and shared success stories.

Aaron discussed the continuation of community efforts regarding the program.

Aaron discussed current classes and introduced ideas for new classes.

Paul recommended contacting hospitality employers to ask what the program needs.

Earl discussed summer internships and schedules.

Earl noted the program is hiring more adjunct professors and expanding classes. Early in advocating for more night classes and incorporating CUIS 110 & 111 for first and second-year students. The addition could potentially add another cohort.

Earl shared they have a student going to the National Skills USA competition in June 2024.

Theo suggested connecting students with local employers and building internship opportunities while they attend school.

AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION ACCREDITATION

Earl led a discussion about the American Culinary Federation Accreditation (ACF), considered all outcomes and importance, and welcomed committee discussion if they saw this certification necessary.

Earl discussed the American Culinary Federation's (ACF) lack of nationwide recognition compared to other certifications and their attempt to develop a chapter.

Earl mentioned that the ACF chapter will assist in building the program's advisory board and raising its profile.

Earl would like to see the program increase its partnership with Career Launch.

Tanner asked about the internal scholarship program.

Alan noted accreditation is not necessarily important. Alan discussed engaging in job posting boards with employers so employees are privy to Clark College students in the Culinary program seeking internships.

Shan mentioned interns and apprenticeships at the Portland location.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dave volunteered as committee chair, Tanner seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved.

David volunteered as vice chair, Alan seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Paul mentioned employer presence is important, and the image of culinary could benefit from rebranding.

Tanner emphasized the significance of wage transparency discussions with the students. He also encouraged faculty and administration to inform students about scholarship and grant opportunities available beyond the kitchen.

Alan suggested more outreach for the program as the community could benefit from knowing about this local program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores