



Food Insecurity and Housing Work Group Update

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Introduction

- The board has received several comments from faculty and student leaders concerning student hunger and food insecurity and housing concerns.
- In response, the Chair Larry Penley has tasked the student regents with establishing a work group on student food and housing insecurity.

Definitions

- Food Insecurity - the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food, or the ability to acquire such food in a socially acceptable manner.
- Housing Insecurity - a broad set of challenges such as the inability to pay rent or utilities, or the need to move frequently

FIGURE 3. Food Insecurity Items Among Survey Respondents by Sector

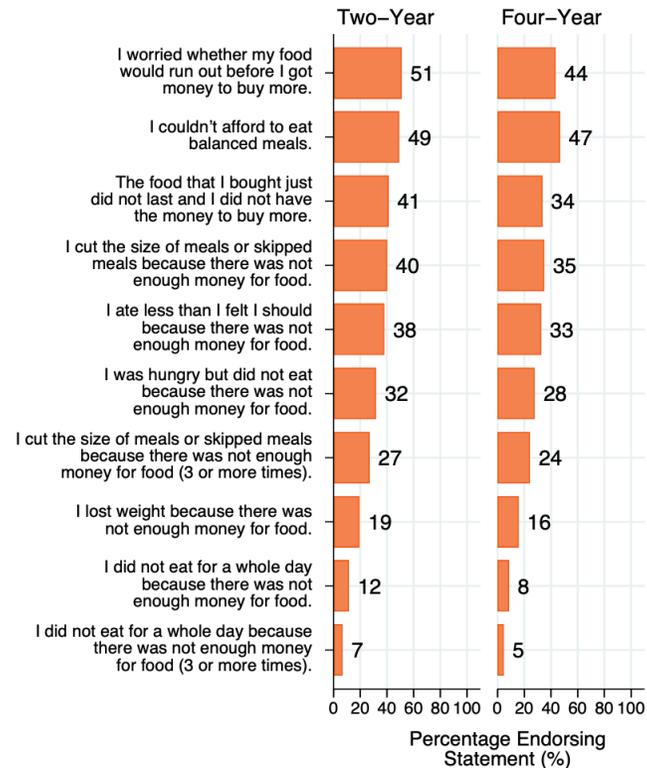
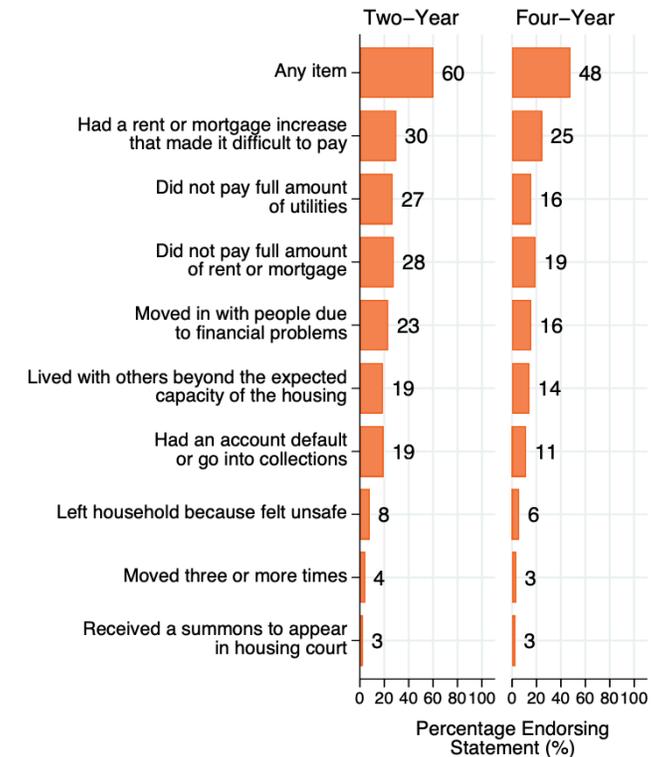
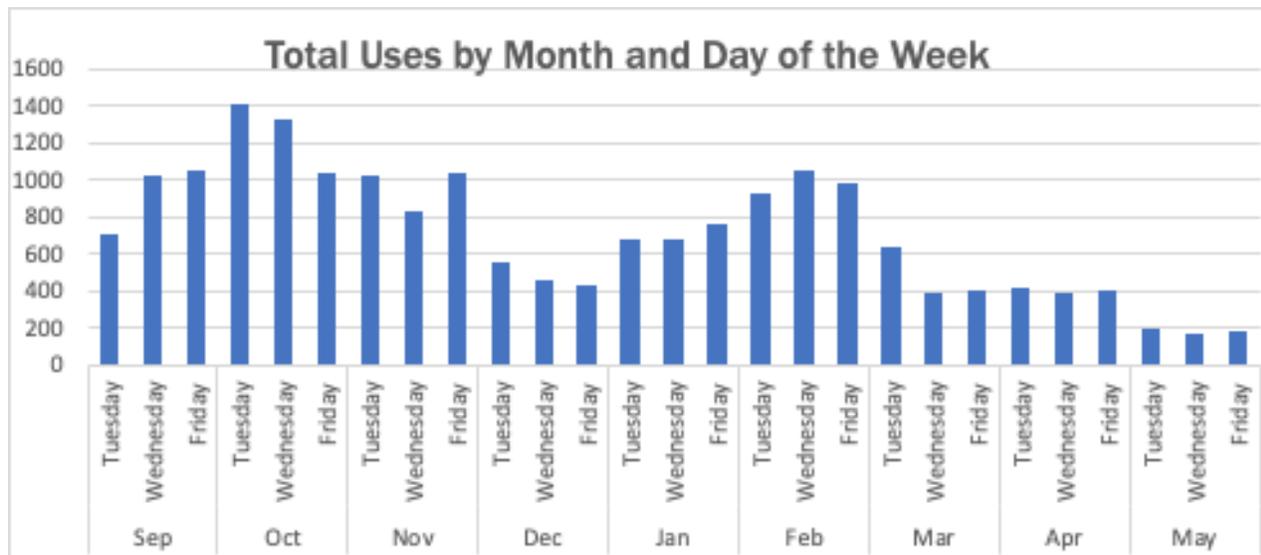
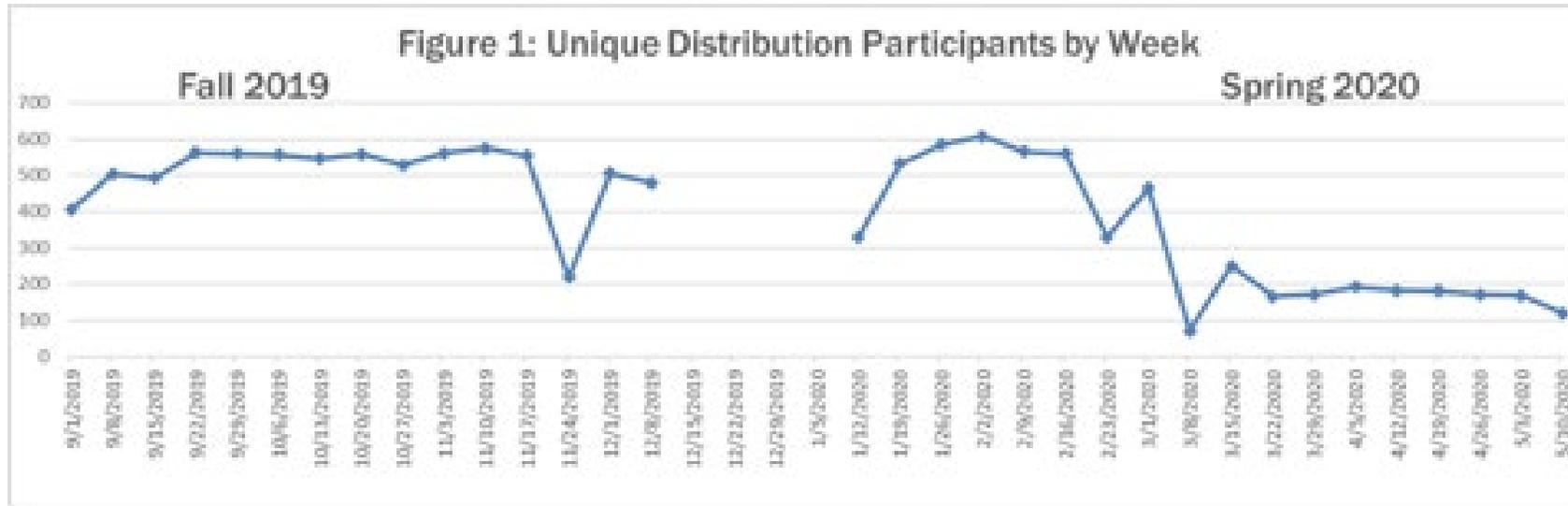


