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# SFU Dining Services to enhance dining experience with new food vendor

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SFU is pleased to announce Sodexo Canada has been awarded the contract for dining services, allowing the University to expand the diversity of food options and provide an enhanced multicultural dining experience for the University community.

“We’re pleased that Sodexo Canada will be coming on board to help us continue to improve and innovate on our dining services across the University,” says Martin Pochurko, SFU’s vp finance and administration.

“The selection of this vendor came after a comprehensive strategic visioning process where we engaged the University community to identify their needs and desires when it came to dining services. Sodexo Canada will help us deliver on this vision.”

The current contract with Chartwells ends April 30 and the Sodexo contract begins May 1.

“Sodexo is very excited for the opportunity to provide Quality of Life Services to SFU, students, faculty, staff and visitors,” says Bill Keith, vp operations of Sodexo Canada.

“We recognize the current dining facilities staff are an integral part of the SFU campus community. These employees will ease the transition and ensure a consistent experience for our guests. Because of their knowledge and skills, we intend to offer existing dining services hourly staff positions equivalent to their current jobs, at current or better wage rates.”

Sodexo has spoken with representatives of Unite Here Local 40. Both parties confirmed their commitment to harmonious alignment in the future and that they would work together toward a mutually agreeable voluntary recognition arrangement.

“Sodexo Canada manages unionized employees at over 100 locations across the country, administering over 70 collective agreements with many different trade unions,” says Keith. “We ensure that our workplace culture promotes and reflects a commitment to diversity and inclusion, employee engagement, workplace safety, and positive labour relations, and expect that to be the case at SFU.”