



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

A Resolution to Establish ASI Food Pantry

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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, ASI's mission is to provide students and campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a wide range of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, in March 2016, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes charged the CSUF Food and Housing Security Task Force with researching and developing innovative resources and services to combat food insecurity and housing displacement on the California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) campus;¹ and

WHEREAS, this task force established that their highest priority was the creation of an on-campus food pantry to serve students who face food insecurity and recommended that the proposed location be in a high traffic and easily accessible area to students;² and

WHEREAS, this task force recommended the food pantry be sufficiently staffed with properly trained employees and funded to ensure long-term sustainability;³ and

WHEREAS, it is pertinent to create an intake system where a student's need takes precedence over eligibility to normalize the use of services to aid in destigmatizing food insecurity;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office Study of Student Service Access and Basic Needs, April 2019, found that it is essential for higher education institutions to address food insecurity because insufficient or inadequate nutrition can greatly influence student wellness and academic achievement;⁵ and

¹ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1crmp_QdoT4C9ZaqISV738panamZEcc6X/view?usp=sharing

² <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qc1gZ39yB9blf9BahiBcKNg88QtADJHh/view?usp=sharing>

³ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VVFcwj00nFJ_GXqkDfVHqHtaE9DD6WtV/view?usp=sharing

⁴ Sarah E. Twill, Jacqueline Bergdahl & Rebecca Fensler (2016) Partnering to Build a Pantry: A University Campus Responds to Student Food Insecurity, *Journal of Poverty*, 20:3, 340-358

⁵ Cady, 2014; https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs/initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy_Phase_3.pdf

WHEREAS, the service area of CSUF is Orange County⁶ where 12.1% of residents (approximately 382,316⁷) in Orange County live in poverty and the cost of living is 91% higher than the national average⁸; and

WHEREAS, the level of food security of a student impacts grade point average (GPA) and students with high levels of food insecurity were found to have lower GPAs and were at a higher risk of diminished academic outcomes;⁹ and

WHEREAS, students who received Pell Grants reported higher rates of food insecurity than the CSU average and students that are Pell eligible accessed food pantries more often than those who were not;¹⁰ and

WHEREAS, 48% of the CSUF undergraduate population is Pell Grant eligible (approximately 16,750 students);¹¹ and

WHEREAS, CSUF Strategic Plan 2018-2023 goal *Commitment to a Transformational Titan Experience* has a strategy that states the university strives to “create, enhance, and communicate programs and policies to narrow gaps in basic student health and well-being”;¹² and

WHEREAS, Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services was opened in Spring 2018 to identify and serve students who are experiencing an unforeseen hardship, emergency, crisis, or catastrophic life event; and

WHEREAS, from August 2019-September 2019 the Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services provided 72 referrals where 60 were food related;¹³ and

WHEREAS, ASI passed: Resolution In Support of the Food Insecurities and Homelessness Task Force at California State University, Fullerton (2016)¹⁴, Resolution in Support of Food and Housing Security Emergency Fund (2017)¹⁵, and Resolution In Support of Tuffy’s Basic Needs Center (2018)¹⁶ demonstrating ASI’s long standing commitment advocating for supporting resources to aid students who face food insecurity and housing displacement; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor’s Office Study of Student Service Access and Basic Needs found that food pantries on campus are often a first response to address basic needs security, and

⁶ <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/Documents/CSULocalAdmission-ServiceAreas.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/orangecountycalifornia> (most recent numbers were from July 2018)

⁸ https://www.ocbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/CommIndicators_Report_091219-WEB.pdf

⁹ https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy_Phase_3.pdf

¹⁰ https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy_phaseII_withAccessibilityComments.pdf

¹¹ Dr. Tonantzin Oseguera, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (2019)

¹² http://planning.fullerton.edu/_resources/pdfs/SP-Revised-Draft-5-23.pdf

¹³ Carmen Curiel, Associate Dean of Students/ Case Services (2019)

¹⁴ <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/foodInsecuritiesAndHomelessnessTaskForce.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/resolutioninSupportofFoodandHousingSecurit-EmergencyFund.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/A-Resolution-in-Support-of-Tuffys-Basic-Needs-Center.pdf>

assist in providing adequate nutrition to students;¹⁷ and

WHEREAS, ASI partnered with Fullerton Grocery Outlet and launched a Mobile Food Pantry November of 2018, in Spring 2019 the pantry expanded frequency to twice a semester, and Fall 2019 the pantry expanded frequency to once a month; and

WHEREAS, ASI's Mobile Food Pantry for September 2019 received a total of 253 check-ins, with usage data reflecting utilization by all classes with graduate students and undergraduate juniors and seniors showing the most use;¹⁸ therefore let it be

RESOLVED, ASI shall continue its ongoing commitment to support students who face food insecurity by establishing a permanent food pantry; and let it be

RESOLVED, the implementation plan of *ASI Pantry* will be presented to the Board of Directors by the end of Spring 2020; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI Food Pantry exists solely to serve matriculated students at CSUF; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI commits space in the Titan Student Centers and ASI staff resources to manage ASI Food Pantry daily operations; and let it be

RESOLVED, that ASI Pantry location will be allocated through the Titan Student Centers (TSC) Board of Trustees, and its permanent placing should be located in a high traffic, visible, easily accessible, and ADA compliant area to follow the CSUF Food and Housing Security Task Force recommendations; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI Pantry shall be open at varies times with a goal to reach the maximum number of students; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI recommends CSUF Division of Student Affairs to collaborate with ASI to create comprehensive training for ASI Food Pantry employees; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI urges the CSUF Division of Student Affairs and the Division of University Advancement to assist in maintaining a sufficiently stocked pantry; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI President or designee shall collaborate with ongoing efforts of the Tuffy's Basic Needs Services to enhance the reach of their educational marketing campaigns that destigmatize food insecurity and other basic needs resources on campus, and together create a marketing campaign to increase the visibility of the food pantry; and let it be

RESOLVED, ASI President or designee shall collaborate with ongoing efforts of the CSUF Student Wellness Department to enhance the scope of their educational marketing campaigns on personal nutrition and nutritional programming on campus; and let it be

¹⁷ Cady, 2014; Goldrick-Rab, Cady, & Coca, 2018; https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/student-success/basic-needs-initiative/Documents/BasicNeedsStudy_Phase_3.pdf

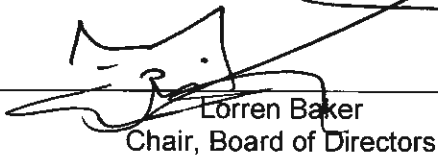
¹⁸ Student Life and Leadership Event Pass Data

RESOLVED, ASI will perform annual assessments of the pantry to assess fiscal stability, usage, and student satisfaction; and let it be

RESOLVED, that the results of these assessments and additional relevant updates will be presented to the Board of Directors annually by ASI President and ASI staff; therefore let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the CSU Chancellor's Office, California State Student Association, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President of University Advancement, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students, Tuffy's Basic Needs Center, the Office of Student Wellness, the Academic Senate, the CSUF Alumni Association, respective ASI departments and programs, and the Daily Titan.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the twelfth day of November, two thousand and nineteen.



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