

2017 SAC Anonymous Feedback

July – November 2017

Question/Concern:

A rumor going around campus is that the office of academic excellence and assessment is remodeling office space previously occupied by the division of IT. The rumor claims that this work includes building a private kitchen for the academic excellence and assessment staff. This seem to be a poor use of funding when the space occupied by the Creighton edge and IT already has a kitchen and break room area. It is disheartening that CU would reduce the workforce and then make private kitchens.

Response:

University Campus Planning includes changes to the Brandeis building; specifically, Brandeis' first two floors are undergoing construction for an expanded food services area (first floor) and student-related offices (e.g., VIP Center, Creighton Intercultural Center, on the lower level). As a result, the staff associated with the Office of Academic Excellence and Assessment (AEA) needed to be relocated.

In July 2017, Provost Tom Murray announced the merging of the AEA and Center for Academic Innovation (CAI) and Office of Online Learning and Academic Technologies (OLAT) into a newly formed Center dedicated to advancing student learning and faculty development/teaching. After exploring a number of options, it was determined that the current staff of the AEA will move into the lower level of the Reinert Alumni Library—space formerly housing staff from the Division of IT—and directly adjacent to the current CAI Office.

This space will include offices, a training room, collaborative workspaces, and a multi-functional copy/storage room that will allow for a sink and refrigerator. This is not intended to be a private kitchen or even breakroom; rather, it will both allow the refrigerator and portable water dispenser in the current CAI space to be moved out of the central hallway and to be available for all Center staff and in support of Center programming.

I am not aware of any connection between the reduction in workforce processes and decisions and the university's (capital) budgeting of this (or any) renovation project.

Mary Ann Danielson, Associate Vice Provost, Academic Excellence and Assessment and Interim Executive Center Director

Questions/Concern:

Please bring back the grill in Wareham Court and please bring back the Bacon Egg and Cheese sandwich for \$3

Response:

"Retail Concepts are evaluated on a regular basis and changes are made to provide the most relevant and requested options to students and staff. As such, the Wareham Court grill was phased out a few years ago in favor of different options in the Wareham Court area. The Java Jay, in McGloin Hall offers a traditional grill menu that was once present at the Wareham Court Grill. In regard to the breakfast sandwich, this is an offering that has been rotated on campus in the previous years. This offering can be re-evaluated with the other breakfast options in the Skutt Student Center in Jack and Eds.

Lucas Novotny, Director of Housing and Auxiliary Services

Questions/Concern:

Over the years I haven't found simply well very motivating as a driver for our wellness programs. Our wellness coordinators do great work outside of simply well to offer challenges and solutions that employees can enjoy, but I don't quite see how simply well fits into that in the end. Aetna has recently started teaming up with Apple to offer wellness coaching through Apple Watch. Is this something we could look in to? <https://www.apple.com/watch/corporate-wellness/>

Response:

We continue to evaluate the best solution for Creighton in conjunction with the Benefits Committee, HR/Benefits, the Wellness Council. Creighton selected SimplyWell years ago, they were most interested in the medical model it uses. And, since SimplyWell isn't attached to any particular medical carrier, the data that is gathered aggregately, stays with Creighton. The wellness credit that Creighton uses toward health insurance savings for employees helps get employees to participate but it doesn't necessarily drive change. That is why we use many different programs/supportive policies/initiatives/resources to ensure that employees have access to make the changes they want, when they're ready to do so.

Dawn Obermiller, Wellness Program Coordinator

Questions/Concern:

Wondering when all of the TV's on the treadmills in the KFC fitness room will work and you can actually change the channel and watch what you want? Also, why is it always hard to find/track down the appropriate remote controls for the TV's located on the treadmills so you can actually change the channel for the few that actually work and allow you to watch what you want? Can't people just leave them on the appropriate machines for the next person to use?

Response:

The treadmills in the KFC have actually never had more than 1 channel (since I have been here). There have always been some issues with the Cox connection on those treadmills that we have tried to address in the past and even though there is a button that says TV, most of the time it does not function properly. We have found that most people tend to watch their phones/tablets or the TV's on the wall so we are actually trying to purchase treadmills with no TV's on them for that purpose this semester. As for the remotes, we have them located in the drawer of the FF desk in the weight room so that if people would like to have channels changed on the large TV's they can ask the weight room attendant or the student at the security desk right outside the weight room. We do not leave them on the treadmills most of the time because they end up moving from their assigned piece of equipment and sometimes get lost. We understand that this is an extra step for the patron to go through to change a channel but in the long run it helps us keep track of where the remotes are at!

Answer: Lucia Zamecnik, Assistant Director: Fitness and Operations, Recreation & Wellness, Division of Student Life

Questions/Concern:

When Creighton is so concerned about sustainability and cost, why do we continue to print magazines, such as the quarterly Conversations magazine? Why is there not an option to opt out of receiving those magazines or only printing 1-2 for each department or having it online?

Response:

Creighton does not print that magazine. It is published by the AJCU, who delivers it to all Jesuit universities.

Answer: Glenn Antonucci, Senior Director of Communications, University Marketing and Communications