



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PANTRY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Sponsor: Luca Romero, Chair, Programs Assessment Committee

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Programs Assessment Committee is a designated standing committee of the ASI Board of Directors and is tasked with the assessment of existing ASI programs and services and consideration of new programs to be established; and

WHEREAS, during its first meeting of the academic year, the ASI Programs Assessment Committee selects established ASI programs for annual assessment, with findings to be presented by the Program Director; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Food Pantry, known as The Pantry, was selected to be assessed and reviewed during the 2025-2026 academic term with findings shared and discussed by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, Kirsten Stava, Titan Student Union Director, reviewed program offerings, hopeful outcomes and deliverables, and revenue and expenses with the ASI Programs Assessment Committee to share strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors accepts the report provided to the ASI Programs Assessment Committee and approves continuation of The Pantry program; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors encourages ASI management to review the following areas concerning improvements to The Pantry program:

1. Expanded outreach and educational efforts for The Pantry, including intentional marketing to the Housing and Residential Engagement community;
2. Assessment of accessibility considerations for all pantry patrons;
3. Promotion of The Pantry and Basic Needs resources to faculty members to share with students;
4. Identification and development of improved and larger storage spaces; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the ASI Executive Director and applicable departments and staff for appropriate action.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the seventeenth day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-six.



Joe Morales
2026-03-18 07:03 UTC

Chair, Board of Directors



Luca Romero
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Secretary, Board of Directors

The ASI Food Pantry Report

Programs Assessment Committee

I. TSU Director Recommendations

The ASI Food Pantry (The Pantry) remains a vibrant and critical component of Basic Needs support for California State University Fullerton students. Pantry activities support the holistic well-being of our students by providing resources instrumental to overcoming challenges connected to food insecurity and basic needs. We recommend that The Pantry continues to operate at its current level of engagement, with minor adjustments to its special program offerings and an increase in outreach efforts.

II. Program Overview

The Pantry manages a grocery store-styled supplemental food program which provides nutritional food and beverage options to currently enrolled CSUF students. The operation is available to students 6 days per week, with the following operating hours:

- Monday 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Tuesday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Wednesday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Saturday 12:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Students are eligible to visit The Pantry once per week to collect various food items, including perishable and non-perishable options, with limits on items varying depending on availability. Appointments are made online or students may take advantage of Friday walk-in options.

The Pantry is a donation-based program, with supplemental funding provided by ASI, Cal State Fullerton Student Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management, and various community or governmental grant programs. The team works closely with Cal State Fullerton Basic Needs and works to educate students through shared resources and educational programming, including collaborations with various campus departments.

The program is managed by the Associate Director, TSU Programs and Food Pantry, and the Food Pantry Coordinator, with one (1) graduate assistant and approximately twenty (20) students who assist with grocery rescue operations, scheduling, inventory management, education, and customer service.

Special programs include pop-up pantry events in which food is distributed to students at remote locations from the pantry, food drives, and educational sessions.

Refrigerated lockers are available to pantry users to accommodate scheduling challenges. If a patron can only book an appointment at 12:30 PM but has class until 6:00 PM, they have access to a refrigerated safe space to store their grocery items.

Historical Highlights:

- 2016 – ASI Board of Directors passes a Resolution in Support of the Food Insecurities and Homelessness Task Force at California State University, Fullerton.
- 2017 – ASI Board of Directors passes a Resolution in Support of Food and Housing Security Emergency Fund.
- 2018 – ASI Board of Directors passes a Resolution in Support of Tuffy’s Basic Needs Center and initiates a recurring mobile food pantry, which continued to operate during the campus pandemic closure of 2020-2021.
- 2019 – ASI Board of Directors passes a Resolution to Establish ASI Food Pantry.
- 2021 – The first permanent pantry location opens (adjacent to the Pavilion and south loading dock)
- 2023 – The Pantry opens in its new/current location on the south side of the building (adjacent to the Center Gallery, Theater, and Visual Arts Terrace).

III. The Pantry – Programs and Engagement Overview

Over 14,500 appointments were recorded between July 1st, and December 31st, 2025, with 131,000 pounds of food distributed. There are currently 1,590 active pantry clients, serving a total of 4,032 household members.

The Pantry operates two (2) pop-up pantry events each semester and intentionally schedules one to take place during late afternoon or evening hours, with a goal to engage and support students who may only be on campus in the evenings. The pop-ups are located at a location away from the Student Union (weather permitting) and usually includes a collaborative educational component.

Additionally, 2-3 special events may be conducted each semester, depending on food availability and funding. Events are scheduled before the spring and fall recess and at the beginning and the end of each semester. These events have historically served between 200-350 students each time.

IV. Participant Satisfaction

We conduct surveys on general pantry use and for special events. Surveys are constructed to gather customer satisfaction details, to collect utilization data, and to measure The Pantry’s effectiveness as a Wellness and Belonging resource for students.

The feedback from students has been positive with the following themes identified:

- The Pantry is a positive contribution to the Titan Experience and aids in campus connection.
 - Allows students to focus more on studies/classes.
 - Helps students to be more prepared for class and well-fed.
 - Helps students make healthier meals.
 - Helps students maintain a nutritional lifestyle.
 - Reminds students that there are resources in times of insecurity.
- The food available is nutritious with a variety of items available.
- Word of mouth and special events are the most effective marketing tools we have.
- There is interest in having more appointments available, including weekends.
- There is a desire to have more perishables available, especially meat and dairy products.

V. Financial Data

The Pantry's primary revenue sources are grants, campus funds, gift/donation income, and contributions in kind.

The primary expenses for The Pantry are for wages and for supplemental food purchases.

FY 25-26 budget overview (budgeted amounts):

Revenue		
	Gift/Donation	\$120,000
	Campus Reimbursements	\$130,000
Expenses		
	Student Wages	\$221,418
	Cost of Food	\$42,000

VI. SWOT Analysis

Strengths:

- Strong donor base and partnerships to support education and keep The Pantry stocked.
- Equipment from previous grants allows for new program offerings and provides new student resources.
- Additional Saturday appointments added in spring 2026 and Friday walk-in appointments added in 2025 expanding student access.
- Strong core of staff and students who are engaged in the mission.

Weaknesses:

- Most food is donated and we are unable to select what we receive.
- Lack of awareness by many students regarding The Pantry as a resource available to all students.
- Stigmas attached to utilizing the service.
- Limited storage space.
- Food waste at the end of each week.

Opportunities:

- Increase educational components of pop-up events.
- Reach out directly to faculty and staff partners to promote The Pantry.

- Reimagine student teams to better support pantry operations.
- Provide more culturally relevant food that addresses the needs of the campus community.
- Partner with student organizations for educational cooking events.

Threats:

- Grant funding and partner support cannot be taken for granted.
- Balancing increased need with existing staffing and facility capacity.

VII. Conclusion and Recommendations

The Pantry is an established and effective program that supports student success and belonging through the provision of supplemental food supplies and with the evolution of special programs and educational outreach. Staffing and present logistical state concerning storage and physical resources is sufficient to sustain The Pantry at its current level of programming and engagement.

To allow for growth and sustainability, ASI management recommends the following steps be taken:

- 1. Expand outreach and educational efforts for The Pantry, including intentional marketing to the Housing and Residential Engagement community.**
- 2. Assess accessibility considerations for all pantry patrons.**
- 3. Promote The Pantry and Basic Needs services and resources to faculty members to share with students.**
- 4. Explore additional or improved storage solutions for food supplies.**