

**Queensborough Community College, CUNY**

**Academic Senate**

**To: John Talbird, Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate**

**From: Emily S. Tai, Chair, Committee on Food Insecurity**

**Subject: Monthly Report of the Committee on Food Insecurity**

**Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

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- The Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry has been operating since February 1, 2018, with the following hours:

**Mondays, 11-Noon**

**Mondays, 5-6 P.M.**

**Wednesdays, 3-4 P.M.**

**Wednesdays, 4-5 P.M.**

**Thursdays, 9-10 A.M.**

**Thursdays, 4-5 P.M.**

- *Appointments may be scheduled at other times by emailing Emily S. Tai, Chair, Committee on Food Insecurity, [etai@gcc.cuny.edu](mailto:etai@gcc.cuny.edu)*

**Committee Activities**

- Last semester, the FEC created a “Faculty Association” bank account, which has been holding money from faculty who prefer to donate by check to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry. As of this writing, this money has been used to reimburse Amazon/Cosco orders to the pantry, upon the presentation of receipts approved and recorded in meeting minutes by the Committee on Food Insecurity. FEC Treasurer Margot Edlin has both received checks from generous donors, and disbursed reimbursement funds to Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, and to herself, as the Food Pantry was stocked, in December, January, and, more recently in March, by three separate trips to Cosco.

While the FEC has indicated that they plan to terminate financial bank account support for the Lucille A Bova Food Pantry at the close of the calendar year 2018, the FEC will be encouraging donations to the Pantry at the Faculty Meeting, now rescheduled (after an initial cancellation due to weather conditions), for **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018**. In kind donations to the Pantry will be received at the entrance to Medical Arts 136 on that day, and transported by members of the Food Insecurity Committee, as well as volunteer students from Queensborough’s Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and other co-sponsoring clubs.

- As per the notice above, the FEC and members of the Food Insecurity Committee have called for the establishment of the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry as a separate, non-profit entity, as soon as possible, as members of the FEC have expressed reservation regarding possible liabilities to the FEC. This process is now underway. As of this writing, members of the Committee on Food Insecurity, working in tandem with members of the FEC, are reviewing the following possible names for the Food Pantry:
- Oakland Food Pantry Association
- Bayside Food Pantry Association
- Northeast Queens Food Pantry Association
- Bayside College Food Pantry Association
- Bayside Campus Hunger Coalition (or Alliance).

The last, as of this writing, has strong support. The Chair of the Committee has also been consulting with attorneys and experienced laymen (Dr. Sharon Masrour, Director of the Nassau Community College Food Pantry; Professor Beena Ahmed, of the CUNY Law School and Books Through Bars) regarding the crafting of bylaws language. A meeting with President Call and Vice-President Newcomb, in which progress around this project will be reviewed and discussed, is scheduled, as of this writing, for Wednesday, April 11 at 3 P.M. Representatives from the Student Government Association; the Faculty Executive Committee; the Steering Committee; and the Committee on Food Insecurity will attend.

- The Committee on Food Insecurity is happy to report that partnership with the *Love Through Food* campaign, a New York based Outreach Program dedicated to addressing Food Insecurity among college students (<https://www.classy.org/team/156671>) **raised \$452.00 from Queensborough Faculty. Special thanks go to Mr. Jonathan Chin** (*Love Through Food's* organizer); **Dr. Lana Zinger, Dr. Jonathan Cornick; and Dr. Stephen Henriquez.** Thanks also to Drs. Susan Jacobowitz and Peter Bales, who will be helping to transport the packed meals purchased through *LoveThroughFood* to the Lucille A Bova Food Pantry some time between the packing event (schedule for Monday, April 2), and Wednesday, April 11. This activity will yield 1500 packed meals for students, which will be held in the food pantry.
- Professor Tai has also been in contact with Father Edward Doran, the new director of the Newman Center. Father Edward has indicated that the Newman Center will continue to partner with the Committee on Food Insecurity, by offering students who visit the Newman Center fresh fruits. In support of this partnership, the Newman Center, in

concert with the Chemistry Club and the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, will be sponsoring a “Fruit, Snacks and Study” Afternoon, from noon to 2 PM, at the Newman Center on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Professor Tai has also been working with Queensborough’s NYPIRG Chapter, which collected feminine hygiene products during the month of March and donated them to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry.
- In closing, the members of the Committee on Food Insecurity would like to thank \*every\* member of Queensborough’s faculty and staff who may have contributed or helped manage the Food Pantry and whose name may inadvertently have been omitted from the list of monthly donors given below. We thank everyone for their time and trouble, and invite any donors who wish to be recognized to contact the committee chair at [etai@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:etai@qcc.cuny.edu):

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Dr. Lorena Ellis, Professor Indra Avens, and Faculty and Staff of the Department of Foreign Languages in memory of Susana Alaiz Losada (died February 28, 2017)

Chair Kathleen Villani, Professor Sebastian Murolo, and the faculty and staff of the Department of Business

Dr. Maan Lin and members of the Foreign Language Club, the Asian Club, and the Liberal Arts Academy

Faculty of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Dance

Ms. Gail Patterson and the Faculty and Staff of the Health-Related Sciences Academy

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Chair Nidhi Gadura, Dr. Sharon Ellerton and the faculty and staff of the Biology Club (Biology Department)

Chair David Humphries, Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, Dr. Margot Edlin, and the faculty of the Department of English

Chair Joseph Culkin and members of the faculty of the Department of Social Sciences

Director Jeannie Galvin and the Faculty of Schmeller Library

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The Korean Student Association

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The Ally LGBTQ club

Father Edward Doran, Ms. Virginia Villadiego and the members of the Newman Club

Mr. Colin Hughes, Director of NYPIRG, and the NYPIRG student volunteers

Ms. Isabel Huguet and the members of the Health Club

Chair Mercedes Franco, Dr. Monica Trujillo and the SACNAS QCC Chapter

Dr. Kimberly Riegel, Dr. Anuradha Srivastava, and Rezan Akpinar and the members of the Women in Science Club

The STEM Research Club

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Drs. Benjamin Miller, Jed Shahar, and the student members of the Creative Writing Club

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Professor Susan Wengler, Schmeller Library

Ms. Arthurine DeSola, Ms. Cynthia Puca, and the members of the College Discovery Club

Dr. Wilma Fletcher-Anthony; Dr. Dorith Brodbar, and the Members of the Counseling Faculty

Mr. Colin Hughes and Queensborough’s NYPIRG Chapter

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Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Tai

Chair, Committee on Food Insecurity