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Basic Needs Committee Meeting

Winter 2020: Friday, March 6th, 2020

Student Activities Center Room 120P

12:00 PM – 2:00PM

- I. Opening
 - a. Lunch: California Chicken Café (Westwood, CA)
 - b. Present: Patricia Macias, Michelle LaJoie, Itzel Guerrero, Mia Davis, Lia Williams, Bruce Rankin, Jonathan Tsou, Zak Fisher, Jamie Kennerk, Hailey Valles, Oscar Macias, Joshua DeAnda, Mukul Kumar, Valery Holtom, Bart Loos, Johana Guerra Martinez, Robert Watson, Stephanie Martinez, Justin Rodriguez, Rosemary Wallace, Sienna Rohrer, Destiny Ryales, Clementine Pan, Juan Liberato, Diana Nguyen, Ashley Lee, Angel Aguilar, Kimberly Richmond, Salvador Martinez, Nicole Nukpese, Faith Bosede, Atziri Morales, Alexandra Nario, Freddy Ramos, William Hickman, Joshua Lyda, Iyanna Waring, Shivneil Bhan, Rodolfo Acevedo, Jeanne Roe Smith, Serifa Dela Cruz, Live Maluia, Nicole Ngaosi, Chidera Izuchukwu, Antonio Sandoval
- II. Ongoing Efforts
 - a. Chair Updates
 - i. Collecting data to send to UCOP
 - b. Basic Needs Manager Updates
 - i. Nicole and Chidera will be sending out a When2meet message through Russell, blocking off 2 weeks' worth of time to check in with the entity who receives funding
 - ii. For media requests, send to Chidera and Antonio to work with UCLA Media Relations to work on a response
 1. Work with strategic communications to prepare a response
 2. Facts might get lost in translation
 - c. Area Updates
 - i. ECRT
 1. Spent money for meal vouchers
 2. All unused funds go to ECRT for meal vouchers

ii. CalFresh

1. Created a How-to-Guide for different graduate schools to be “employability” eligible
 - a. Will serve as a liaison for state to approve it
 - b. Will allow more graduate schools to be eligible
2. Hiring interns, application closes at 5:00 PM today
3. Improving follow up with students after they stop at Office Hours or meet with DPS
 - a. Following up at a 1-month mark which is when students find out whether they receive the \$194/monthly
4. Working on SNAPs benefits to be used at ASUCLA
 - a. They have worked on this before there was funding available
 - b. Gratitude before the resources got here, laying foundation for what has become an expectation

iii. FITTED

1. Collaborating with Teaching Kitchen to host different workshops
 - a. Knife skills, baking, and how to cook various meals
 - b. Teaching Kitchen was priority two years ago, received state legislative funding (several years talking about it and planning for it)
 - c. Create a standard for teaching kitchens, students to cook
2. Chef Judy is open to work with other students-- access is available to all
3. Contact Chidera or Russell to get in touch with Julia

iv. Financial Wellness

1. Graduate Consultants – getting paid
 - a. Graduate students to work with the financial wellness component
2. Financial Wellness Month during April
 - a. Topics including postgraduate, how to negotiate salary, how to prepare for interviews, post graduate life
 - b. Table talk – have students talk about difficult topics
 - c. Investment
 - d. Food and giveaways will be provided
 - e. Will send finalized details to Russell

v. Mick’s Area - \$100,000 for SSP

1. Student group funding for food, apply for it through funding on campus

2. Minoritized communities who want cultural foods that are not provided by ASUCLA
3. More funding available this year
4. In 2009, there was no food on campus
 - a. Before, there were no resources
5. MO would apply to funding body
 - a. Email with information on funding
6. Sponsorship Request through the CPO
- vi. Monroe - \$50,000
 1. Ongoing project to centralize
 - a. Reducing stigma for SNAP
- vii. Grocery Bundle
 1. Have different items based off dietary restrictions
 2. Items come from donations from West Side Food Bank and Costco
 3. Nicole pitched the grocery bundle program, instead of coming to the Food Closet
 4. Students take advantage of grocery bundle when they do not qualify for CalFresh or cannot access the Food Closet
 5. Eligibility requirements – application asking for basic information, dependents, dietary restrictions, work schedule and class schedule
 6. Ensure that health codes are not violated
 7. Undocumented students are eligible – alternative for undocumented students who do not qualify for SNAP
 8. Applications begin Week 1, distribution Week 3 - 10
- viii. Wooden Center - \$75,000
 1. Space for students who are extreme commuters,
 2. Meeting with Rudy to figure out best approach and understand what spaces can be switched to incorporate sleep pods or vending machines
 3. Working with an architecture to a create layout
- ix. Chancellor Gene Block
 1. Visited the Food Closet to get better understanding
 2. CPO will consolidate its office space to construct a Basic Needs Center
 3. Working to look for an architect
- x. Café 580
 1. Located on Hilgard, have been there 10 years offering community resources and food
 2. Eliminate stigma
 3. Monday – Friday
 4. Have worked with other student organizations
 5. Hillel is now providing food from their restaurant

