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Basic Needs Committee Meeting

Winter 2020: Thursday, February 13th, 2020

Student Activities Center 120P

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

- I. Opening
 - a. Lunch: Mercado Buenos Aires (Van Nuys, CA) & Veggie Grill (Ackerman Union)
 - b. Present: Freddy Ramos, Iyanna Waring, Valery Holtom, Katrina Domingo, Michelle LaJoie, Joshua DeAnda, Jessica Montesoglu, Jack Schwada, Faith Bosedo, Erin Haglund, Diana Nguyen, Kristen Ventura, Sithara Menon, Mukul Kumar, Michal Broomfield, Michael Zargari, Itzel Guerrero, Sara Potter, Serifa Dela Cruz, Mia Davis, Patricia Macias, Jeanne Roe Smith, Korakot Sarunchartinonth, Oscar Macias, Ana Laura Paiva, Clementine Pan, Kim Richmond, Jonah Eisen, Sienna Rohrer, Angel Aguilar, Juan Liberato, Nicole Nukpese, Buna Poeng, Lucy Tseng, Zuleika Bravo, Lia Williams, Elaine Zhang, Victoria Luu, Ashley Lee, Small Schuler, Jada Larson, Fernanda Romero, Antonio Sandoval, Russell Castro, Chidera Izuchukwu, Nicole Ngaosi
- II. Ongoing Efforts
 - a. Chair Updates
 - i. Worked with the Office of the Vice Chancellor of SA and APB and Chancellor's Office
 1. The budget was formally approved in January by UCOP
 2. In the past, the CPO would administer these funds. In July, they would be redirected to the Office of VCSA – Office of VCSA will now administer them.
 3. There are some adjustments to make, but Dean of Students (DOS) will be accommodated
 4. Thank you to those who have attended consistently
 5. Making sure we are going to do what we said we are going to do
 6. Focus on how we are doing in our projects – Financial Wellness Program, Café 580, etc.
 7. First issues of food access; been working on for the past 10 years; providing high quality food; founding issues around

dignity, justice, and access; programs founded by students; providing feedback – they let the community know what their needs are; intentionality behind how we serve students

8. There are still those that have a singular agenda effort, but not really thinking about the community effort; how do we share the resources?

ii. Continues to be a safe space

1. Students who are not consistently coming are causing problems
2. If you are here, you are here
3. If you need to text/use your phone, please step outside
4. Cannot allow good work to be derailed by poor research and systematic racism
 - a. The department and committee receiving multiple requests is a product of systematic racism

iii. CHEBNA 2020 Summit

1. Convening of 700+ professionals and students from CSU, CCC, and UC systems
2. Student testimonials on their experience after attending CHEBNA
 - a. Fernanda, Nicole, Faith, Juan shared their testimonials
 - b. Recognition of UCLA Basic Needs Services and how it differs from other campuses.
 - c. Clarification on “tracking”
3. No need to do more tracking; will not replicate systems of oppression; UCLA is apolitical, but there are politics on campus; no federal law that states food pantries need to collect data; alternatives ways to find data (i.e. pounds of food); when Food Closet was founded in collaboration with MSA, one of the agreements was to keep it an anonymous service
4. Reports to a monolithic church on what and how much data; confidentiality; personal identification is unjust and racist
5. 60,000 lbs. of food went into the CPO Food Closet; narrative on student usage; at a stage in Basic Needs to tackle students who really need these services
6. Presentation on how to push back on positivist inclination to prove something through data; we do not collect data; does the math department need to submit data to prove that it needs to exist? Trust students to be honest and determine their needs

