

Thinking Outside the Bun: Creative Savings

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Started with a Beach Day Idea

- Commencement was over
- Began summer refresher trainings for staff
 - Hospitality
 - Special Pay
 - Schedule of Classes
- Wanted to celebrate with a beach day outside



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What goes to a beach day?

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Environmental Health and Safety

1. No Open Flames on campus
 - Electric stove / griddle
2. Raw food needs food handler's license
 - No burgers...but what about hotdogs?
3. Hot dog rollers have direct heating element
 - Someone can get burned



I present.... The Hot Dog Steamer



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Purchase Justification?

- CSUN reduction of all Hospitality costs by 20%
- Students engage more events when food is involved
 - Club meetings, orientations, college fairs, meet & greets, etc.
- Cheaper per person costs
 - ~\$2.50 per person (\$40 max)

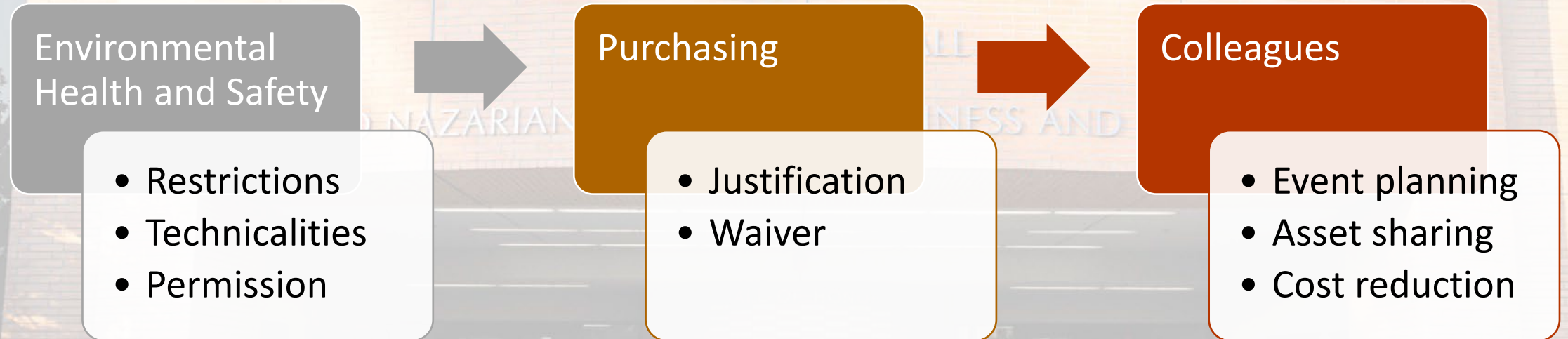


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- Other examples of use:
 - Self funded staff events
 - Brown bag events for students
 - Potlucks
 - Student assistant appreciation events
 - Random day in the week



Creative Collaboration



Takeaways

- Ask “why?” and follow up
- Explore creative solutions
- Cost Cutting Collaboration
- Share with others





Questions?

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