

AS Food Pantry Funding Request

Proposed motion: Approve \$5,000 to support the efforts in installing multiple food pantries on campus out of FXXRES

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Attached Document:

Food Pantry Implementation Plan: <https://tinyurl.com/foodpantrywwu>

Background and Context: A group of students are working on establishing a food pantry on campus. They approached University Residences asking for support, and the Residence Hall Association has given them \$2,000 and they put in a proposal to the Sustainable Action Fund for \$4,066.

Summary of Proposal and Fiscal Impacts

\$5,000 to come out of FXXRES to be used in partnership with funding from RHA (and possibly SAF) to fund a 3 year pilot program. See attached document for specific logistical details regarding space and employees. In addition to the space in Birnam Wood, there will be a location in the Viking Union that will not be run as a “don’t ask, don’t tell” kind of pantry. This means that students can come and grab whatever they need off of the shelves, so it does not need to be monitored in the same way as the Birnam Wood location. Long term, the AS VP for Student Life (soon to be AS VP for Student Services) might be charged with operationalizing and overseeing the Viking Union location (assuming the position splits, current VP for Student Life believes this will fit nicely into the new job description).

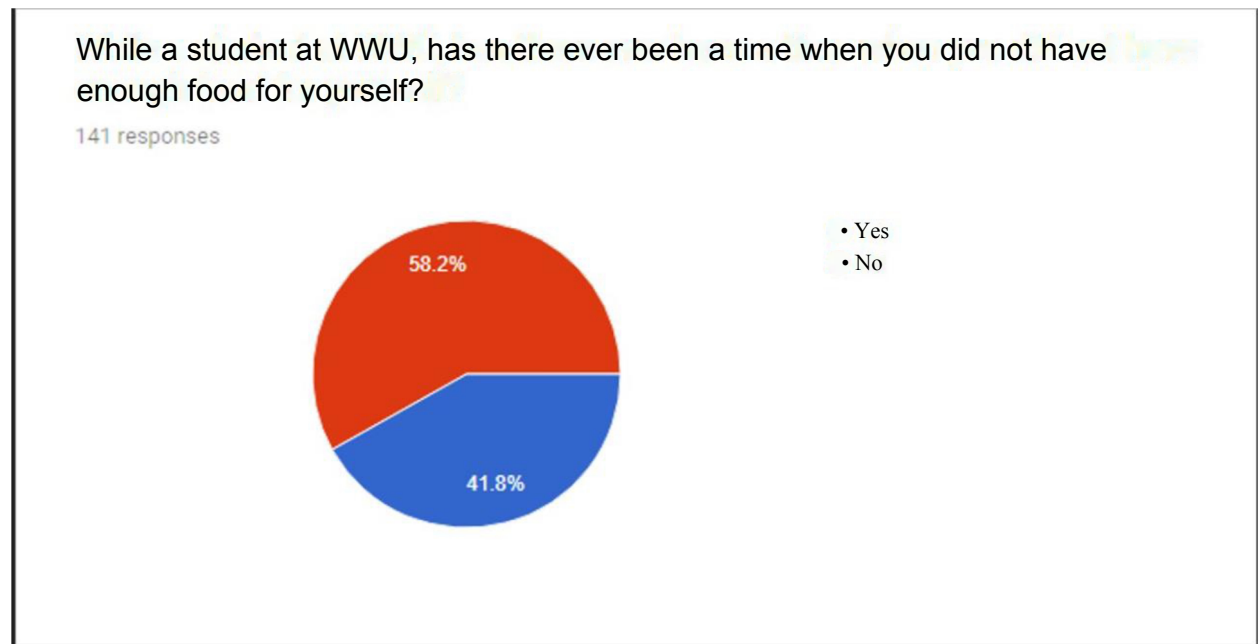
Rationale

Food insecurity is something that a large percentage of our students face. In response to this, several students wrote up a plan for a food pantry as a project for a class. They started the process and have asked us, the Associated Students, as well as the Residence Hall Association to continue the process. They are planning on partnering with local grocery stores and farms to get excess food, or surplus from Aramark. As the Associated Students, increasing food security is another way that we can support students.

Christian Urcia, Apartment Coordinator for Birnam Wood, was aware that many of his residents had chosen Birnam Wood for financial reasons, and wanted to know more about the food insecurity his community might be facing. 461 Birnam Wood residents were targeted to complete a “needs-survey” on May 26, 2017. 141 residents responded to this survey (31%). This

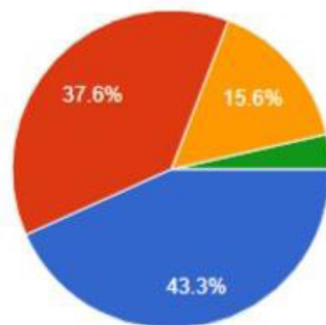
of course is not inclusive of the whole campus, but feels like relevant data as it tells us that there are communities on our campus facing food insecurity.

