

Generated Outcomes/Solutions

Summit on Student Homelessness June 14, 2019

Highest-rated recommendations compiled from the lists generated by the working groups.

- Items in **red** are the highest ranked items from brainstorming sessions.
- Items in **blue** were generated by the broader conversation on the ranked items.

Short Term Solutions

1. 24-hour study area open to students
2. Not towing or ticketing students sleeping in their cars overnight
 - a. RV lot/camping/parking for vehicle dwelling students
 - b. Utilize existing solar panels to power students' devices, provide heat, etc
3. Market big companies for help with funding, and any other assistance they can provide
4. Increase marketing for existing services to make them more available to students
 - a. Use app to assess student needs (Cisco aided "Footsie" app) designed to let students know about available resources
5. Have CalFresh/EBT Cards accepted by on-campus dining services (currently in progress)
6. Include and advertise services on all faculty syllabi
7. Professional Development Training for Faculty, educating them on homelessness and how to support homeless students
8. Redesign a portion of the college's website to include links to resources
9. Collaborate with local charities for any possible support
10. On-campus laundry facilities
11. Create an LGBTQ safe space on campus
 - a. Promote awareness of issues faced by and outreach to the LGBTQ community
12. Centralized homelessness services to prevent students from needing to search on their own
13. Create a Homeless Liaison; a staff position to help direct students to services
14. Work with county shelters to save a portion of their beds specifically for students
15. Open gymnasium for overnight shelter, especially in extreme weather
16. Use any vacant space to house students, having bunks with work study positions for students to provide supervision
17. Place students in local housing, sharing housing with Los Altos/Los Altos Hills residents
 - a. Consider the Host Family Model for homeless students
18. Continue to expand the college's Food Pantry
19. Ensure Veterans Resource Center has well-established pathways to homelessness resource
20. Connect faculty, especially part-time, with the resources, as part-time faculty are often housing-insecure

Long Term Solutions

- 1) **Build student housing through bonds, taxes, city and county approval**
 - a. Fundraising events for housing funds
 - b. Fundraising from nonprofits; let them hear from the students
 - c. Decide whether housing will be student housing or transitional housing, as we offer 2 year degrees
 - d. Look at other community colleges with dorms for examples (Reedley, Shasta, Sierra College)
 - e. Decide if housing would be only need based
 - f. Joe Simitian may be able to help with zoning for housing
 - g. Consider what we are willing to do when we get negative community feedback
- 2) **Destigmatize homelessness, through marketing and other events**
 - a. Foothill College mind shift; make housing part of our initial inquiry with new students
- 3) **Build employer/landlord relationships with the college, provide incentives for renting to students**
 - a. Mailers to the surrounding communities to promote housing students
 - b. Build partnerships with local companies for mutual benefits
- 4) **Build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in nearby cities**
- 5) **Fine landlords for having vacant buildings**
- 6) **Expand Financial Aid**
 - a. Support Senate Bill 291
 - b. Expand EOPS
- 7) **Include homeless community college students in housing provide by County Measure A**
 - a. Pitch to Santa Clara County for students to live in Measure A units
- 8) **Working with other community colleges to allow easier moves for community college students at all campuses**
- 9) **Day care for student parents**
 - a. Create an on-campus child care center
- 10) **Form a Bay Area Housing consortium**
- 11) **Talk with other colleges who are working on the issue of homelessness**
- 12) **Fundamentally rethinking what a community college is, and who they serve**