CHAPTER XXXIX
Food Security Committee

Section 1:

Purpose

A. The ASUCR Food Security Committee is a direct response to the need among the student population for more resources to address student’s lack of access to adequate nutrition. Rising costs, both academic and personal, have made it increasingly difficult for students to juggle the costs of living with the costs of obtaining a university degree, and thus many students are finding themselves choosing between essentials such as food and the costs of college. This committee has been established to help provide resources, such as the Food Pantry, with the goal of ensuring students successfully complete and obtain their degrees from the University of California.

Section 2:

Powers and Responsibilities

A. The Food Security Committee will act as an advocate and liaison between students and our partners for addressing food insecurity at UCR;
B. The Committee shall act as an advisor on all decisions affecting UCR’s Food Pantry and will actively work with University administration on managing the general operations thereof;
C. The Committee will also work towards expanding the sources of sustainable food donations from various organizations and/or institutions;
D. The Committee, in partnership with UCR’s Wellness Center, will be responsible for leading educational campaigns on the impact of hunger on the student community and the resources available to alleviate its effects;
E. The Committee will actively work towards attaining sustainable funding for food security efforts from UCR administration and/or the UC Regents;
F. The Committee will work with any and all relevant committees and organizations in areas of intersectional issues, including, but not limited to:
   a. ASUCR Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP)
   b. The UCR R’Garden
   c. Sustainable UCR
   d. UCR’s Office of Sustainability
   e. UC Global Food Initiative (GFI)
G. The Committee shall collaborate openly with UCR’s student body, both undergraduate and graduate, on devising new, or augmenting existing, initiatives to address and end student food insecurity;

Section 3:

Membership

A. The Food Security Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:
   a. Two (2) ASUCR Senators;
   b. One (1) representative from the following ASUCR committee(s):
      i. Green Campus Action Plan
   c. Five (5) members from the student body will be selected by the ASUCR Personnel Director after a review of their application
   d. One (1) member nominated from Sustainable UCR then appointed by the ASUCR Personnel Director;
   e. Two (2) members appointed from the ASUCR Diversity Council;
   f. The two (2) undergraduate UC Global Food Initiative (GFI) Fellowship recipients shall automatically be placed on the committee;

B. The process for appointing representatives to the Committee shall be as follows:
   a. The ASUCR Personnel Director shall appoint two (2) ASUCR Senators to the Committee and five (5) members at large from the campus community;
   b. The ASUCR Vice-President of Campus Internal Affairs shall appoint the one (1) GCAP representative upon being contacted by the ASUCR Personnel Director at the beginning of each Fall quarter of every academic year;
      i. These appointments shall be made within two (2) weeks of contact by the Personnel Director;
   c. These appointments shall be made within two (2) weeks of contact by the Personnel Director in order to assure that the Committee begins to meet promptly every year;

C. The term of office for each member of the Committee shall be three (3) consecutive quarters beginning Fall quarter every academic year;

Section 4:

Officers

A. The Committee shall have two (2) officers, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson, whose duties will be as follows:
   a. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs from the committee following the selection of its members;
b. The Chairperson shall be in charge of coordinating all meetings of the Committee, creating agendas for these meetings, presiding over these meetings to ensure that the agenda is being followed and the conversation remains orderly, and reporting all actions of the Committee to the ASUCR Senate;

c. The Chairperson shall delegate tasks and roles to committee members appropriately;

d. The Chairperson and their duties shall also be governed by the following provisions:
   i. The Committee shall, at minimum, meet every other week or as determined by the Committee;
   ii. The agenda for each meeting will be approved by a majority vote of all the members of the Committee before the meeting may proceed;
   iii. The Committee may vote to give the Chairperson any extra duties and powers as needed on the condition the Chairperson accepts those extra duties and powers;
   iv. The Chairperson shall only act as a voting member in cases where there is a tie;

e. The Vice-Chairperson shall be in charge of taking detailed minutes of each meeting of the Committee, sending these minutes to all members and relevant professional staff prior to the beginning of the following meeting;

f. Acting as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson, and helping the Chairperson with their duties as needed;

g. The Vice-Chairperson shall be a voting member except when acting as Chairperson.

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