

Western Washington University

AS Food and Housing Insecurity Advisory Committee

January 22nd, 2020

VU 567

Board Members: *Present:* Trever Mullins (VP for Sustainability), Anthony Phung (Residence Life Representative), Kayl Gillihan (SAIRC Outreach and Representative Coordinator), Ethan Chrisope (Off-Campus Living Representative), Lorrie Bortuzzo (Multicultural Services), Karen Deysher (SAIRC Coordinator), Soumya Ayelasomayajula (ESC Assistant Director for Club Logistics).

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s): None

Motions:

HIA-19-F- None

I. Call to Order

Trever Mullins, AS VP of Sustainability, called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Updates on Current Projects

1. Karen- SAIRC Coordinator

- a. For MLK Day, volunteers helped sort donated food and clothing, which is still in the process of being organized.
- b. They submitted a proposal to hire a coordinator for the WHOLE Food Pantry, who would help out with volunteer management and food drives.
- c. Karen has been meeting with Kayl, Christina, and Amber, wanting to make sure the stock is a collective decision rather than just their own.
- d. They have concerns over sorting out problems with the existing pantries on campus in order to create a more concrete set of decisions which would make the pantries more uniform, accessible, and inclusive.
- e. There has been a huge increase in the usage of the pantry.

2. Kayl- SAIRC Outreach and Representation Coordinator

- a. Hoops for Hunger is on the horizon, donations start being taken today through Swipe Out Hunger, but canned goods can be used at the door in lieu of a ticket. Kayl is meeting with Amber C from Feeding Western to fill in the details.
 - b. The Outback Farm is doing a food drive; WHOLE is receiving some donations but they are open to other places that may need donations as well.
3. Sonya- ESC Assistant Director for Club Logistics
 - a. Daniela has been working on finding funding for the ESC community cabinet, reaching out to the Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund in order to have intermittent funds rather than quarterly budgets.
4. Anthony- Residence Life Representative
 - a. There is a workshop style conference this Saturday for Hall Council Members on how to stay healthy, manage schoolwork, and live on campus. He'd like to have a list of Food and Housing resources so he is able to distribute these to students.
 - b. Anthony stated that J stepped down from her position and there will be an election held tonight.
5. Trever- VP of Sustainability
 - a. He has a plan to talk to Melynda about creating a larger system to connect and implement all the food pantries and resources across campus. As a longterm goal it may be useful to create a position in Student Needs in order to coordinate this.
 - b. Karen offered to research for a position that looks like this as they have had experience surrounding this in different colleges.
6. Lorrie- Multicultural Services
 - a. Lorrie stated that she's working for the Western Success Scholars which finds resources for foster youth and homeless students on campus, and has just received an amount of funding provided through SB 50800.
 - b. There is currently no centralized way for students, faculty, or staff to be able to access these resources so some of the funding can be used to hire a graphic designer to create a site for this.
 - c. Western participated in the Hope Survey last quarter and the results should be available at the end of this quarter.
 - d. There is a 2-year grant project that covers six institutions in Washington State to research what is happening with food and housing insecurity on campuses.
 - e. Trever asked that if Lorrie is aware of any legislation concerning homelessness or food insecurity, to please make him aware of it so that representatives of Western can lobby for it in the future (WILD is coming up).
7. Ethan- Off-Campus Living Representative
 - a. An event coming up is Housing and Hashbrowns which will give students a run down on issues that may occur once they move off of campus. This includes tenant responsibilities and rights as well as connections to free legal services for housing. Lawyers, police, and the representatives from the legal information center will be there as well.
 - b. Ethan asked whether representatives from the food pantry would like to table at the event. Kayl will be there.

B. Goals

1. Kayl
 - a. Priority to create a centralized online site with resources and information.
2. Karen
 - a. Stated that the work plan could not be completed until decisions are made on a higher level.
3. Lorrie
 - a. Reminded everyone that although progress may seem slow, there has definitely been progress, and it has been good to get feedback from everyone on HIA.
 - b. Karen asked who came up with the work plan and what the plan of action will be at the pantries. There is a lot of knowledge and guidance in the people working at the pantries, but how is it being connected.
 - c. Lorries stated that she doesn't know who came up with the work plan but that it is connected to the bill. She will send both of these documents out to members.
4. Trever
 - a. Plans on meeting with Melynda Huskey to find out what's happening in the administration component of things to connect it to the student projects.

V. **Other Business**

- A. None

Trever Mullins, AS VP of Sustainability, adjourned this meeting at 1:46 p.m.