6. Food is handled according to guidelines
7. High demand for students who eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner
8. Meal voucher should be on your card to eliminate stigma to maintain confidentiality
9. Will be hosting a pop-up on March 31st, 2020
 - a. Acts of Love – trying to leverage all resources and faith-based organizations
 - b. Churches have people and resources
 - c. Collaborative event of everything that is available for students
 - d. Free of cost-- no charge
 - e. Free tacos, music, tabling
 - f. To expand the resources that we already have on campus
 - g. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - h. If you want to table, Chidera will send out an invitation
10. If you do not need flyers, be mindful of the environment and your footprint
11. Student grants are available-- will send information to Russ to request \$1,500 per quarter
12. Campus Climate – identify students who need services and resources to ensure that their basic needs are being met
13. What is our part in sharing information
- xi. Food Closet and Café 580 have always been in close partnership in the past ten years
 1. Undocumented students used to work closely with Antonio
 2. There was no financial aid or jobs – staff coming out of pocket, students sharing salary, and risk takers like Café 580
 3. Lift each other up with respect
 4. Risky because of fear of being shut down for multiple reasons including not having proper documentation
 5. Lives by value without judgement, shame, and embarrassment
 6. Willing to take that hit, but expect respect
- xii. Innovative Grant
 1. Part of the Legislative State Grant
 2. Innovative ideas for Basic Needs: Recreation, Campus Life, CityLab, Academic Planning and Budget, VCSA Office, CPO
 3. 24-hour Wooden Center

4. Working with faculty to look at research and concept of the Super Commuter Program
5. People that travel long hours to get home everyday
6. Physical and thinking improvements
 - a. Getting students home
7. Vehicles were funded
8. Commuter Van Service
 - a. 221 rides (program runs 4 times a week, 2 times a day)
 - b. Taking 14 students per day per vehicle
 - c. Over course of the Winter Quarter, students are continuing to use service with the hopes of expanding service
 - d. Created by Antonio as MEChA RC, SIOC Chair
 - e. Students should not face burden of not being involved on campus
 - f. UCOP acknowledged Commuter Van Services
 - g. March 20th, 2020 is the 20th Year Anniversary and we will have a celebration

xiii. Bruin Dine

1. Food recovery, you get food that is untouched from dining hall
2. Served 400 – 700 students, reaching 1,000 lbs.
3. CPO has always been there to collaborate to work with Bruin Dine
 - a. Would not be able to run program with support of the CPO
4. A lot of work and it is not perfect

III. Assessment Efforts

- a. Basic Needs Questionnaire
 - i. Updating budget questionnaire
 - ii. If you have not filled it out for fall quarter, you are weeks late
 - iii. Nicole has been giving extensions
 - iv. Data collection will be collected
 - v. Questionnaire will be sent out shortly

IV. Events, Programs, and Milestones

- a. 20th Year Anniversary Celebration for Commuter Van Service
- b. Hardship Fund – how to apply will be on website, up to \$700
 - i. hardshipfund@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu
 - ii. ECRT requests many documents, if you need funds because you are about to get evicted, you may get money quickly
 - iii. Only applies for graduate students
 - iv. Based off on USC
 - v. Similar philosophy to Food Closet on not collecting data

- vi. Undergraduate alternative
 - 1. \$50,000 for rapid rehousing for deposit or first month's rent
- c. Finals week – UC Regents, student organizing
 - i. Regents will be voting on raising tuition
 - ii. If you are interested, reach out to EVP
 - iii. Tuition hikes and giveaway for students to be more engaged such as Air Pods, Nintendo Switch, iPad
 - 1. Follow link and complete several entries

V. Conclusion