

Food Security Committee Meeting
Summer 2016: Wednesday, July 27, 2016
SAC Conference Room 4: 12:30PM – 2:30PM

- I. Lunch: Buenos Aires Market (Van Nuys)
- II. Welcome/Introductions/Check-In
 - a. Where are you from; are you student, staff, or community member
- III. UC Student Food Access and Security Study
 - a. Tyler Watson: largest study of its kind; almost 1,000 students per UC
 - b. Tyler: 42% students affected by food insecurity (23% low food secure students → can't afford food they want such as healthier options; quality affected, 19% very low food secure students → disrupted meals, not just quality but quantity)
 - c. Tyler: students of color at much higher rates than other students; undergraduates affected at almost double the rate of graduate students
 - d. Tyler: "how do you experience food insecurity as a child?"; studies showed however that a lot of students are new to food insecurity
 - e. Tyler: upperclassmen more affected by this (3rd years have highest rate; mostly due to moving out of university housing); students buying cheaper food that weren't healthiest; difficulty paying for living expenses
 - f. Tyler: food insecure students experience academic setbacks; GPAs go down; experience difficulty in studying
 - g. Antonio Sandoval: 23% choosing to go hungry to go out with friends; wouldn't one say that it's not a simple question of priorities, but because of campus climate students must forego eating to go hang out with friends; student won't opt out of hanging with friends to eat
 - h. Tyler: these statistics and responses don't actually capture everything that is going on in these students' lives
 - i. Tyler: just to wrap up, survey asks students what resources they have received or knew about; have they received food assistance; only about 1% at UCLA receiving CalFresh
 - j. Tyler: this is just aggregate data; we specifically spoke to students on campus and off campus; just because on campus does not mean "food secure"; some students did bring up there isn't a communal cooking location on campus, or that there is no transitional program to help students from dorm to apartments
 - k. Antonio: when I started 10 years ago, there weren't many events that provided food; as we've come through the years, major events now always include meals; but it wasn't the culture before; but food security/food justice movements making it a thing
 - l. Jose: rules no longer prohibiting volunteers at events to be fed
 - m. Regina Napolitano: student organization meetings, difficult for members to eat

- n. Tyler: challenges; briefly, the most cited challenge is lack of time, both to prepare and purchase food; but also, cost of food; not enough aid for food
- o. Antonio: maybe next year the committee can work with Ron Johnson on cost of attendance to reflect the food portion
- p. Tyler: that's essentially the summary of that particular study; this is publicly available; going to inform a lot of efforts for next two years
- q. Suzy Howell: when this was presented what was reaction?
- r. Tyler: most were surprised; a big challenge to this effort that is happening across the UC is most people don't think it's a huge thing or that this is normal; perception of UCLA especially is that if you made it here, you're completely provided for
- s. Suzy: for those who are sort of informed, were they surprised by the numbers?
- t. Tyler: numbers were higher even in some other universities
- u. Regina: we went to CHEFS (California Higher Education Food Summit), it is a huge problem at multiple other campuses, especially outside UCs
- v. Antonio: critique→did not get enough people from wide array of demographics; could have been better when surveying different classes of students
- w. Iliana Garcia: when I worked in BRC, I worked with undocumented, veterans, and foster youth; most of these groups feel vulnerable when having to answer to these surveys; more can be done on how we're getting the numbers, I believe it is much higher than this
- x. Tyler: very valid critiques; more outreach; also another factor is survey fatigue
- y. Antonio: one additional thing I would add is that the report does not go into analysis on how we've drifted from non-profit to for-profit model; student housing for 3 years, on your 4th year you'll go to apartments with less skills
- z. Tyler: discussed doing a more "Basic Needs Focus Group"
- aa. Tyler: focusing on food recovery is a goal undergraduate students want to see
- bb. Tyler: resources available definitely target undergraduate versus graduate students

IV. UC Student Food Security Testimonial Video

- a. Tyler: now has gone through its final cut; students from UCLA have given voice to this
- b. [refer to Tyler's video]
- c. Suzy: that's shameful, shameful
- d. Antonio: any comments on the video
- e. Denise Marshall: I want to see students from my background
- f. Alexis Oberlander: is this targeted towards students or faculty/staff to get them on board?

