Rutgers University is creating an updated policy on how Mobile Food Vendors operate on the New Brunswick campus. The University has a long history of working with private food vendors which provide a wide range of dining options for our students. Currently many of our student centers and dining halls offer a wide variety of food alternatives. Recent surveys of the Rutgers community revealed that a majority of online voters would like to see more organic/health food choices, Thai, Japanese, and/or Greek food offered on Rutgers campuses. In order to meet the changing needs of the Rutgers community, an updated policy for Mobile Food Vendors is needed. To begin this process a committee has been formed of administrators and students to oversee this important policy. The following facts are pertinent to the process:

- The University is not eliminating mobile food vendors. Rather, the university will provide opportunities for mobile food trucks at various locations around the New Brunswick Campus.
- The University has been approached by several vendors interested in selling food on the New Brunswick Campus.
- Students have requested additional food choices on campus.
- A committee comprised of students and university administrators will develop a process to determine what changes, if any, will be made to the mobile food options available at the university.
- This committee sought the input of the students, alumni, faculty, staff and the general public through online polling in an effort to incorporate the interests of our community.
- The goals of this process are to ensure:
  - Environmental, health and safety code compliance
  - Compliance with University policies and procedures
  - Revenue neutral arrangement for the University
  - (DOTS currently at a deficit from subsidizing grease truck expenses - details below)

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*Cost reported is DOTS direct cost over four years and does not include any built in subsidized Facilities costs related to Lot 8*

- The current vendors are welcome to bid for a spot on the New Brunswick Campus.
- The university is working with the Mobile Food Vendors (aka Grease Trucks) the same way it works with other food vendors on campus.

**History**

- College Avenue is a City maintained street that Rutgers does not own or maintain.
- 1985 - City of New Brunswick created specific locations on College Avenue that mobile food vendors could park in order to address traffic and pedestrian safety problems.
- 1992 - Safety problems identified by the University included:
  - Pedestrian safety, double parking, congestion, noise, littering
- August 24, 1992 – City of New Brunswick passed Ordinance 0-069206 banning mobile food vendors from all public thoroughfares.
- September 1992 - Lot 8 changed from a parking lot to a Mobile Food Vendor space. At full cost to University, bus shelter was relocated to curb, parking stalls were removed, and new electric units were installed to address noise complaints from gas filled generators.
- Fall 1999 – Contracts with the mobile vendors were re-negotiated.
- Spring/Summer 2002 – Mobile vendor contract terms changed from 3 year to 1 year.
- 2007 – All vendors on a month to month basis. All contracts have expired.