

ENVISIONING A PHYSICAL FOOD HUB AT UBCO

Supporting food security at UBCO



As reported by the 2019 UBCO Undergraduate Experience Survey:

42% OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCE HOUSEHOLD FOOD INSECURITY

Household Food Insecurity indicates the lack of sufficient quantity of nutritiously adequate food due to low income.



WE'VE DONE THE RESEARCH

- A cross-Canada environmental scan of 25 food security initiatives
- 22 consultation sessions with 109 UBCO staff, faculty, and students
- Literature review
- VOICE 5 Research Project



A PHYSICAL FOOD HUB IS...

A thriving **community space** with programs, services, and opportunities that increase health and wellbeing through the provision of **healthy affordable food**, food and finance skills, and social connection all within a **sustainable, inclusive, equitable** framework.

A food hub within a university setting prioritizes **research, advocacy, and policy** work involving faculty, staff, and students.

"THE PHYSICAL FOOD HUB IS A TRUE COMMUNITY SPACE WITH A MULTIFACETED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY. COMMUNITY IS CENTRAL."

-UBCO Equity & Inclusion Office



UBCO WANTS TO SEE A PHYSICAL FOOD HUB ON CAMPUS

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WANT TO BE INVOLVED.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE DERIVED FROM RESEARCH AND CONSULTATIONS:

FUNDING

Funding for the Physical Food Hub may be supported through:

- Student Union Fee Levy
- University Funding
- Alumni and Private Donors
- Grants



GOVERNANCE

UBCO Consultations revealed support for the physical food hub to be housed within the **Associate Vice President Students portfolio**, with university-employed **staff**. An advisory board was also recommended.

There was strong support for **student employment**, student **volunteers**, & peer mentors.

VALUES

The UBCO community is committed to:

- Reconciliation
- Inclusion
- Equity
- Accessibility
- Wellbeing
- Sustainability

PHYSICAL SPACE

- **Indoor Component:** kitchens, seating area, open concept, accessible.
- **Outdoor Component:** gardens, farm, rooftop farm, edible landscaping.
- **Potential locations:** UNC, new buildings, new downtown campus

PRIORITY AREAS DISCUSSED IN CONSULTATION SESSIONS:

- Funding
- Food Procurement
- Governance
- Physical Space
- Internal Partnerships
- External Partnerships
- Programs and Services
- Student Involvement
- Faculty Involvement
- Decolonization
- Inclusion
- Equity
- Accessibility
- Sustainability
- Advocacy

RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVING FORWARD:

- 1) Form a **multi-stakeholder committee** for planning and development of the physical food hub.
- 2) Committee determines **high level governance** structure, funding, and physical space.
- 3) University administration and planning must **prioritize construction** of the physical food hub. They must allocate outdoor space to the physical food hub.



For more information, please visit our website:

<http://campushealth.ok.ubc.ca/voice-action-groups/food-and-water/>