

Dear colleagues,

On Wednesday, November 6, we will be holding another public forum, designed to answer questions and encourage discussion regarding the future of dining services. We wanted you to be the first to know about the forum, which will be held from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Worsham Theater of the UK Student Center**.

This is our third public forum, and like the others, our intent is to listen as much as it is to impart information. The previous forums have helped spur important developments in our process, such as an explicit commitment to locally sourced and produced food to our desire to strengthen partnerships with existing services like The Butcher Shop and Lemon Tree Restaurant.

One thing, however, that has not changed throughout this process is our commitment to you. We have explicitly outlined in the Requests for Proposal the promises any business partner would have to keep to our employees, if that path is ultimately chosen.

That has not changed. It will not change. Finally, we wanted to let you know about some milestones in the process occurring over the next several weeks and months:

- We expect responses from the RFP from potential business partners on November 7.
- The RFP committee, with representation from faculty, staff and students, will consider those proposals.
- As major points in this process are reached, we will reach back out to you with information.

We know this period of time is stressful for you, your colleagues and your families. Our goal is simply to provide the best possible dining services for our campus community and others who use this important service. We also remain committed to you and your future at UK.

We encourage you, as always, to attend the forum and ask questions. We will, in any event, be back to you in the near future with additional information as this process continues. Thank you for your continued good work throughout this process.

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