Steering Committee of the Academic Senate

Special Subcommittee on Food Insecurity

Report Update, May 10, 2016

Members of the Subcommittee:

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Father Anthony Rosado (Newman Center)

Newman Center "Soup and Study"

As of this writing, the Newman Center's availability as a food distribution point for nutritious food "on the go," has been promoted across campus with flyers, electronic signage, and a successful "Soup and Study" event, which was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, to promote the service, during Club Hours. A second such event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, and will also be co-sponsored by the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the Chemistry Club, NYPIRG, and other student organizations, including Queensborough's Student

Association. Father Anthony Rosado reports that the food distribution service is being utilized daily.

Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry

As of April, 2016, President Call has very generously allocated a dedicated space for Food Distribution. A brief "ribbon cutting" ceremony is planned for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, immediately after the final 2015-2016 meeting of the Academic Senate. The members of the Subcommittee on Food Insecurity have proposed to dedicate this Food Pantry space, located on the Fourth Floor of the Library Building, to President Call's late mother, Lucille A. Bova; a proposal to this effect has been submitted for the consideration of the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Matters. The Food Pantry will offer non-perishable foods, and be available during hours that will, for the most part, complement Newman Center hours.

As of this writing, a pilot opening for the Food Pantry will be in effect for the period of May 11-May 25, 20016 Students and Staff interested in items from the Food Pantry should contact faculty in their department offices during the hours posted below. Each Faculty member will have a key to the Pantry:

Monday, May 16 and May 23

Dr. Sharon Ellerton, 9 AM-9.50 (Medical Arts Room 422)

Dr. Emily Tai, 4-8 PM (Medical Arts 411)

Tuesday, May 17

Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, 2-4 PM (Department of English)

Wednesday, May 11, May 18, and May 25:

Dr. Sharon Ellerton, 9 AM-9.50 (Medical Arts Room 422)

Dr. Emily Tai 4-5.30 PM and 9-10.30 P.M. (Medical Arts 411)

Thursday, May 12; May 19

Dr. Amy Traver: 9-11 AM (Medical Arts Room 400)

Friday, May 13 and May 20

Dr. Amy Traver, Noon-1 PM (Medical Arts 400)

Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, 2. 15-4. 15 PM (Department of English)

For other times, by appointment, please call 718-281-5792.

Faculty and Staff are very cordially invited to take notice of these hours. We also invite anyone who may be interested to consider donating to our food drive on behalf of the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry, which is underway as of this writing. (A Flyer is attached to this report.)

Once again, the chair of this subcommittee would like to thank all the members of the Committee, who have given generously of their time and energy to move forward with our committee's charge. We also wish to thank Father Anthony Rosado and the members of his parish in College Point, who have been kind enough to donate freshly-cooked food for the Newman Center, and, finally, to express our deepest thanks to President Diane B. Call, whose strong support has critically facilitated our progress.

Respectfully submitted,

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