

**COMMISSION ON RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY (CORED)  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2004**

**Food Festival Options for Student Groups**

Members of the Commission on Racial/Ethnic Diversity (CORED) invited staff from Penn State Housing and Food Services, Student Affairs, and the Hershey Medical Center to discuss ways for student groups to hold safe and affordable international food festivals. As a result of this meeting, the following best practices and recommendations were discussed for student groups who wish to conduct food festivals at the University Park campus. Guests members included:

Stan Latta, Director of Union and Student Activities, Student Affairs; Jim Purdum, General Manager, Hospitality Services Housing and Food Services; Curt Speaker, Program Manager, Environmental Health and Safety Housing and Food Services; Barry Scerbo, Director of Food Services Housing and Food Services; Ron Sabatini, CEC, Executive Chef, Assistant Manager, Hershey Medical Center; and Ed Winne, Food Services Manager/Guest Services Director, Hershey Medical Center

***Option 1: Food prepared and served by food professionals from Housing & Foods.***

- Students (student group) would need to contact Barry Scerbo\* to plan the event.
- A fee for these services would be charged to the student (student group).
- This fee may be paid for in part (the preparation and service of the food) by UPAC if funding is requested and secured.
- Students (student groups) could have input into the menu via supplying recipes to Barry Scerbo.\*

***Option 2: Food prepared and served by an outside vendor.***

- Students (student group) would need to secure a list of approved vendors.
- Vendors would prepare, deliver, and serve the food.
- Students would need to reserve a space for the event.
- All costs would be incurred by the students (student group).

***Option 3: Food prepared and served by the students (student group) under the supervision of Penn State food service professionals.***

- This option would involve students going into a Penn State kitchen facility (either House and Food Services or the Hotel Restaurant Management group) and preparing the food themselves under the supervision of a trained Penn State food service employee.
- Students (student group) would need to contact Barry Scerbo<sup>1</sup> to plan the event.
- A fee for these services would be charged to the student (student group).
- This fee may be paid for in part (the preparation and service of the food) by UPAC if funding is requested and secured.
- Students (student groups) could have input into the menu via supplying recipes to Barry Scerbo.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Barry Scerbo, Director of Food Services, may be reached at 814-865-7862 or by e-mail at fbs2@psu.edu.

***Option 4: Food prepared and served by the students (student group)***

- This option could only be used if the event is held off-campus.
- Students (student groups) could prepare, deliver, and serve the food.
- Minimal costs incurred by the students (student groups).
- The host of the event (i.e., Knights of Columbus, American Legion, etc.) will likely require the student group to obtain a liability insurance waiver.