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UCLA Basic Needs Committee Meeting #1 Winter 2022
Winter 2022: February 11, 2022
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM PST
Student Activities Center Basement Conference Rooms

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of Agenda
- III. Review of Meeting Notes
- IV. Committee Updates
 - a. Remarks by the Committee Chair
 - i. Important to acknowledge the leadership, especially during the Omicron outbreak, and provide a forum for students who do not typically have an opportunity to voice themselves to share their experiences
 - ii. Thank you to the students who have dedicated their time and efforts to support the campus community
 - iii. Spring Quarter will be busier
 - iv. Universal access meal plan is in the works
 - b. Updates by Basic Needs Operations Team
 - i. Continuing to operate the Food Closet with donations from campus partners
 1. Westside Food Bank confirms up to 27,000 lbs. of food was donated to the Food Closet
 - ii. ASUCLA/CalFresh Outreach Event will take place on Feb. 22-23
 1. EBT Launch is still in the works
 - iii. Food Card Program launched recently to account for students who are experiencing food insecurity during the remote period of the Winter Quarter

- iv. Winter Holiday Food Box Program successfully executed during the first week of the university's winter break
 - c. Special Presentation: Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT)
 - i.* Immediate goal of ECRT: provide individualized response to students experiencing extraordinary financial crisis
 - ii.* Long-term goal: Revise policies that affect students' financial wellness
 - iii.* Acute Financial Crisis vs Chronic Financial Crisis
 - iv.* Best way to get in touch with ECRT is through the self-assessment intake form
 - v.* ECRT will continue to share resources for students and collaborate with partners to break financial barriers to student success
 - vi.* Important tip for enhancing one's practice: Students are human beings—very critical that providers are prepared to listen to a student's story
 - vii.* Holds, tuition, rent, and food are among the most common acute crises students face
 - d. American College Personnel Association (ACPA) – College Student Educators International 2022 Association Award Recipient for Collaborative Excellence: Financial Wellness Program
 - i.* Congratulations to the Financial Wellness Program for winning the ACPA 2022 Collaborative Excellence Award
 - 1. Acknowledges how financial wellness and basic needs have shifted from a hidden and taboo topic to what they are today in serving thousands of students

V. Data & Assessments

- a. Update on UC Systemwide Data Requests

- i. Questionnaires will be sent out to assess efforts in previous quarters
- VI. BN Services
 - a. 580 Café
 - i. Open for in-person services
 - ii. Kicking off Bruin Meals-To-Go (Bruin Meals Program at 580 Café w/ASUCLA meals)
 - iii. Exceeded 100 applications for recent grant
 - b. Community Programs Office (CPO)
 - i. *Please see above for updates*
 - ii. Mobile Food Cart Program will launch later this academic year
 - c. Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT)
 - i. Meal plan upgrade process has been slightly altered
 - ii. Utilizing donations from Swipe Out Hunger drive
 - d. Semel Healthy Campus Initiative (HCI)
 - i. There is an upcoming workshop in the Garden via Zoom
 - ii. Chef Julia (of the UCLA Teaching Kitchen) will have a presentation on Thursday, Feb. 17th
- VII. BN Partner Roundtable
 - a. Financial Wellness Program:
 - i. Annual Tax Education workshop has reached capacity. As a result, the workshops will be streamed live on YouTube for a limited time
 - ii. Women in Finances Panel will take place on Mar. 28th in honor of Women's History Month
 - b. ASUCLA
 - i. Working with CalFresh Initiative at UCLA for CalFresh Outreach Week
 - ii. EBT Launch will be announced soon
 - iii. PAC-12 Student Union Leadership will be coming to campus or joining via Zoom for a conference, where basic needs efforts will be highlighted. Those coming

to campus will have an opportunity to tour basic needs facilities

c. Bruin Dine

i. Working with various campus partners to launch

d. CalFresh Initiative at UCLA

i. Preparing for Outreach Week, which is part of a broader statewide event to promote CalFresh/SNAP on campuses

1. Graduate student workshop will take place Thursday of Week 8

2. Basic Needs Picnic on Friday of Outreach Week will serve as culmination of the week's efforts

VIII. Closing

a. Announcements

IX. Lunch

a. Mendocino Farms (Brentwood and Century City) and Erin McKenna's Bakery (Santa Monica)