Who is a faculty member? Does this include TAs?
We are encouraging students to connect with those who are leading their classes, so this includes regular, clinical, and adjunct professors and TAs.

Can students invite staff members instead of faculty members?
The program is limited to faculty at this time.

How many people can attend each lunch?
Four people may attend each lunch, and includes the initiating student and one faculty member/TA. Other invitees must be currently enrolled students or other faculty members/TAs.

How many times each quarter can a student take advantage of this program?
Reservations are based on availability and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are able to initiate one lunch per semester.

Can faculty members invite students or does the invitation have to originate with students?
Faculty members can recommend the program to students, but students must initiate the reservation at http://studentlife.osu.edu/foodforthought. Students must also complete the post-lunch survey.

How much money is allocated per person per lunch?
Each lunch guest can order $10 worth of food. Alcohol is prohibited.

Are there limitations to what can be ordered off the menu?
Alcohol is prohibited. Each lunch guest can order $10 worth of food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Are there timing restrictions to using the program?
Food for Thought is available Monday through Friday, week 2 through week 11 of each semester. Reservations are available at 11:30 a.m., noon, and 12:30 p.m. A maximum of four reservations is available for each reservation time. Reservations are provided on a first-come-first-served basis.

How does the program work?
• A student invites a faculty member to lunch and determines possible dates and times that work.
• After agreeing on time options, the student will log in to the FFT site to make the reservation.
• Once the reservation is made, confirmation messages will be sent to lunch participants.
• The inviting student must print off a copy of the confirmation and bring it to the lunch.
• On the day of the lunch, attendees should check-in at Sloopy's Diner by letting the host/hostess know that they have a Food for Thought reservation and presenting the confirmation.
• At the conclusion of lunch, Sloopy's staff will process the bill.
• Attendees will be e-mailed a post-lunch survey and asked to complete it.

What if I forget my confirmation?
Ask for a Sloopy’s manager, and he/she can assist you.

How long does it take to receive a confirmation message?
Confirmation will be e-mailed to the initiating student, faculty member, and guests within 8 business hours after the request is submitted.

Why are you using only Sloopy’s?
The program is being managed and operated by the Office of Student Life. While we have many wonderful dining options around campus, Sloopy's is our only ‘restaurant-style’ establishment that accepts reservations.

What are the goals of the program?
Ohio State seeks to provide an educational experience that extends outside the boundaries of the classroom. Food for Thought will allow students to become more connected to faculty members, thus allowing students to learn more about opportunities in their field of study, get information about professors’ research and experiences, make connections that could lead to letters of recommendation or other opportunities, become more comfortable with having faculty-student conversations, and develop valuable networking skills.