FIGURE 4. Housing Insecurity Among Survey Respondents by Sector



Food Insecurity- UA Campus Pantry



Unique users per semester:

Fall 2019: 1,911

Spring 2020: 1,838

Average visits per week:

Pre-COVID: 1,050

Current: 700

Food Insecurity- UA Campus Pantry

Undergraduate Students: 67%

Graduate Students: 33%

Female: 56%

Male: 44%

Pell- Grant/ Low SES: 50%

Live on Campus: 37%

First Generation: 42%

Honors: 16%

African American: 5%

Asian American: 7%

Native American: 2%

Hispanic: 23%

Pacific Islander: <1%

Two or more races: 4%

White: 24%

International: 33%

Unknown/Other: 2%

“Without the pantry, I would eat every two days” – Campus Pantry Client

Housing Insecurity

- Nationally (4-year university students)
 - 48% experience housing insecurity
 - 14 % experience homelessness

College & University Basic Needs Insecurity: A National #RealCollege Survey Report (April 2019)

https://hope4college.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/HOPE_realcollege_National_report_digital.pdf

- At the UA
 - 20% of undergrads often or always experience housing insecurity
 - 75 active participants in Fostering Success & growing

2016 Campus Climate Survey: <https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/UA-Campus-Climate-Booklet.pdf>



Fostering Success

- Peer Mentoring – mentors are former mentees
- Fall 2018 FTFT 89% retention rate (compared to 78% UA)
- Support through building networks, referrals, mental health access, community/belonging programming, crisis intervention, coordinator involvement
- We consistently have students referred year-round due to homelessness – we are the hub for students that are willing to connect with us.

