

**State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland Faculty Senate
November 7, 2017**

Resolution to Endorse a Food Pantry to Support Student Success at SUNY Cortland

WHEREAS, food insecurity is a growing issue in the United States, and SUNY Cortland is no exception. The average cost of a meal in Cortland County is \$2.87,¹ leaving many students to go hungry. A campus food pantry would help alleviate food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, “food insecurity is a problem even for students who are employed, participate in a campus meal plan, or seek other financial or material help.”² In the largest study of food insecurity conducted to date, it was found that 56% of food insecure students reported having a paying job, 38% worked 20 hours or more per week, 43% of meal plan enrollees still experienced food insecurity, and three in four food insecure students receive financial aid;² and

WHEREAS, implementation of campus food pantries is a rapidly growing solution to the problem. Many SUNY institutions have taken similar steps on their campuses to reduce the student hunger issues, including: SUNY Oswego, SUNY Adirondack, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Albany, SUNY ESF, and SUNY Potsdam; and

Be it resolved that the SUNY Cortland Faculty Senate acknowledges that food insecurity is an issue among SUNY Cortland students and endorses the creation of a food pantry to support these students.

1. Feeding America. (n.d.). Food Insecurity in Cortland County. Retrieved from <http://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2015/overall/new-york/county/cortland>.

2. Goldrick-Rab, S., Broton, K., & Eisenberg, D. (2015). Hungry to learn: Addressing food and housing insecurity among undergraduates. Wisconsin Hope Lab. Retrieved from http://wihopelab.com/publications/Wisconsin_HOPE_Lab_Hungry_To_Learn.pdf