

## **Resources and Environment Committee**

**Meeting: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

On Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Faculty Senate Resources and Environment Committee invited Dana Petre and Ameen Ahmad to speak with the committee about the present location of the Food Pantry.

The new location of the Food Panty is located in the Honors Village. There was a concern that this location might be too open and not discrete enough, and that it might humiliate, embarrass, or shame individuals who go there to pick up food. All committee members expressed strong support for this operation that serves some of our most vulnerable students, colleagues and friends.

Dana Petre and Ameen Ahmad responded that that both the location of the pantry and how the pantry was to be used were taken into consideration before the relocation took place. They stated that the new facility has useful refrigeration and freezer equipment. And they stated that they hoped to “normalize” the use of the Pantry, and thereby reduce any stigmatization. They also informed the committee that, since relocation, food donations have gone up and use has increased:

### **Food donated:**

13,993 lbs in 2017

25,554 lbs in 2018

50,193 lbs in 2019

80,747 lbs. in 2020

### **Total number of visits:**

1,184 in 2017

1,913 in 2018

3,904 in 2019

8,274 in 2020

### **Number of students served:**

632 in 2017

1,071 in 2018

2,221 in 2019

5,773 in 2020

### **Number of faculty served:**

552 in 2017

841 in 2018

1,683 in 2019

2,259 in 2020

The representatives from the Food Pantry shared that they are appreciative of Faculty Senates support and stated that the Feed-the-Pack website lists the most currently needed items. This list is updated weekly.