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)