Just In Time Mobile Food Pantry 2016-17 Summary

SJSU’s Economic Crisis Response Team launched a monthly Just In Time mobile food pantry in October 2016 in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and the Student Union. Second Harvest provides and delivers the food including fresh produce, dairy products, dry goods and chicken to the Event Center. SJSU, in collaboration with the Student Union, is responsible for distributing the food, marketing the program, training volunteers, and cleaning up the facility after the event. The mobile food pantry is staffed by volunteers including faculty, staff, students and community members. Eligibility is based on self-report of students who indicate that their annual income is below $23,000 based on Second Harvest policies. As students check in to receive their food, we confirm they are currently enrolled students by scanning their Tower cards. Here are highlights from the 2016-2017 academic year.

- A total of eight mobile food pantries were held during 2016-17 starting in October 2016 and ending in May 2017.
- We distributed over 200,000 pounds of food in 2016-17 including 80,000 pounds of fresh produce.
- We served 2245 unique students at the eight mobile food pantries.
- We served a total of 4190 students at the eight mobile food pantries so averaged 524 students at each mobile food pantry.
- Based on the household information submitted by students receiving food, 478 children under 18, 86 senior citizens and 6076 adults were fed from food distributed at the mobile food pantries.
- The pantries were staffed by 243 unique volunteers, many of whom volunteered at multiple pantries.
- Approximately 2/3 of our attendees each month are students who have received food at an earlier mobile food pantry
- California residents represent approximately 67% of our participants each month while International students represent approximately 30% and out-of-state students represent 3%.
- On average, 20% of students participating in Just In Time are taking more than 15 units.
- Undergraduate students represent approximately 75% of our participants while graduate students represent approximately 25%
- College of Engineering is the college with the highest number of students participating in Just In Time