“I would definitely not be in college and I probably wouldn’t be stably housed if it weren’t for Fostering Success. There was a time not long ago that I was contemplating eating my next meal out of a trash can and terrified of sleeping on the streets another night. And now I’m graduating in May 2021.”

–current Fostering Success student

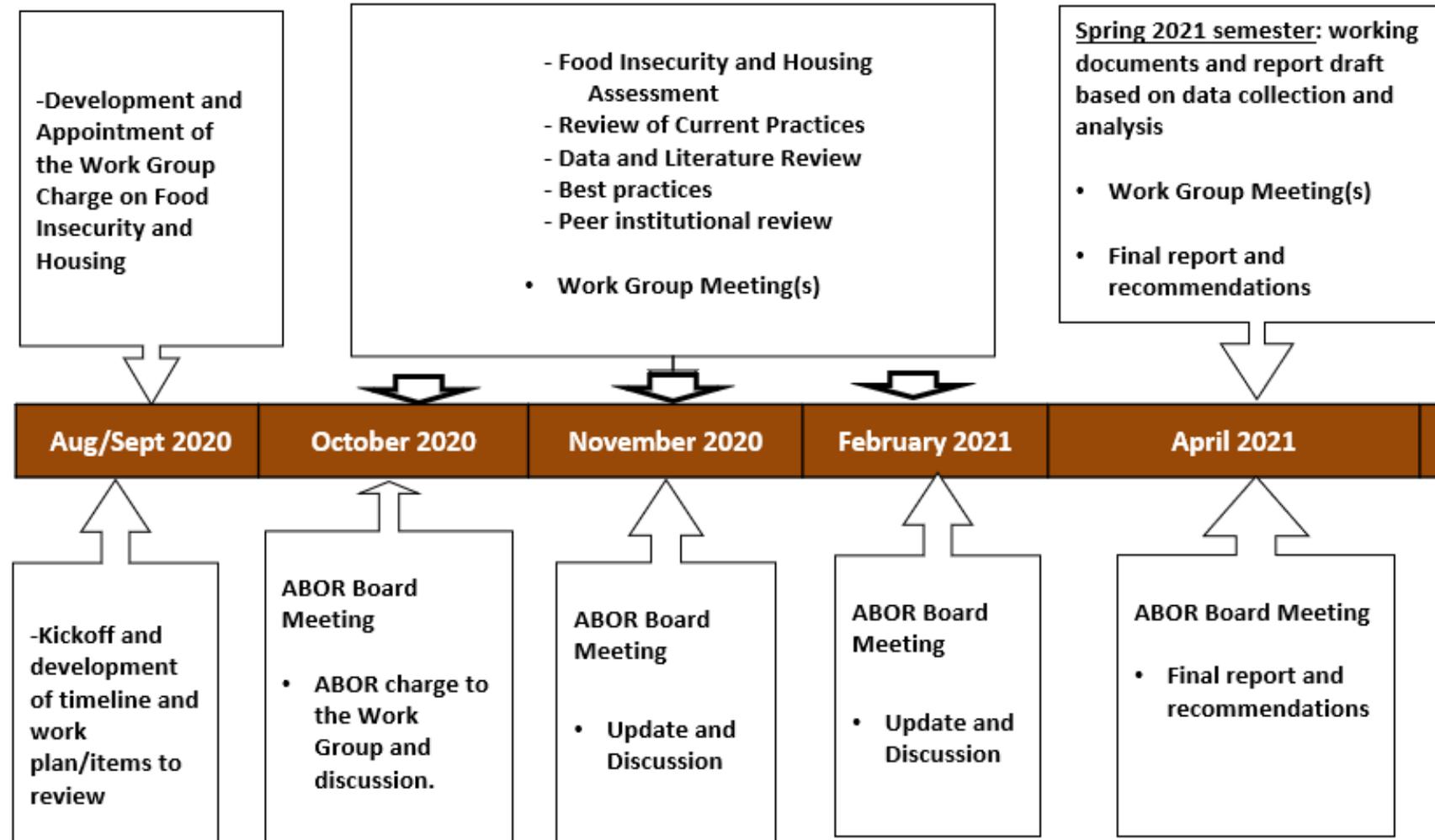


Workgroup's Direction

- Study And Assess The Scope Of Student Food Insecurity And Housing Needs
- Evaluate Existing Or Emerging Best Practices
- Gathering Possible Additional Student Data
- Develop Possible Guidance On Campus-based Policies
- Workgroup Membership

WORK GROUP ON FOOD INSECURITY AND HOUSING

TIMELINE: SEPTEMBER 2020 TO APRIL 2021





The Ask for the University of Arizona Senate

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Basic Need Coalition

- Getting the right individuals in the right room
- Collaboration vs. Competition
- Eliminating silos across campus
- Leveraging data and knowledge of best practices
- Not reinventing the wheel