- g. Tyler: targeting folks affiliated with UCs; goal was to get this done by UC Regents meeting, which was last week; issue is on-going
 - h. Antonio: you know after watching the video, I'm less enthused for this committee to allocate more and more to Housing; plan was to ensure students have access that are quality and getting it at a discounted rate; however they have a for-profit agency that is making plenty; notwithstanding after seeing this report and video, I'm not so sure investing so much in Housing is the right approach; we should focus on the income going somewhere else; we shouldn't even offer an 11 meal plan; 11 was originally for upper-middle class students who go home; now it's becoming something that lower-income and middle class have to rely on
 - i. Iliana: Housing used to have renter agreements; no more renter agreements; they expect you to pay whole
 - j. Antonio: increasingly skeptical to offer funding to Housing
 - k. Suzy: is this the forum for these anecdotal conversations? Or is this supposed to be a larger conversation across campus? Housing is not in the trenches
- V. Next Steps for UCOP Funding Implementation
- a. USAC Facilities Commissioner
 - i. Sandra Rhee: we were inspired to work on this project by Food for Finals on the Hill (offered only to Hill residents); big station of free food at every dorm building; 3rd & 4th years typically don't have access
 - ii. Sandra: would work with Library to have a brunch 11 AM week before Finals
 - iii. Alessandro: approximately 657 students on average during that time in library
 - iv. Antonio: our department willing to cut its allocation (\$20,000 to \$16,000); we would like the committee to support Facilities Commission and our decision to move \$4,000
 - v. Bruce Rankin: Food Bank can make a supplement
 - vi. Tyler: to clarify this is 10th week not Finals Week
 - vii. Suzy: Bruce, what do you see providing, fresh produce?
 - viii. Bruce: really for this it'll depend what we get donated
 - ix. Suzy: I'm going to see if Cisco can help out
 - x. Gabi Sheerer: food from Student Food Collective
- VI. Bruin Shelter Opening
- a. Mairead Swyney: on track to open late September before school begins
 - b. Having issues with food running; people who want to donate, but we don't have cars to physically go and pick up food; nutritional, non perishable goods
 - c. Antonio: let us know if you need transportation assistance or if you need to donate unused food, contact Rohit Maharaj

- d. Bruce: has Bruin Shelter been discussed before?
- VII. Housing Payment Food Holds Subcommittee Set Up
 - a. Next time
- VIII. Basic Needs Follow Up Conversation
 - a. Next time
- IX. Updates
 - a. UC Regents Meeting
 - i. Jose Ocampo: interesting to see how other UCs are developing these issues; we're very far developed, other campuses still developing pantries; good to see we were all there to represent
 - ii. Tyler: UCLA definitely most represented; we essentially spoke during public comments; they heard Food Security so many times, it was effective; a lot of momentum moving forward
 - b. UCLA Teaching Kitchen Collaborative
 - i. Tyler: as it currently stands, we have significant amount of funding for teaching kitchens, both mobile and physical location; HCI has decided it's so important that there is now a group focusing on establishing this; launching at very least a mobile teaching kitchen, then searching for opportunity to do a more permanent one
 - c. CalFresh Enrollment Effort
 - i. Space provided in SRC
 - d. Summer High School Student Employment Food Program
 - i. Antonio: it is in effect
 - ii. Jose Leon: working with New Foundation Stones; meal preparation off-site, provide breakfast, snack, and hot lunch; students able to eat 5 days a week; staff members here most of the day; 8-8:45 am and 12-1 pm; any undergrads can participate as well; our pilot, we [CPO] may run it next year
 - iii. Antonio: I want to give credit to Jose for making this happen in two weeks
 - e. Food Security Cards
 - i. Tyler: Financial Wellness Program will update card and re-print them; Sara Potter will be contact for these cards; it will include 580, Food Voucher Program, Food Closet, and so on
 - f. GFI Food Access and Security Subcommittee System-wide Meeting Oct. 13—Oct. 14
 - i. Antonio: CPO is hosting at Luskin Conference Center
- X. Conclusion