



## Support for the USF Food Pantry

Resolution: 19-20-03

**Whereas:** the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, or ‘care for the entire person,’ includes the physical health of students; and

**Whereas:** the ability to acquire nutritionally sufficient foods is integral to the improvement of the entire person; and

**Whereas:** food insecurity, defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as “limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or the ability to acquire such foods in a socially acceptable manner,” poses a threat to the education and lives of students of the University of San Francisco, hereafter referred to as the University; and

**Whereas:** according to the 2018 GAO Report & 2018 Hunger on Campus Report, 30% of all college students are food insecure, and of these food-insecure students, only 43% have a meal plan; and

**Whereas:** recent studies consisting of discussions with students revealed that ‘... Bon Appetit pricing to be exorbitantly high and out of reach financially for many students’; and

**Whereas:** the University of San Francisco maintains a Food Pantry to serve those students of the University that may be food insecure; and

**Whereas:** this Food Pantry, according to a recent study on Student Food Insecurity at the University, was visited a total of 459 times in the 2018-2019 academic year; and

**Whereas:** an anonymous survey of Food Pantry users in the 2018-2019 school year carried out by the Dean of Students’ office yielded the following response:

*“I anticipate that it will be a challenge financially to support myself over the school year and I would like to take advantage of the availability of a food pantry for basic necessities, as long as others are also benefiting from the resource.”*

**Whereas:** the Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of visits in the Fall 2019 semester, which places strains on the current operating budget of the Food Pantry; and

**Whereas:** the Dean of Students Shannon Gary informed the ASUSF Senate of the total operating budget of the Food Pantry being about \$5,000 per year; and



**Whereas:** Dean Gary has stated his intention to expand the products offered by the Food Pantry to include personal hygiene products; and

**Whereas:** these additional products would incur more expenses that, at the moment, the Food Pantry cannot sustainably cover without decreasing funding for other more necessary food products;

**Be it resolved by the ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, in its role as the representatives of all the undergraduates of the University;** that the ASUSF Senate allocate, for the purpose of supporting the Food Pantry and all the students it serves, \$1,500 from the Senator Initiative Fund for Spring 2020, which shall be matched with an equal contribution from the Division of Student Life; and

**Resolved;** that this be funded by ASUSF Senate commencing at the next budget season for an amount and purpose deemed necessary and reasonable by the ASUSF Senate; and

**Resolved;** this account shall expire Spring 2022; and

**Resolved;** that these funds be allocated for the purpose of purchasing hygiene products including, but not limited to: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and menstrual products, as well as food which is essential to the health and wellness of students who use the Food Pantry.

**Submitted by:** John Iosefo, Junior Class Representative

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*Associate Vice Provost of Student Life & Dean of Students*

**ASUSF President:**

**Date:**

