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Subject: Fwd: UH & Aramark's promise on Fair Trade Fridays
Date: Tue 10/03/06 10:16 PM

the below email and the one I sent you from my UH email address yesterday should fill you in on our concerns. talk to you soon.

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Cc: <jgogue@uh.edu>
Subject: UH & Aramark's promise on Fair Trade Fridays
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2006 12:28:55 -0700

Hello members of the Food Service Advisory Committee:

I'm attaching a copy of a page of the May 19, 2006 minutes for the Food Service Advisory Committee meeting. In it Emily Messa the Business Services manager claimed she would work with my group United Students for Fair Trade (actually Students for Fair Trade) on a fair trade Fridays event to educate consumers about Fair Trade coffee. The committee agreed with that plan. (see item 2)

I'm wondering why UH & Aramark did not keep their promise to work with us. Ms. Traci Rauch of Aramark and Ms. Emily Messa requested we meet before this semester started to discuss this project yet they haven't returned our emails or phone calls. Our student group is also wondering why these Food Service Advisory Committee Meetings are not open to students. In fact after being invited to present at the May meeting (see Ms. Messa's email below), Ms. Messa never informed me about the reset meeting and had Esmeralda Valdez inform me this semester that the meetings were closed to the public. Students for Fair Trade is an official student group and we would like input, isn't that the purpose of an Advisory Committee? .

Is it a regular course of business for UH employees and contractors to pretend to address things at meetings and then do nothing? Why the need for secret Food Service Advisory Committee Meetings? Is there something going on there students shouldn't know? Can someone advise when the next meeting is so we can bring our concerns to it? Or in the alternative inform us on the need for secrecy? The Students for Fair Trade are interested to know so we can inform our fellow students. Thanks.

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--- EEElsen@Central.UH.EDU wrote:

From: "Messa, Emily A" <EEElsen@Central.UH.EDU>
To: "Messa, Emily A" <EEElsen@Central.UH.EDU>, <tim.obrien@ifairtrade.net>
Cc: "manisha bhalesha" <m4nisha@gmail.com>, "MyLien Nguyen" <mellowmpn@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: UH Food Service Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: Mon, 8 May 2006 09:28:16 -0500

Tim,

Good morning! We just received an e-mail from the chair of the committee, Joel Kissell, that today's meeting will need to be re-scheduled. He checked WebCT to review for his final last night and realized that his final was actually this afternoon instead of this morning. As soon as we re-schedule for a new date and time, I'll let you know.

Thanks!

Emily

From: Messa, Emily A
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 11:02 AM
To: 'tim.obrien@ifairtrade.net'
Cc: manisha bhalesha; MyLien Nguyen
Subject: RE: UH Food Service Advisory Committee Meeting

Tim,

Good morning! We were finally able to get consensus from the group on a date. We are scheduled to meet at 2 p.m., Monday, May 8th in the UC Rodeo Room – Room 264. Thanks for being patient with us.

Emily

From: Tim O'Brien [mailto:tim.obrien@ifairtrade.net]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 4:25 PM
To: Messa, Emily A
Cc: manisha bhalesha; MyLien Nguyen
Subject: Re: UH Food Service Advisory Committee Meeting

Ms. Messa:

What is the status on this Food Service Advisory Committee Meeting? Your last correspondence (below) said it was tentatively set for last week or this week. At the first meeting w/ my group you told us that this committee met monthly, has that changed?

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From: "Messa, Emily A" <EEElisen@Central.UH.EDU>
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Subject: UH Food Service Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: Wed, 12 Apr 2006 08:48:27 -0500

Tim,

Good morning! Thanks for checking back in with me. We haven't set a date for the next FSAC meeting. Tentatively, we are looking at the week of April 24th or May 1st. We're checking with the chair on a date that works into his class schedule. You should hear back from us soon.

Thanks!

Emily

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