UCLA Basic Needs Committee Meeting #1 Fall 2022
October 27th | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM PDT
Student Activities Center Basement Conference Rooms 2 & 3

I. Welcome
   a. Key partnerships: 580 Café, Community Programs Office (CPO) (Food Closet and Basic Needs Collective), Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT), and Semel Healthy Campus Initiative (HCI) Center
      i. These four have served as the bedrock of basic needs services at UCLA, well before the formalization of the terms “food security” and “basic needs”

II. Review of Agenda

III. Introductions

IV. Committee Updates
   a. Chair Updates
      i. Proposed Spending Plan AY 2022-2023 submitted to the Vice Chancellor
         • Overarching strategy: **prioritizing food (direct service) and jobs (steady income for students to afford education, food, housing, transportation, and other basic needs)**

         1) New Student Admit Food Justice Programs: $30,000 to support programming for future Bruins
2) Meal Plan Conversion 11→14: $35,000 to move towards a standard in which all students can have at least 2 meals/day
   a. There are 2 ways to appropriate:
      i. Close gaps in meal voucher program
      ii. Case-by-case for students experiencing gaps in meals (identify and support students who do not have enough meals)
3) [FITTED] Eats: $7,650 to provide meal demos and nutrition education to students
   a. Slight increase to reflect inflation
4) Food Box Giveaway: $120,000 to provide Bruins with food and grocery items through holiday intersessions
5) ECRT Meal Voucher Program: $35,000 to provide students with meal vouchers to close meal gaps
6) CPO Food Closet: $168,257 to provide free food to students at varying times across the week, on an anonymous basis
7) Grocery Bundle Program: $11,000 to provide a week's worth of groceries to students in need, who may find it challenging to access the Food Closet and other campus basic needs services
8) Food Justice Events/Bruin Bites: $30,000 to provide free food to students at events and to notify the campus when free food is available following an event
9) Student Group Events: $100,000 to provide funding for registered campus organizations to serve meals at events

10) Bruin Meals Program: $30,000 to continue hot-and-ready meal distribution

11) Financial Aid Grants: $200,000 to provide additional support to students facing financial hardship
   a. Tracked and managed by ECRT and Financial Aid counselors
   b. For students who don’t have any support in covering food, hygiene products, and transportation

12) Basic Needs Initiatives Fund: $30,000

13) HCI Special Sessions for Teaching Kitchen: $2,000 to bring culinary experts and community leaders to teach students how to prepare healthy, balanced, and culturally relevant meals

14) Basic Needs Initiatives Fund: $30,000 overseen by Campus Life to support innovative programming

15) Commuter Support Services: $75,000 to provide extreme commuters and housing insecure students support through the BruinHub

16) Housing Grants: $201,767 to provide emergency housing support
   a. specifically for housing expenses
   b. Students with dependents who may have rental costs that are beyond the aid they’re currently receiving
17) Commuter Van Service: $45,000 to provide a safe and reliable ride home for students living beyond 30 miles from campus
18) Professional Staffing: $85,233 to cover salary, benefits, and TIF for professional staff to coordinate relevant programming and efforts
19) 580 Café: $3,000 to fund infrastructure and equipment upgrades required to deliver vital services and programs
20) HCI Garden Project Student Plots: $5,000 to fund infrastructure and equipment required to maintain the student garden that provides fresh, homegrown produce to the campus community
21) Teaching Kitchen: $16,500 to ensure the Culinary Arts Coordinator can lead and deliver educational series on how to prepare low-cost, nutritiously balanced meals, with the goal of facilitating confidence in purchasing and preparing food on their own
22) Professional Staffing: $282,924 to hire full-time professional staff responsible for the oversight, management, and delivery of major basic needs programming across the university
23) Basic Needs Student Employment: $125,000 to hire students who lead and coordinate relevant basic needs programming and services
24) Financial Wellness Program:
$22,699 to hire graduate students to lead and facilitate relevant programming

b. “Basic Needs Center” (Strathmore 106)
• Context: UCLA has always tried to fill gaps for students, way before food security and basic needs were defined
  a. There is no single funding source, no one student committee, no one department that “owns” basic needs
  b. Space is the most precious commodity; when it becomes available, it is necessary to take advantage
  c. Pandemic proved a need to expand services and identify physical space to deliver such services
    i. Byproduct of the Pandemic ➔ space became available in Strathmore Building, which was previously occupied by Transportation
  d. “Basic Needs Center” is a temporary name
• ECRT, Student Loans & Services, and Financial Wellness Program will be relocating to the Strathmore Building in Winter
• Nov. 3rd:
  a. Soft opening day of events
  b. Fall Resource Fair: 11am-1pm in Bruin Plaza
  c. Teaching Kitchen opening in Tipuana residences
  d. Tour of space in Strathmore
e. “First Thursday” featuring outreach opportunities for basic needs service providers
   - In-depth Discussion on decision-making behind creation of new center in Strathmore Building and strategies to bridge any gaps

c. Basic Needs Operations Manager Updates
d. Committee Updates
   i. 580 Café: *unavailable*
   ii. CPO Food Closet & Basic Needs Collective
      - Relaunch of several key programs
      - Looking forward to serving over 2,000 Bruins through upcoming Food Box Giveaways in November and December
   iii. Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT)
      - Increase in demand (undocumented, graduate, international)
      - Went electronic as of Sept. 26th
         a. Issued >50,000 meal swipes
      - ECRT Referrals: 360 (1/3 of last year, and only midway through Fall)
         a. Reflective of end of pandemic relief funds
   iv. Semel Healthy Campus Initiative (HCI) Center
   v. Student Wellness Commission (SWC):
      - Giving away gift cards to ASUCLA store

V. Closing
VI. Announcements
VII. Lunch
   a. Shake Shack