

In Progress

Theme	Name	Dept.	BOLD Idea	Benefit to Fresno State
	Leslie Weiser	Counseling and Psychological Services/Student Health and Counseling Center	I heard Joe Castro mention that there is a committee working on this problem. This idea may already be out there, but I have wondered whether it might be possible to develop a collaborative effort between the entrepreneur/business program, the agriculture program, and possibly the social work program to develop a food co-op to feed our hungry students.	A collaborative effort would give students in the above programs an opportunity to use the food we produce on campus to create meals served through a food co-op, where students experiencing poverty can work or contribute to the university in exchange for receiving meals/food. This would give students in the various departments experience with operating a business and providing community service, and it would also offer our campus a holistic, start to finish project where we would see how programs integrate for greater social good.
	Jay Fowler	Technology Services	Wine labels. Imagine Fresno State wine paired with the best work of Fresno State student art work. How rewarding would it be for a student to say, "my art work is on a commercial product on local store shelves" at their next interview?	I would reason, that sales of Fresno State wine would increase with new art work incorporated on the wine labels, but more importantly, it would give the art program and its students something to be very proud of.
	Brian Beamer	Technology Services	Use "Safari Tech Books Online" for textbooks.	This can be used to save students money on purchasing textbooks, or to compliment textbooks. This website is the best source for video training/tutorials. All students have access.
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	Shareen Abramson	LEE	The After Meals Program is a strategy whereby food services--the Residence Dining Hall and on-campus concessions--would provide food to low income students. This program would offer one meal a day during an off hour period, usually late afternoon or evening. Students who qualify and meet certain requirements would be issued a card when they enroll at Fresno State. The card would be good for one semester and replaced each semester.	Students who are hungry are poor learners and often have this stress affect their ability to attend classes regularly. This would also benefit food services by reducing food waste and provide a charitable contribution to low-income university students.
	Hillary Jones	Communication	At my undergraduate alma mater, there's an annual event that involves the entire campus community, as well as the larger community. Groups all over campus (from the residence halls to fraternities/sororities to student and faculty clubs) compete, raising funds and gathering goods as part of a coordinated, sustained food drive. This drive culminates in a campus-wide event where the "Oval" (a prominent piazza on campus) is lined with canned goods. It helps to stock the larder of the area food bank for the year. In addition, this event generates significant press coverage and campus-wide involvement from students, faculty, and staff. You can see more details on their website, here: http://www.slice.colostate.edu/cans-around-the-oval.aspx Creating something similar at Fresno State (we would need to adapt it, of course) promises to help alleviate students' food insecurity, involve people and groups from the entire campus and community, and build a lasting tradition that can help our students to thrive by removing a significant barrier to their success.	By alleviating students' food insecurity with this type of event, we can support a culture of belonging (as Provost Zelezny puts it) in several ways. First, the proceeds help those students who face food insecurity directly, making it possible for them to stay in school. Second, it provides a safety net to all students, in case they do find themselves in this situation, so they do not leave school. Third, the event has the potential to bring all sorts of groups on campus together in the spirit of friendly competition. Fourth, this type of event is a wonderful way to connect students with the community, bolstering outreach. Fifth, the event itself has the potential to generate a lot of positive PR for the University. In short, this type of event can help with student food insecurity but also become a campus tradition (and that type of legacy event leads to long-term alumni engagement possibilities, as well).
	Jessica Medina & Kizzy Lopez	Dog Days/Student Affairs	I am very excited to learn that the proposal for the food insecurity initiatives has been approved and I look forward to seeing how these initiatives assist students in the near future. In addition to these proposal items, I would love to see the implementation of a "Student Resource Center." This resource center would house the student cupboard (food/hygiene pantry), Good Samaritan Fund, assist students with referrals to resources (CalFresh, SNAP, psychological services, housing opportunities, budgeting and meal planning, etc.), and provide a safe and comfortable place to come when they are in need. I see couches, microwaves, possibly a computer with printer, a bathroom where students might be able to clean up a little, possibly a clothing closet for those in need and more. I would love for the Resource Center to have a connection with our on campus housing and possibly housing near by where students who are homeless could have a temporary place to stay. I see a lot of collaboration with the entire campus to create this resource center and let students know it is available.	When students aren't able to focus on studies because they're focused on the problems they're facing in real life (food insecurity, homelessness, loss of a job, catastrophic events), Fresno State faculty and staff cannot do their job of helping students be successful and graduate. A resource center like this would be a place where students would have a safe place to get some of the help they need, or at least access to resources that will help them to be successful. When students are struggling, the last thing they want to do is run around asking different offices and people for help. Being able to go to one office where all of these resources keeps the process easy for students and gets them back on their feet quicker.