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MEET ME AT MINERVA'S! WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO RE-IMAGE AND RE-OPEN A (STUDENT-RUN) COLLEGE CAFÉ?

Abstract: Minerva's Café, located in Lougheed Learning Commons, started in approximately 2002 and was run by PACES until March 2020 when it was closed due to the pandemic. This café used to serve coffee, grab and go items, and other light fare. In 2026, an applied learning course, Bean to Business, was first offered to provide students the opportunity to fail without fear in an entrepreneurial setting by reopening Minerva's Café. In this course, students learn about the different facets of reopening and running a business, from creating business plans, requesting funding, and all the challenges in between. This presentation will outline the process of developing this course, as well as the successes and difficulties of running an experiential learning student-run café within a college campus.