- b. Basic Needs Manager Updates
 - i. CalFresh Summit
 - 1. Needs of undocumented students
 - 2. Room was flooded
 - 3. Students presented
 - ii. Media Requests
 - 1. Any media requests regarding Basic Needs will go through the Media Relations (MR) team at UCLA
 - 2. All media requests will go through the MR team; there will be no ridicule of your department; good work should not be subjected to scrutiny; work with Chidera
 - iii. Academic Studies
 - 1. Chidera and Nicole should be cc'd on all academic studies
 - 2. The studies need to recognize the work behind the scenes
 - 3. Check-ins to ensure the progress of the budget is being spent per department
 - 4. Working with Medical School and Law School to get on the exemption list for CalFresh
 - a. Are we creating a guide to share with all graduate schools for SAOs to file exemption?
 - iv. Basic Needs Website
 - 1. Being updated so that FAQs can be answered
 - 2. Budgets will be available on that website
 - 3. End of quarter or Spring for everything to be updated
- c. Area Updates
 - i. HCI Community Garden
 - 1. Urban Gardening Certificate Program has partnered with Grow Up LA Initiative
 - 2. Master Garden Program
 - 3. Jane B. Semel Garden will be participants
 - 4. 70 applications with minimal advertising
 - 5. Completely free, bring 1 or more items to the CPO Food Closet
 - 6. Will be taught by Master Gardeners
 - 7. Every Wednesday from 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM is a garden workday, stop by the Amphitheatre Garden
 - ii. BRC
 - 1. New staff member: Mia Davis
 - 2. Luncheon on February 18th, 2020 with Students with Dependents
 - iii. Café 580
 - 1. March 31st, 2020 – Taco Tuesday (First Tuesday of Spring Quarter)
 - 2. Perfect opportunity to table and network

3. Chidera will confirm
- iv. Bruin Dine
 1. Joshua explains Bruin Dine
 2. Update: In the last 5 weeks we recovered 500 lbs. of food and served 400 students, more than last year combined. They are growing, getting food on Wednesday nights and Thursday nights (not as widely circulated since its only one dining hall)
- v. CLICC
 1. Staff members from UCLA Library
 - a. Developing opportunities with Chidera
 - b. Offer long term laptop rental for 1 quarter
 - c. Contact them to figure out how to help your technological issues
 2. Dynamic page that informs you how many laptops are being reserved and are available
 - a. Overnight laptop check outs and weekend checkouts
- vi. School of Nursing
 1. Raise awareness of resources available
- vii. CalFresh
 1. Recently had a special enrollment fair with student with dependents and families
 2. Excited to work more with graduate students
 3. Office hours are always full
 4. DPSS workers being present is difficult
 5. Newman Café, similar to Café 580, is open every Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00 PM – 4:00PM, full kitchen and free Wi-Fi
 6. Compiling a flyer to show students the resources on campus
 7. CalFresh pop-up office hours at your event
 8. Basic Needs Fair Week 2
 9. Recruiting interns, flyer will be sent through the Basic Needs
 - a. First or Second Years
- viii. Sustainability Action Research
 1. Sustainability issues on campus
 2. Community Gardens
 - a. Determine social environment impact of Semel Garden
 3. Partner with Teaching Kitchen to address, take produce from garden and teaches students how to cook them
- ix. CRC Appointment/Program/Parenting Students of UCLA

1. Priority enrollment for Student with dependents
2. Present to the academic Senate on February 21st, 2020
3. Show support for parenting students from community partners
 - a. Over 150 signatures from students
- x. Financial Wellness
 1. Host tax workshops for students
 - a. Partnered with VIDA to host a workshop and 180 students came to the workshop this quarter
 - b. Next one is the February 27th, 2020
 - c. Typically have two workshops, but will request more for next year
 2. April Financial Wellness
 - a. Different workshops throughout the month
 - i. How to invest
 - ii. Information will be sent out when available
- xi. ECRT
 1. Funding has been received and spent
 2. Working with Dining for more reasonable price for meal vouchers
 3. Working to make vouchers accessible to the different locations that students visit
- xii. FITTED
 1. Partnering with Teaching Kitchen, Chef Julia
 2. Collaboration with the HCI Garden
 3. Teaching different skills to students through Teaching Kitchen
- xiii. CPO Grocery Bundle Program
 1. Helping 65 students this quarter
 2. Accept students on a rolling basis
 3. Both undergraduates and graduates can apply
 4. Can apply for Spring Quarter

III. Assessment Efforts

- a. AY 2019-2020 UCLA Basic Needs Committee Funding Allocation Questionnaire
 - i. Questionnaire
 1. Every committee member has received this questionnaire if you are receiving funding
 2. Complete and submit by next Friday, February 21st, 2020 by 5:00 PM
 3. Detailed reports
 4. Winter reporting will be done soon
 5. Complete the form for funding

- IV. Events, Programs, and Milestones
 - a. Associate Basic Needs Manager
 - i. Nicole Ngaosi
 - b. Next meeting might be Week 8 or 9