

**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, February 27, 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@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:etai@qcc.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 and January, by two separate trips to Cosco. The FEC report regarding donations and expenditure of these funds, received by the Committee on Food Insecurity in February, 2018, has been appended to this report (please see below).
- In a recent presentation from the Faculty Executive Committee Chair, Dr. Pecorino to the Committee on Food Insecurity, has indicated that, while the FEC is happy to have been able to assist fiscal (rather than in-kind) Food Pantry donors by providing a bank account, it is the fervent hope of the FEC that this arrangement could transition into a 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. Members of the Food Insecurity Committee will be meeting, either 3/14 or 3/21, to decide on a name, and to proceed further with steps to becoming a non-profit as outlined at this website, generously supplied by Professor Christine Mooney: <https://www.dos.ny.gov/corps/nfpfaq.asp>.

Professor Tai has also been in contact with the Director of the Nassau Community College Food Pantry, Dr. Sharon Masrour, to query insurance company recommendations; and with members of the Faculty Consortium, at the CUNY Law School, who facilitated the Non-Profit incorporation of Books Through Bars.

- Dr. Lana Zinger has also been working with Mr. Jonathan Chin on a service-learning project in which students will participate in the *Love Through Food* campaign, partnering with a New York based Outreach Program dedicated to addressing Food Insecurity among college students. This organization, which is non-profit, will be accepting cash donations to create “meal packages” of non-perishable foods, which will be donated to the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry. Every \$1 donated will provide **20 meals**. Interested faculty may donate here: <https://www.classy.org/team/156671>
- 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. A student event to celebrate this continuing partnership will be planned.
- 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):

President Diane Call

Vice-President Michel Hodge

Vice-President Rosemary Zins

Vice-President Stephen Di Dio

Vice-President Timothy Lynch

Dean Sandra Palmer

Chair Joseph Culkin

Ms. Gisela Rivera

Mr. Raymond Volel

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

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

The Faculty and Staff of the STEM Academy

Mrs. Sandra Williams Strauss, Career Advisement

Ms. **Lampeto** Efthymiou

Ms. Cathy Brandt and the Staff of the Office of Financial Services

Ms. Lourdes December and the Staff of the Title IX Office

Dr. Lana Zinger

Mr. Jonathan Chin

Dr. Alicia Sinclair

Professor Aviva Geismar

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

Chair Kathleen Villani and the faculty and staff of the 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

Chair Mercedes Franco and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Dr. Maan Lin, Faculty of the Department of Foreign Languages, and members of the Foreign Language Club

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

Ms. Marie-Francesca Berrouet and members of the Haitian Club

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

The Korean Student Association

Dr. Romel Robertson and the Members of the Psychology Club

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

Professor Sebastian Murolo

Professor Ted Rosen

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

The Chemistry Club

The STEM Research Club

The Stock Market Club

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

Ms. Victoria O’Shea and the members of the ASAP Club

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

A special thanks, as always, to the members of the Food Insecurity Committee: Dr. Susan Jacobowitz (Secretary); Professor Sebastian Murolo; Dr. Chukwudi Ikwueze; Dr. Peter Bales; Professor Elizabeth Di Giorgio; Professor Nataliya Khomyak, Nataliya; Professor Ashlie Klepper; Dr. Lana Zinger; SGA President Mabely Salvador and SGA Vice-President Sara Aguirre; and Vice-President Sherri Newcomb. We would also like to thank the members of the Faculty Executive Committee, the donors listed below, and Professor Christine Mooney.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Tai

Chair, Committee on Food Insecurity

**Appendix: Report of the Faculty Executive Committee:**

Food Pantry Transactions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
10/25/17	Dr. Pecorino purchase of foods from Fairway for direct donation to Food Pantry	\$1001.00	
10/30/17	Deposit donations	\$265.00	\$265.00
11/17/17	Deposit donations	\$100.00	\$100.00

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11/22/17	Reimbursement to Susan Jacobowitz	\$280.06	\$84.94
12/7/17	Deposit donations	\$558.00	\$642.94
12/11/17	Deposit donations	\$50.00	\$692.94
12/14/17	Reimbursement to Susan Jacobowitz	\$425.70	\$267.24
12/28/17	Deposit donations	\$300.00	\$567.24
2/16/18	Reimbursement to Margot Edlin	\$414.93	\$152.31

- The records have been updated to reflect that a reimbursement made to Dr. Jacobowitz in December has been deducted from the account.
- Additionally, Dr. Edlin has received approval from the Committee on Food Insecurity to be reimbursed for a Costco shopping trip in the amount of \$414.93.
- Upon approval from the FEC, Dr. Edlin will cut a check for this amount to be deposited to her account.
- A copy of this report has been sent to the Committee on Food Insecurity so that they may thank faculty donors and be informed of the remaining balance in the FEC account.

The following faculty have made monetary donations to the food pantry:

Phillip Pecorino      Sara Danzi-Engoron      Tammi Rothman      Chukwudi Ikuweze  
 Joe Culkin      Kitty Bateman      Jeffrey Jankowski      Peter Alimaras  
 Alison Cimino      Dolores Weber      Counseling Department  
 Kathleen Pecinka      Larissa Honey      Virginia Masterson      Bob Holt