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UCLA Basic Needs Committee Meeting #2 Spring 2022

Spring 2022: May 27, 2022

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM PDT

Student Activities Center Basement Conference Rooms

- I. Welcome
 - a. Announcement: Carmen Garcia-Shushtari from BruinHub is leaving UCLA
- II. Review of Agenda
 - a. Review of Spending Plan
 - i. Things to consider:
 1. Inflation, need, wage, demographics, how large the scope is
 - ii. Priorities:
 1. Food, supplies, wages
 - iii. Important points to keep in mind:
 1. Interest rates are increasing →
 2. Commute costs ↑
 3. Housing costs ↑
- III. Committee Updates
 - a. Strategic Planning
 - b. Budget Line Item: based on current budget line amount, how much do you think you will need for AY 22/23?
Should the amount total for budget line stay the same or change and why:
 - i. Financial Wellness Program
 1. **AY 21/22: \$22,669**
 2. Increased utilization by graduate students; need to expand services

3. Financial Wellness Center is open during the summer
 - a. Need for in-person staffing
 - b. Down 1 staff member during AY
 - c. Funding to hire 1 more graduate student
- ii. Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT) Meal Voucher Program
 1. **AY 21/22: \$35,000**
 2. AY 21/22 allocation should be minimum, would advocate for an increase:
 - a. Need more funding to support increase of meal plan from 11 to 19
 - b. Increased Swipe Out Hunger donation towards meal vouchers
 - c. Keep budget line amount the same
(*suggested modest \$5,000 increase*)
- iii. Meal Plan Conversion 11 to 14
 1. **AY 21/22: \$35,000**
 2. Recommendation: ECRT to determine budget required to accommodate conversion from 11 OR 14 to 19 Meal Plan (*see previous section on ECRT*)
- iv. New Student Admit Food Justice Program
 1. **AY 21/22: \$30,000**
 2. Budget would need to account for inflation increase
- v. Fitness Improvement Training through Exercise and Diet [FITTED] Eats:
 1. **AY 21/22: \$7,650**
 2. Points to consider → inflation impact, rising cost of food, supplies, and transportation on services
 - a. Russell's recommendation: will make the current line amount work for AY 22/23
- vi. Food Box Giveaways

- 1. AY 21/22: \$120,000**
 2. Keep budget line amount the same, but increase to reflect inflation
- vii. Community Programs Office (CPO) Food Closet
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$112,524**
 2. Make the current/suggested budget line amount work
- viii. Grocery Bundle Program
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$10,000**
 2. Make the current/suggested budget line amount work
- ix. Food Justice Bruin Bites
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$30,000**
 2. Keep budget line amount the same, but increase to reflect inflation
- x. Student Group Events
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$100,000**
 2. Keep the same
- xi. Bruin Meals Program
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$30,000**
 2. Keep the same
- xii. Financial Aid Grants
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$280,000**
 2. With federal relief programs phasing out, allocation must remain the same
- xiii. Basic Needs Initiative Fund
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$30,000**
 2. Keep the same
- xiv. HCI Special Sessions for Teaching Kitchen
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$2,000**
 2. Need feedback from AVP Slusser
- xv. Commuter Support Services (Rapid Re-Housing Funds)
 - 1. AY 21/22: \$75,000**

2. Recommendation: 35% should be reallocated for Housing
 - a. Reallocation=\$26,250
 - i. 50% → Emergency Housing
 1. ECRT recommends new line item just for “Emergency Housing”
 - ii. 50% → Housing Grants
 3. Remaining 65% could be reallocated for the CPO Commuter Van Service to account for rising cost of gas
- xvi. Housing Grants (Rapid Re-Housing Funds)
 1. **AY 21/22: \$242,000**
 2. Keep the same
 3. See previous section for additional notes
- xvii. Bruin Hub Development Project Completion (Rapid Re-Housing Funds)
 1. **AY 21/22: \$50,000**
 2. Need to circle back—could be reallocated to areas below
- xviii. Commuter Van Service (Rapid Re-Housing Funds)
 1. **AY 21/22: \$40,000**
 2. Things to consider→rising gas prices, need to increase wages for student employees
 3. Recommendation→increase in funding
- xix. 580 Cafe Equipment
 1. **AY 21/22: \$3,000**
 2. Keep the same
- xx. HCI Garden Project Student Plots
 1. **AY 21/22: \$5,000**
 - a. Money is currently used for educational programming
 2. Keep the same
- xxi. Teaching Kitchen
 1. **AY 21/22: \$15,000**

2. Keep the same, but slight increase to reflect inflation
- xxii. Professional Staffing
 1. **AY 21/22: \$368,157**
 2. Cost needs to go up approx. \$10,000 for the Financial Wellness Program
 - a. Requesting additional graduate student + professional staff
 3. ECRT proposes to add additional staff due to high student demand
- xxiii. Basic Needs Student Employment
 1. **AY 21/22: \$100,000**
 2. Things to consider:
 - a. Increase in labor demand
 - b. There's a need to hire more Basic Needs Coordinators
 3. Can keep funds the same, but if possible, requesting a slight increase
- xxiv. UCLA Basic Needs Committee CA Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance (CHEBNA)
 1. **AY 21/22: \$3,000**
 2. Keep the same
- xxv. Systemwide Committee Meeting
 1. **AY 21/22: \$5,000**
 2. Keep the same
- xxvi. UCLA Basic Needs Committee Administrative Support
 1. **AY 21/22: \$6,000**
 2. Funds administrative support
 3. Small increase in funding due to rising cost of food, transportation, and supplies
- IV. Closing
- V. Announcements
- VI. Lunch
 - a. Mercado Buenos Aires (Van Nuys, CA)