

SFAC Winter Meeting #7
2/24/17 1:00PM-3:00PM
Student Services Center 400

Call to Order

Present: Andrew Thai, Crystal Inacay, Edward Lin, Ellen Kim, Tammy Tong, Masoud Jalali, Zaid Mansuri, John Laxa, Miranda Pan, Jason Jennings, Louie Cruz, Norienne Saign, Raian Kutubi

Absent: Emily Roxworthy, John Hughes, Astrea Villarroel-Sanchez, Liz Henry

Approval of Winter Quarter Meeting 6 Minutes

Motion by Masoud Jalali, Second by Edward Lin

Survey Discussion: Impact vs Value

- Impact:
 - serves a goal for the campus (don't worry about money)
 - how meaningful/ how it affects students' experience
 - how many people are impacted
 - should be flexible on this → just because it affects thousands of students doesn't mean it's the best way to go
 - affect few in a more meaningful way
 - Ask: Would it have a larger impact if it was used somewhere else?
- Value:
 - is this a good amount to spend per person/ bang per buck
- Example:
 - Art Power would be a large impact (affecting over 35% of students)
 - Greek life is a small impact

Triton Food Pantry Discussion

- Higher funding → more access to food/ higher quality food → attracts more students
 - dairy section in the future
 - more vegan-friendly
- Our food pantry has one of the largest traffic
 - Effective and point of pride that we have a resource on campus that is flourishing
→ But is it really a point of pride?
 - you don't want to be in that situation in the first place
 - are there any other ways we can help with food insecurity?
- Students shouldn't be paying for other students
 - But Triton Food Pantry is for all students
- GSA doesn't contribute at all right now → but a good number of grad students go to the food pantry
- Food on campus is expensive
 - (expensive for staff, let alone students)
- Pros of current food pantry: open space, students not judged for their economic status, helps eliminate food insecurity

- Alternative ideas:
 1. Reduced cost instead of free food
 - possible better long term solution
 - public schools have subsidized food
 - difficult for UCSD to do reduced market
 - we're very capitalized at UCSD → many private vendors, food places in price center pay rent
 - bring up to the chancellor
 2. Low-cost and non-profit
 - all food on campus besides food pantry are for profit
 3. Vetting
 - maybe not a good idea that anyone can access it
 - without vetting, someone who needs the food more may not get it
 - But by vetting → you kill traffic
 - Food pantry is brand new (only two years old) → not good idea to have vetting process
 - maybe later → if we have a spike in students with food insecurity
 - not enough data for food pantry
- Don't want students to become dependent on food pantry
 - But studies do not support the idea that there is mass dependency when there are food banks
- What can you get for ten points?
 - divided into half point, one point, two point, or three point
 - ten points can get you at least a meal
 - there's produce that doesn't count against your points (free healthy food)
- \$25,000 for meal vouchers → where/ how would these be used?
 - certain places that are aligned with food pantry may take vouchers

Meeting adjourned by Raian Kutubi, Second by Edward Lin

Adjournment

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