Food Related Disability Accommodations Procedure

The Fashion Institute of Technology recognizes that the scope of potential accommodation covers a wide spectrum of unique situations requiring assistance for a student to be successful within and outside of the classroom. Food allergies are recognized as a medical condition necessitating full consideration of accommodative services with the student working in tandem with the institution, the college’s contracted food service and the Office of Disability Services. The following parameters outline the procedure for addressing this important issue:

1) The student sets up a meeting (intake) with the Office of Disability Services, FIT-ABLE, in order to disclose the food allergy.

2) During the intake process, the student will provide documentation of the food allergy from a healthcare provider certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. (see documentation requirements)

3) Once the documentation is received, the Office of Disability Services will work with the student in determining if the condition warrants accommodation and if so, mutually establish necessary steps to ensure student wellness. The student will also complete an Extenuating Circumstances form outlining the food allergies and suggested accommodations.

4) The FIT-ABLE Office will then facilitate a meeting between the student and food services to determine how to best implement these accommodations in a manner that serves the student without placing an undue or unreasonable burden on campus food services. The student will also be put in contact with the Health Services Office in order to setup an appointment with the FIT Registered Dietician. The dietician will work with each student to offer practical ideas for their specific dietary needs.

5) If a mutually satisfactory arrangement between food services and the student cannot be reached, the student may be granted the option to opt out of the standard meal plan.

6) The student must request a waiver from the meal plan in writing and a copy of this information will be filed with the Office of Disability Services (FIT-ABLE).