The results are as follows:



How often has your food supply been inadequate (per quarter)?

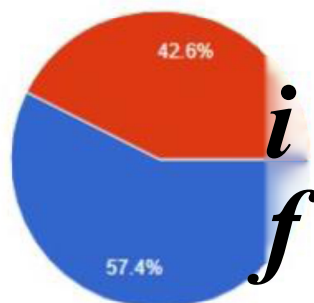
141 responses



- Zero times per quarter
- 1-2 times per quarter
- 3-4 times per quarter
- 5 or more times per quarter

While a student at WWU, has there ever been a time when you were aware of another student (not yourself) who did not have enough food for themselves?

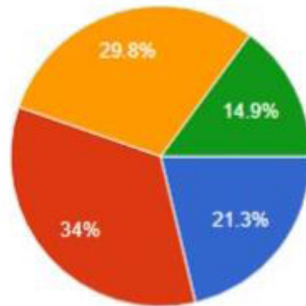
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- Yes
- No

How often would you estimate that the food supply for other students (not yourself) has been inadequate (per quarter)?

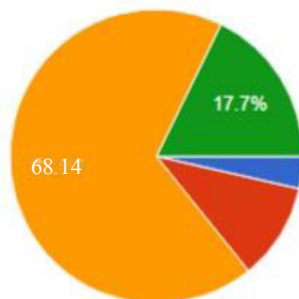
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In your opinion, if there was an occasion when you or other students didn't have enough food, would you or other students use a food pantry if one were available on campus?

141 responses



- # Never use
- # Almost never use
- # Occasionally/sometimes use
- # Frequently use

If you were in need and considered using a food pantry, which option would you prefer?

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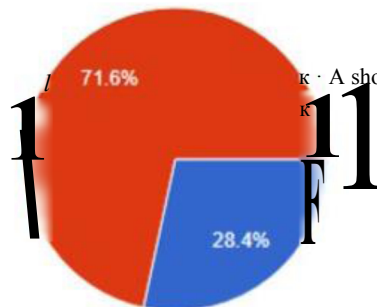


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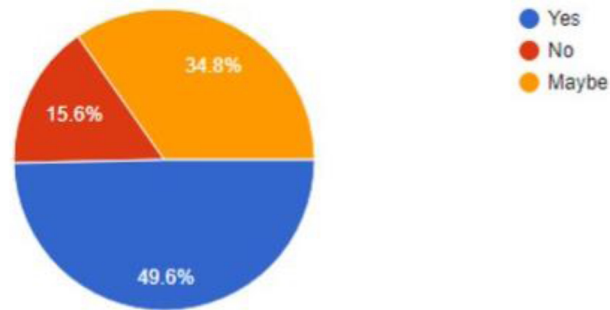


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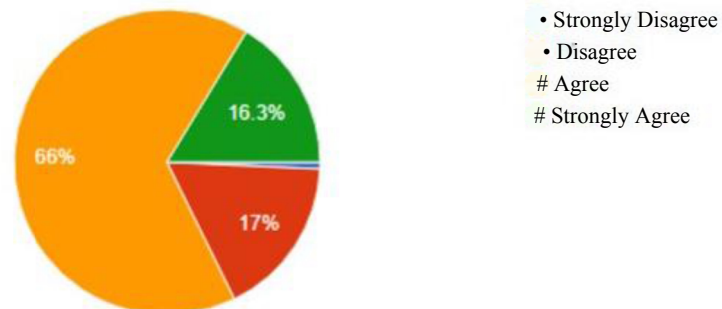
For a food pantry to operate efficiently, it would need a group of committed volunteers. Would you be willing to volunteer on occasion in the pantry?

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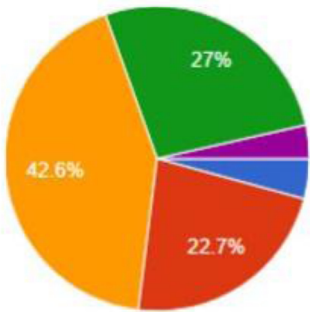
Do you believe that a student food pantry is needed in Birnam Wood/WWU?

141 responses



What is your current class year?

141 responses



- # Freshman
- # Sophomore
- # Junior
- # Senior
- # Graduate Student