

**Queensborough Community College, CUNY
Academic Senate**

To: Joel Kuszai, Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate

Fr: Emily S. Tai, Chair, Subcommittee on Food Insecurity

Date: October 7, 2016

Subject: Report of the Committee on Food Insecurity

As of this writing, the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry has been operating through the beginning of the Academic year, 2016, according to the following hours:

Mondays, 2-3 P.M. (Dr. Amy Traver)

Tuesdays, 9.15-10.15 A.M. and by appointment (Dr. Sharon Ellerton)

Wednesdays, by appointment (Dr. Emily Tai)

Thursdays, by appointment (Professor Aviva Geismar)

Fridays, 2-3 P.M. (Dr. Susan Jacobowitz)

All student requests may be sent to the new food pantry email address:

LucilleABovaFoodPanty@qcc.cuny.edu or to etai@qcc.cuny.edu

The Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foodstuffs, particularly canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and protein items (beans; tuna, chicken, ravioli), etc., with pop-open cans preferred; pasta and sauce; breakfast cereal; non-perishable soy and almond milk; healthy snacks (sunflower butter; peanut butter; seaweed leaves, granola bars); and personal hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, etc.).

On September 28, a Food Drive to replenish the pantry, which has been serving approximately 2-4 students per day (and thus empties rapidly), was announced. This drive was announced with particular help and support from the following administrative, faculty, and student organizations on campus:

President Call and Queensborough Administration

The Faculty Executive Committee

The Steering Committee of the Academic Senate, and members of the Subcommittee on Food Insecurity

Service Learning Faculty Dr. Christine Mooney (Business); Dr. Lana Zinger (Health, Physical Education, and Dance); Dr. Cheryl Tokke (Business); Dr. Amy Traver (Social Sciences); Dr. Beata Szpura (Art and Photography); and their amazing students;

The Faculty of Schmeller Library
The Director and Staff of Single Stop (who have also been referring students to the pantry as needed)
The Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa
The Chemistry Club;
The Environmental Sustainability Club;
The Biology Club;
The STEM Research Club;
The Science Alliance;
The Muslim Students Association
The Student Health Club
The Haitian Students Club
The ASAP Club
The Newman Club
The Film Club
Queensborough's NYPIRG Chapter,
Queensborough's Student Association Government

As of this writing, “drop off points” for the Food Drive have been established at:

Schmeller Library Entrance (second floor);
Medical Arts 02 (the Health Office)
Medical Arts 213 (the Biology Department)
Medical Arts 125
Medical Arts 413 (Professor Tai's office)
Science 448A (Professor Svoronos's office)
W-110 (the ASAP Building)

We would like to take this opportunity to extend special thanks to several particularly generous donors who responded to our call to replenish the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry when supplies were low at the end of September:

President Diane Call
Vice-President Stephen Di Dio and members of the Office of Marketing and Communications
Dr. Lana Zinger, Dr. Andrea Salis, Dr. Young Kim, and members of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Dance
Dr. Susan Jacobowitz and members of the Department of English
Ms. Amawati Gonesh and her colleagues at Single Stop
Dr. Dorith Brodbar
Dr. Christine Mooney

Dr. Philip Pecorino
Professor Elizabeth Di Giorgio
Professor John Gilleaudeau and faculty in the Department of Social Sciences

However, this drive is ongoing (it will close at the end of the fall semester on December 12, 2016, although the pantry will remain available until December 23, 2016). Members of the Food Insecurity Committee will be announcing subsequent donors in future reports. Service Learning Faculty and Students working with the Food Insecurity Subcommittee, and with Vice-President Stephen Di Dio, Mr. David Moretti, and the Office of Marketing and Communications, will be presenting some of their findings—and their artwork--at a **“Hunger Awareness Day” Event on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 in the Medical Arts Well, from Noon to 2 P.M.** Everyone is very cordially invited to attend!

Finally, on the basis of Dr. Amy Traver’s research on Food Insecurity among American college students, the Subcommittee would like to share the following references of articles regarding various nation-wide responses to the problem of food insecurity on American college campuses:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2016/10/05/many-students-in-need-have-jobs-and-financial-aid-but-still-go-hungry/?postshare=2211475689795909&tid=ss_tw-bottom

<http://civileats.com/2016/06/23/a-striking-number-of-college-students-are-food-insecure-can-campus-farms-help/>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/gwu-joining-national-movement-opens-a-food-pantry-to-feed-students-in-need/2016/09/17/673f054c-7c3a-11e6-bd86-b7bbd53d2b5d_story.html

Food and Fundraising Toolkit:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h0V0n3MjO3om2bzoeOkAsrBP_YvLrfr1aKFwK1ScoxY/mobilepresent?slide=id.p#slide=id.p

Running a Campus Food Pantry:

http://studentgovresources.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/SGRC_Campus_Food_Pantry_Toolkit.pdf

“Feeding Student Success,” from *The Community College Journal*

<http://www.ccjournal-digital.com/ccjournal/20160809?pg=27#pg27>

Respectfully Submitted,
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Chair, Subcommittee on Food Insecurity