

Ad hoc Committee Report - Sustainability in Dining Committee

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Committee met on 11/17/2015

Committee Report:

The committee is looking into partnering with the Food Recovery Network to make unused food from Dining Services and donating it to local non-profits.

- There is a Federal Law that protects the donator from liabilities related to the donated food. In other words, UAF Dining Services cannot be sued if someone gets sick or injured from the donated food.
- For this to be successful, a student group needs to be formed to partner with the Food Recovery Network. The student group will be responsible for packing food, weighing and taking its temperature then transporting the food from UAF Dining Services to the non-profit.
- UAF Dining Services says that they do not have a lot of excess food due to its small batch preparation policies. Due to the small amount of waste, they suggested that they would collect and freeze the food and make it available for once a week pickups.
- There is limited funding from the Food Recovery Network for the first two semesters to help with the cost of purchasing cooling and packaging materials. After that, a permanent funding structure, such as the RISE student fee, would be needed to fund the program.

This project is in its exploration phase and needs a student group to take the lead.