

**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: Thursday, November 2, 2017**

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- The following hours have been continuing for the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry for Fall, 2017:

**Mondays, 5-6 PM**

**Tuesday, 12.30-1.30 PM**

**Wednesdays. 5-6 and/OR by appointment**

**Thursdays, 2-5 PM**

**Fridays, 1-2 PM**

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

**Committee Activities**

The most important events of October, 2017 were

- The coordination of the Autumn Harvest Food Drive (which will continue until the end of the semester), with Food Pantry Day, declared and observed by the Faculty Executive Committee on the day of the FEC's fall meeting, Wednesday, October 25, under the leadership of Chair Philip Pecorino.

We are grateful to Dr. Pecorino, whose personal generosity supported a substantial donation of various flavors of soup, baby food, and peanut butter for the pantry—approximately 30-40 boxes, at rough estimate. We are also grateful to the members of Faculty who responded to Chair Pecorino's invitation to give to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry, by supplying generous donations of their own. And we are grateful, finally, to a number of student volunteers, who assisted Dr. Rommel Robertson (Faculty Advisor to the Psychology Club); Dr. Lana Zinger (Mentor to service-learning partner students in Health and Nutrition); and the Chair of the Committee on Food Insecurity, who is also a

member of the PTK Advisory Committee for Queensborough’s Lambda Sigma Chapter, in bringing these donations to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry, and helping to unpack the food.

- A “Trick or Treat” Food Drive, coordinated by Queensborough’s NYPIRG Chapter, under the direction of Mr. Colin Hughes, collected \*174\* food items for the Food Pantry on October 31, 2017. The Committee on Food Insecurity would like to thank Mr. Hughes, and all the wonderful student volunteers, named below!
- The FEC has created a “Faculty Association” bank account, which will hold money from faculty who prefer to donate by check to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry. This money will be 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. As of this writing, FEC Treasurer Margot Edlin has indicated that these donations amount to \$165.00.

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 over the past month, and whose name we may inadvertently have overlooked; but we would like to take the opportunity to name and thank those we can, as follows:

President Diane Call

Vice-President Stephen Di Dio

Vice-President Timothy Lynch

Mr. Tony Gamino

Ms. Christina Kofron

Ms. Gisela Rivera

Mr. Raymond Volel

Dr. Cheryl Spencer, who arranged for the Nursing Department to lend a cart to transport donations on 10/25, as well as her colleagues in the Department of Nursing

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

Dr. Lana Zinger

Dr. Alicia Sinclair

Dr. Antony Monohan

Professor Aviva Geismar

The Department of Foreign Languages

Dr. Maan Lin

Ms. Rosalynn Smernoff

Chair Nidhi Gadura and the faculty and staff of the Biology Club (Biology Department)

Chair Kathleen Villani and the faculty and staff of the Business Department (Business Department)

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

Director Jeannie Galvin and the Faculty of Schmeller Library (Main Entrance of Schmeller Library)

Chair Mercedes Franco and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

The Faculty and Staff of the Department of Foreign Languages

Members of the Health Sciences Academy

Ms. Marie-Francesca Berrouet (who, working with the members of the Haitian Club, and the College Discovery Club, provided donation boxes, as well as student volunteers on October 25, 2017, and then brought another donation from the Haitian Club on 11/1

The Single Stop Office:

Ms. Amawati P. Gonesh

Ms. Emily December

Ms. Michele McLoughlin

Dr. Paris Svoronos and the members of the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (Science 448A)

The Korean Student Association

The Environmental Sustainability Club

Dr. Romel Robertson and the Members of the Psychology Club

Dr. Annisa Moody

Dr. Mark Van Ells

Dr. Maan Lin and students of the Asian Club, the ASAP Club, and the Liberal Arts Academy

Dr. Sebastian Murolo

The Ally LGBTQ club

Father Anthony Rosario 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

The SACNAS QCC Chapter

Dr. Mangala Tawde and the members of the Environmental Sustainability Club

The Chemistry Club

The Biology Club

The STEM Research Club

The Stock Market Club

Dr. Trikartaningsih Byas and the members of the Muslim Student Association

Professor Susan Wengler, Schmeller Library

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

Dr. Mangala Tawde and the members of the Environmental Sustainability Club

The Director and Staff of Single Stop

Dr. Dorith Brodbar

Mrs. Sandra Strauss

Dr. Edward J. Gottlieb and the staff of the Mid-Nassau Dental Group

..And our amazing student volunteers:

Ms. Latesha Dayes (President, Lambda Sigma Chapter)

Ms. Amanda Joy-Wright (President, Psychology Club)

Mr. Zachary Perlstein

Mr. Bumyoung Park

Mr. Danish Bangash (Service Learning Partner from Dr. Zinger's Class)

Ms. Asheiska Reid

Ms. Adriana Garces

Ms. Xiaofang Yu

Ms. Abbey-Gayle Robinson

Mr. Rocio Barba

Ms. Jiayi Xue

Ms. Sylvia Perez (Foreign Language Club)

Ms. Katerine McDonald

And, from NYPIRG:

Mr. Chris Estriplet

Ms. Donna Peters

Mr. Daniel Blount

Ms. Amanda Reis

Ms. Amanda Singh

Ms. Winita Peters

Mr. Steven Stern

Ms. Katherine Palma

Mr. Anthony Vancol

Ms. Anny Mariano

Ms. Katelynn Pena

- The Subcommittee on Food Insecurity, acting in concert with the Queensborough Student Association, will also be sponsoring donations to ShareMeals, and will be participating in *Love Through Food*, an event to pack and distribute food for food pantries at New York University. This event, originally scheduled for November 16, 2017, has now been rescheduled for February, 2018. The donation website is also under re-construction, and will be available soon. Students, Faculty and Clubs that which to be involved in the Love through Food event when it is rescheduled should contact Emily S. Tai at [etai@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:etai@qcc.cuny.edu).
- On November 1, 2017, the Committee on Food Insecurity met to discuss various concerns raised concerning the possible solicitation of donations from students by professors. Although no members of the Committee were aware that this was taking place, members of the Committee agreed that any donations to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry solicited from students by the Queensborough Student Association should be prefaced with a reminder that the Food Pantry *is also a resource for students*, and that students who did not have the means to donate should be aware that they are welcome to stop by.
- The Committee chair will be conferring with Academic Computing regarding whether artifacts from past service-learning projects with the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry (conducted by faculty in the Departments of Social Sciences; Health, Physical Education, and Dance; and Business) meet with ADA requirements and can be made available on the Committee website, in order to create an archive of “best practices” for service-learning projects. The Committee Chair is in receipt of materials from Dr. Amy Traver’s Fall, 2016 Education 101 Class for this purpose; Dr. Zinger is planning to organize a fresh survey of campus Food Insecurity, based upon the USDA template, in Spring, 2018.
- The following [link to an article from the Los Angeles Times](#), discussing the operation of a Food Pantry at the University of California at Irvine, was shared with members of the Committee

A special thanks, as always, to the members of the Food Insecurity Committee: Dr. Susan Jacobowitz (Secretary); Professor Sebastian Murolo; Dr. Sharon Ellerton; Dr. Chukwudi Ikwueze; Dr. Peter Bales; Professor Elizabeth Di Giorgio; Professor John Gilleaudeau; Dr. Lana Zinger; SGA President Mabely Salvador and Vice-President Michael Fischbach

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Tai

Chair, Committee on Food Insecurity