Penn Dining is planning a major renovation of Houston Market, located in the lower level of Houston Hall. The project will include enhancements to the kitchen, serving and seating areas and the introduction of new dining concepts. This effort, which is the first major renovation since 1998, is being done jointly by the Division of Business Services and VPUL. It is part of a larger project that includes work on Wynn Commons and Houston Hall South patio replacement.

The project will enable Penn Dining to provide broader food options and improve efficiency for diners, especially during peak hours. The design will leverage the history and architecture of the Houston Hall space, the oldest student union building in the country, to create an inviting gathering place. A variety of seating types will be introduced to allow individual and group dining as well as support other activities throughout the day and later into the evening. Seating arrangements have integrated technology allowing diners to plug-in, charge and connect.

The actual market will combine the successful features of modern food halls which offer numerous high quality options provided in small-format food and beverage areas. The renovation will also expand the current late-night campus dining options that our students have been requesting and will accommodate the unique scheduling needs of students who often have little time to eat between classes.

Eight different food options will be offered:

- **The Market Café** – featuring La Columbe coffee products, fresh baked goods, gelato, and quick bites. The café will be open early and late
- **Locust Wok** – interactive cooking with fresh Mongolian grill bowls featuring fresh vegetables, a variety of proteins, rice and noodles, topped off with authentic sauces
- **Ivy Leaf** – freshly made salads with a focus on Mediterranean cuisine
- **34th Street Deli** – freshly roasted and carved meats, locally sourced breads and a selection of sauces and toppings
- **Street Cart Café** – breakfast and lunch favorites to go! Breakfast items (available all day) include Philly favorites such as Taylor Pork roll and Habbersett Scrapple along with a Colossal Waffle Bar. The station will also feature to-go meals from across the globe.
- **UC Grill** – Classic American food including burgers, cheesesteaks, grilled cheeses and fries/tater tots and onion rings.
- **Zen Station** – Traditional sushi and sashimi along with perennial favorites like edamame, steamed gyoza, seaweed salad, noodle bowls and hand rolls.
- **Pi** – Wood-fired pizzas, calzones and strombolies; as well as a seasonally changing, tossed to order Pasta Bar including baked specialties such as lasagna and gnocchi.

Each station will have its own point-of-sale will allow diners to order their favorites quickly. Pre-order kiosks will also be available. All venues will accept Dining Dollar$ and PennCash. Tapingo, the online ordering app, will also be available for all stations, allowing students to pre-order their meals.

Construction will begin on May 15/16 and is scheduled to be completed Aug. 19. Beefsteak and Insomnia Cookies will be open for the duration of the project with summer hours in place. Hall of Flags will be closed as well as some entrances to Houston Hall throughout the project.