N.C. A&T Students' Concern with the Food Takeout Policy

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GREENSBORO, N.C.- Students will no longer be allowed easy access to a take-out box when dining in the Williams Cafeteria.

The revised policy is to ensure that all students entering the dining hall will have the same quality service.

Head chef Alex Governale said, "The revised policy was to benefit students because without being able to control the amount of food going out, we can't control the food lasting through the night."

Governale explained that the staff's goal is to provide the same quality service to students coming at the beginning of service and at the end of it.

Governale said, "If we prepare for 1000 students to come during lunch and each student takes food to go, we won't have enough food to complement every student."

To ensure students are informed about the policy, supervisors educated the frontline staff to have conversations with students when coming up, be transparent with the revised policy, and answer questions that might arise on the subject.

The policy also includes students with unlimited swipes.

Governale said that students with unlimited swipes are still required to follow the policy guidelines.

"Every student is allowed one meal per swipe per dine-in or take-out," Governale said.

Students seem to be displeased with the newly revised policy. Biology freshman, Dameisha Joyner said, "I don't think it's fair we aren't allowed to take out food if we have unlimited swipes."

Joyner said the policy seems fair; however, she would have preferred to been properly notified about the policy changes before the start of the spring semester.

Other students say they knew they weren't allowed to dine-in and also fill a take-out box. "I never had a good understanding of the policy, I just knew coming into the spring semester we weren't allowed a take-out box," said student Kameron Manley.

"It's crucial students are properly aware of a change that will directly affect them in the future." Manley said.

"Everyone will be able to enjoy getting a proper meal from the Williams Dining Hall, now that they have refurbished the new policy," Manley said.

Head Chef Governale highly encourages students to ask the on-floor supervisor or a cashier if they have any questions regarding this matter.