Addressing Student Hunger: The UC Global Food Initiative & CalFresh Advocates New Visions, Policy, & Programs

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Overview

- Share the origins and impetus for establishing the Food Access and Security Committee of GFI
- Highlight ways in which our network of efforts across the UC are advancing efforts to address hunger and malnourishment
- Preview current next steps underway across all 10 campuses
Launched in summer 2014 with rapid response across all UCs

- Bringing together all 10 campuses and UC Divisions with over 20 committees working across operations, research, and public service
- Varying level of student services and support across UCs for food access and needs
- Current data demonstrates wide disparities ranging from 20.5% to 47.5% of students skipping meals (UCUES)
- Rising trends and concerns around broader student hunger and food insecurity (i.e., Hunger in America Report)
Current Efforts

- Conducted a preliminary needs assessment for all campuses
- Hosted an annual CA Wide Summit (CAHEFS)
- Developed an aspirational model for addressing food insecurity (CFDCs)
- Formalized leadership across all campuses to respond with funding from UCOP
- Implementation Plans being submitted over the next month for Phase II
Next Steps

- Revising the financial aid formula system wide
- Update and presentation with our UC Student Regent and advocate for food access, Sadia Saifuddin, to UC Regents May 21st
- Advancing better data collection and analysis (i.e., GFI, UCUES, Fin Aid)
- Implementation of Phase II June 2015-June 2016
- Supporting 2nd Annual CAHEFS next MLK weekend
- Ongoing work to build resilient and connected CFDCs across campuses and with community partners
- Mid term plan to formalize all structures and systems to address student hunger and food access by 2025
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