

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: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

- The following hours have been established 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

Committee Activities

- The newly constituted Committee on Food Insecurity met once during the month of September on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Our guest at this meeting was Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee. Dr. Pecorino proposed that Queensborough's Fall Meeting of the Faculty, scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2017 between 12 and 2 PM, be a day of collection and donation for the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry. Dr. Pecorino also intends to donate food to the Pantry and solicit a matching donation from a local vendor. Dr. Pecorino and the members of the Faculty Executive Committee were gratefully thanked, and this planned collaboration was unanimously approved by the Committee, as was the plan to declare Wednesday, October 25, 2017 "Food Pantry Day."

- The Subcommittee on Food Insecurity, acting in concert with the Queensborough Student Association, is also sponsoring donations to ShareMeals, and will be participating in *Love*

Through Food, an event at New York University on Thursday, November 16, as detailed below:

Share Meals and NYU will be hosting ***Love through Food*** on the evening of November 16th. This will be a community meal packing event where volunteers will help assemble individual portions of dry food such as rice and beans or macaroni and cheese. These are nutritionally balanced by Iowa State University's Food Science department and are shelf stable for a long time. Our minimum goal is to package 10,000 meals at the unit price of \$0.30 each. Share Meals appreciates the larger community we live in, especially the work being done at QCC to help end food insecurity, so we would love to open this up to your students and faculty.

Whatever amount QCC is able to fundraise, we will end a proportional number of meals to your food pantry. For example, if you raise \$500, we will provide about 1,666 meals as a one time delivery after November 16th. Personal donations can be made directly to our partnering organization, The Outreach Program, which is a registered 501c3 and will be tax deductible. They prefer personal checks since that will keep the transactional fees down. You can read more about them here: <http://outreachprogram.org/>

Students, Faculty and Clubs that which to be involved in the Love through Food event on November 16 should contact Emily S. Tai at etai@qcc.cuny.edu

- Dr. Lana Zinger's classes in Health and Nutrition continue their service-learning project in Food Safety. Her class conducted their first review of Lucille A. Bova Pantry holdings for expired food on Monday, September 25, and removed three expired items from the Pantry. The members of the Food Insecurity Committee would like to recognize the diligence and dedication of these wonderful students and their mentor, our committee colleague!
- The Committee on Food Insecurity is in receipt of an expression of concern from a Department Chair regarding the possibility that donations are being solicited from students in class, rather than extra-curricular, settings. The members of the Food Insecurity Committee will be reviewing and discussing these concerns at the next committee meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at noon in Science 223.
- **Food Drives:** As of this writing, "Autumn Harvest Food Drive," The Autumn Harvest Food Drive has now been launched, and is in progress.
- As of September 28, 2017, the ASAP Club has also launched a Food Drive to support the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry as an October "Tackling Hunger Month" Event.

The members of the Food Insecurity Committee would like to thank the following individuals, departments, clubs, and external donors for their extraordinary generosity, and trouble in their involvement in all these events:

President Diane Call

Vice-President Timothy Lynch

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Ms. Debra Rosenwasser

President Mabely Salvador, Mr. Michael Fischbach, and the members of the Queensborough Student Association

Dr. Philip Pecorino, and the members of the Faculty Executive Committee

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

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

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 student members of the Psychology Club

The Ally LGBTQ club,

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, and the faculty of the Department of English

Chair Mercedes Franco and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Father Anthony Rosario and the members of the Newman Club

Ms. Isabel Huguet and the members of the Health Club

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The Biology Club

The STEM Research Club

The Stock Market Club

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Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Tai

Chair, Committee on Food Insecurity