



Basic Needs Committee

Fall 2020: November 6, 2020

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 978 9485 8634

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- I. Chair Welcome
 - a. Election Debrief
- II. Old Business
 - a. Areas Receiving Funds Received Allocation Letter from Chair in Oct.
 - i. No modifications allowed without conferring with the Basic Needs Chair, Antonio Sandoval, and Executive Director of Finance for the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs (VCSA), Yogini Purohit
 - ii. Basic Needs Chair and Executive Director of Finance will then consult the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
 - iii. Should there be a need, the Food Gift Card Program will be main priority of redistribution
- III. New Business
 - a. Commuter Services
 - i. Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Life
 1. Utilized seed money from earlier Basic Needs allocations to research and develop plans
 2. Focus is on students' basic needs, first year experience, transportation, and housing
 3. CityLab (research think tank within UCLA's Department of Architecture and Urban Design) spearheaded this research and development project (<https://citylab.ucla.edu>)

4. Innovative approach to addressing one of many basic needs issues – specifically looking at commuting and students who face “extreme commutes” (academic literature defines this as over 90 mins one-way)
5. Principal question: What is the relationship between people facing housing insecurity and people experiencing super commutes?
6. Sweep of takeaways and proposed solutions
 - a. Designating a space on campus specifically for students who commute
 - b. Necessity Votes (what did the focus groups say were “necessary” for this space): place to sleep/nap, outlets and chargers, temporary lockers, free printing with extended hours, quiet spaces, open early/24 hours/flexible
 - c. Nice to Have Votes (what did the focus groups say would be “nice to have” for this space): massage chair
 - d. What does this mean for design?
 - i. Games Lounge
 1. “Pocket Constellations” (private space)
 2. Modules on Wheels (flexibility)
 - ii. Squash Court Concept
 1. Tall, but not a lot of floor space
 2. Design up
 3. Vertical pod for nap space
 - iii. Study pods/nap pods would be stacked
 1. Encourage social engagement
 2. Locker space for safe storage
 - e. Current Project Update
 - i. On hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic

- ii. Ready to test “study pod” concept – have built one of them, and is already in Wooden
 - f. Going forward
 - i. Leverage what we already have, be innovative and collaborative
 - ii. “Repurpose the wheel”
 - g. IG Live today at 3 PM to try it out - @bruin_commuters
- b. New Reporting Requirements
 - i. In addition to budget questionnaires, areas should start collecting UIDs which will help supplement systemwide effort in addressing needs of students
 - ii. Any programs providing direct provision of services, compile UIDs and student information in an excel document, and submit along with budget questionnaire
 - iii. Due date early winter quarter
- c. CA Community Foundation CARES Act Grant
 - i. Associate Vice Provost for the Semel Healthy Campus Initiative (HCI), Dr. Wendelin Slusser
 1. Opportunity for nonprofits to apply to \$11 million bucket of funds, designated by superintendents to address food insecurity in Los Angeles
 2. Proposal came out 2 weeks ago; fairly complicated
 3. CPO and HCI wrote a strong proposal
 4. Expansion of Food Box Program to staff and retirees who have not historically benefitted from Turkey or Winter holiday box giveaways; provision of funds would go towards them; grant provides flexibility
 5. Work with Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) to create a mobile Food Closet/Food Closet On the Go; operations would launch end of this quarter or next quarter
 6. HCI and Campus Garden/UAS: acknowledging that students need space for children; revitalize garden plots at UAS; interactive edible community garden

space that students and their dependents could benefit from

d. SPARK Campaign

i. Following meeting with Willie West, Director of Development, Student Affairs:

1. Working collaboratively with HCI to raise funds for basic needs services
2. Supporting Bruin community which extends to students, staff, faculty, and retirees
3. Campaign will be up and running soon through mid-December

IV. Announcements

a. Ralphs partnership made possible through Kiran Mistry

- i. Take the money we're spending from gift cards and stretching it out

b. Turkey Day Box Distribution

- i. Look out for application – should be live soon
- ii. 11/20

c. Working with EH&S to open Food Closet on the go