

## Minutes of the Culinary Arts Advisory Committee Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 10AM-12:00PM

**Place:** B. Robert Burdo Culinary Arts Center, Room 4912

**Members in Attendance:** Kerry Campbell-Price, Mark Kowalkowski, Mo McElroy, Will Seppi.

**Members Attending as Proxy:** None

**Members Absent:** Jorge Alcazar, Steve Garner, Bruce Riezenman, Rosa Turner.

**Faculty, Staff and Administrators in Attendance:** Joni Davis, Betsy Fischer, Madeline Giltner, Benjamin Goldstein, Shelly Kaldunski, Brittany Lepori, Cindy Mushet, Kathy Burgett, Kim Kinahan, Megan Rhodes, Rachel Smith.

**Was there a quorum?** Yes No X (if no quorum, no official business shall be performed)

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:** Cathy Burgett moved to approve the minutes from the 12/8/2022 meeting; Mo McElroy seconded. All in agreement. Minutes approved as submitted.
2. **Discussion Items:**
  - a. Highlights of the Year
    - i. Quick review of our programs
      1. Betsy and Shelly explained the curriculum changes to the Culinary Arts program in recent years including combining skills classes into three classes – Fund 1, 2 & 3.
      2. Cindy gave an overview of the Production Baking courses including introducing students to larger machinery, consistency, sense of urgency, speed, FIFO, & quality control.
      3. Betsy went over the Restaurant management classes and the recent trends and change in demographics. Students are coming into the classes with very little wine knowledge. Betsy is revising her teaching style to meet students at their level.
    - ii. Enrollments
      1. Culinary Arts classes for Fall 2024 are fully enrolled and enrollment cancellations are not expected for fall.
        - a. Benjamin informed the committee that enrollments are not full across campus, but Career Ed fields are seeing an increase.
    - iii. What we've done to increase enrollments
      1. Articulation – agreement with local high schools (Maria Carrillo, Piner, Sonoma Valley, Analy, Ridgway, Healdsburg) so students can take CUL 230 in high school.
      2. Partnerships with local organizations like Redwood Gospel Mission, Sonoma Family Meal, Chops Teen Center.



- c. Forest Kellogg at J Winery
- 8. Lending Library thanks to a donation from Nick Peyton of Cyrus
  - a. Joni is working to put together a lending library for students. Students will be able to check books out and sign up through a google group.
- 9. Challenges to Education
  - a. AI and Plagiarism
    - i. Betsy went over the recent challenges of students using AI to write papers.
  - b. Learning “gaps” from 2020-2022
    - i. More students are coming into the program with learning gaps. Faculty are trying to meet their needs and use the JC resources that are available.
- 10. New Business
  - a. None.
- 11. Adjourn
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM