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Basic Needs Committee

Fall 2020: December 4, 2020

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

- I. Chair Welcome
 - a. Originally intended to have a presentation from our partners at the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, but due to a conference, we will have them present at our first meeting of Winter Quarter 2021
 - b. As a gentle reminder, recording is not permitted and please respect the space
 - c. If you need to share something, please use the chat or DM Russell Castro
- II. Chair Updates
 - a. Have been meeting with a lot of folks, especially in the last 30 days
 - i. ASUCLA presentation
 - ii. Conversation with Dean of Undergraduate Education
 1. A lot of campus areas simply are unaware of basic needs resources
 - iii. Presentation to Undergraduate Education Staff
 1. SAO and Counselors from Undergraduate Education (roughly 150 staff members)
 2. Discussed different programs Basic Needs campus-wide group offers
 3. Overall happy to hear about what is going on
 4. Some expressed interest in volunteering or contributing in a meaningful way
 - iv. Summary from all presentations: Discussed in detail and broadly what our campus does, the history of the work, how ours may differ from other UC campuses, how

UCLA engages effectively, and how the UCLA Basic Needs Committee inspires other organizations to develop similar models

- v. We are making a lot of progress in getting the word out
- vi. Spent an hour after one presentation going through chat room answering questions
- vii. Message to our UCLA Basic Needs Committee: “THANK YOU ALL”; Sense of appreciation and PRIDE being a part of the UCLA community because of our group’s efforts
- viii. We should consider nominating basic needs programs for national awards
 - 1. Will consider hiring student task force to do research, build applications, and apply for awards to recognize our programs
 - b. Should consider doing a “thought piece” about importance of the work of the UCLA Basic Needs Committee

III. Debrief November Efforts

- a. Hosted the 5th Annual Turkey Day Box Giveaway Program
 - i. Ended up spanning across 5 days – and included delivery to homes for participants who did not have reliable transportation to campus
 - ii. Served over 900 students, staff, and faculty who expressed need as a result of the pandemic
 - iii. Operations were adjusted to comply with COVID-19 restrictions
 - iv. We would like to thank the volunteers that did dedicate time in November to make it happen
 - v. We are looking forward to enhancing the experience to ensure an improved process for the Winter Holiday Food Box Giveaway

IV. USDA Grants

- a. \$600,000 grant that was the product of the work between Jeanne Roe Smith, Chidera Izuchukwu, Nicole Ngaosi, Dr. Wendelin Slusser, AVC Michael Beck, and a few others.
- b. Working with UCLA Housing and Residential Life to complete the grant

V. Data & Assessments Lead

- a. Areas receiving Basic Need funding should anticipate to receive a data request for the 2020-2021 Mid-Year Basic Needs Report, which is due to our UCOP colleagues in early January 2021
- b. Areas receiving Basic Needs funding and areas that may not receive funding but are providing basic needs services should also anticipate to receive the UCLA Basic Needs Committee Budget Questionnaire sometime in Winter 2021
 - i. Questionnaire will task area leads to report on progress of programs and services rendered in Fall 2020
- c. Areas receiving funding will also be provided the “Request to Modify Form”
 - i. Any area that anticipates changes within their basic needs services should complete and submit this form before moving any funds

VI. Area Updates

- a. ECRT
 - i. Pause on meal voucher program, but after sorting logistics out, we are back and running
 - ii. Info on Basic Needs Resource Guide
 - iii. Students going onto the hill will have to submit COVID-19 monitoring survey (every time)
 - iv. Continuing support through self-assessment form or direct referrals with ECRT staffers
- b. HCI Gardens
 - i. Cultivating garden and produce for residents in UAS
 - ii. Thanks to facilities crew that helped in garden and Basic Needs team members who have connected them with UAS
 - iii. Health Equity Seminar on food justice was also today, 12/4
- c. 580 Café
 - i. Additional resources for students in Westwood:
 - 1. Hillel has opened up lunches from Kosher Table on Tuesdays and Thursdays (11am-2pm) (free meal: contact URC chaplains OR Jeanne Roe Smith directly)

2. Friendsgiving Initiative (URC and Lutheran Ministry): produced 30 different options to feed around 200 people during the holiday break
 - ii. 1:1 food distribution service
 - iii. Grants available through URC – please contact Jeanne Roe Smith for more information or assistance
 - iv. Housing still a grave concern; trying to find ways to help people pay for rent
- d. Financial Wellness Program
 - i. Will send out fliers to the group
 - ii. Tax Preparation Sessions
 1. Workshop for Domestic students: Feb 2nd
 2. Workshop for International students: Feb 22nd
 - iii. 1:1 getting 4x amount than normally seen this time of the year
 - iv. Extending through Finals week
 - v. New Workshop (inspired by collaboration with CPO and CAPS): Exploring Student social class identity development
 - vi. Please visit website (financialwellness.ucla.edu)
 1. Requesting Coaching sessions
 2. Request workshops
 3. More info on resources
- e. Teaching Kitchen
 - i. Currently doing Microwave Gourmet Class
 - ii. Transitioned to Winter Website (<https://fitwell.recreation.ucla.edu/teachingkitchen>)
 - iii. Have received requests for different options for vegan and gluten free – we will have a course dedicated to this
 - iv. Continuing “Ask a Chef” on Fridays in Winter 2021
 - v. Book Cook Club: Allows students to access courses on their own time
 - vi. Snack Attack: what healthy snacks can we provide? Instagram live sessions on this
 - vii. Produced Recipes for Turkey Box Giveaway Program
- f. CalFresh
 - i. Continuing virtual sessions

- ii. Masters of Public Health – approved graduate exemption program; students in MPH should be eligible for CalFresh
- g. Sleep Pods at Wooden (by CityLab)
 - i. Will rework pods to accommodate feedback
- h. ASUCLA EBT Implementation Project
 - i. Updating PoS system still
 - ii. Goal: Launch Winter 2021, by Feb/March
 - iii. Will work with ASUCLA marketing team to ensure CalFresh will be advertised along with the launch
- i. Spark Campaign (special)
 - i. Just got an additional donor willing to match up to \$15,000

VII. Announcements