



# Foundations for Campus Food Policy Council

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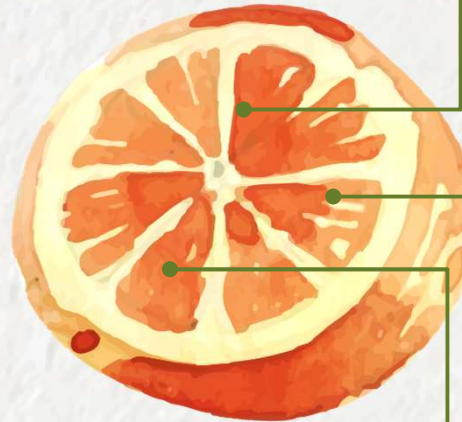
# Background

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Different UBC initiatives exist which aim to help the campus achieve a healthier food system

Many express interest in strategic alignment to further strengthen the collective work on campus

## Campus-Wide Coalition



### Food Security Initiative

Formulates interventions aimed at decreasing food insecurity on campus

### Food and Nutrition Committee

Increases awareness and facilitates action towards creating a more nutritionally sound campus.

### Food Systems Project

Focuses its actions towards increasing the sustainability of UBC's food system

# Project objectives

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**#1**

To conduct an environmental scan of food policy councils across jurisdictions



**#2**

To review best practice approaches to food policy council systems and governance

**#3**

To complete key informant interviews for feedback and insight to inform work in developing a campus-wide food policy council





# METHODS

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## 1. Literature Review:

Books, peer reviewed journal articles, thesis and food policy council websites and terms of reference

## 2. Environmental Scan:

John Hopkins University directory and an internet search to identify existing food policy councils

## 3. Interviews:

A mix of email, telephone and video conference interviews using the Zoom app

# Results

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## Environmental Scan

### Structure

- i. No staff or only one part-time person – mainly volunteer support
- ii. Lack representation from food processing and waste management sectors
- iii. Exclude people that are negatively influenced by food system inequality

### Function

- i. Influence policy
- ii. Launch or support programs
- iii. Educate on sustainability and food systems

### Priorities

- i. Top priorities include: networking, member recruitment, research and fundraising
- ii. Location and age-dependent:



# Results

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## Best Practice Approaches

#1

BACKGROUND WORK

#2

STAFF SUPPORT

#3

EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS

#4

ROLE DELINEATION

#5

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

#6

INCENTIVES

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GOVERNMENT  
INTEGRATION

#8

“CHAMPIONS”

#9

MEMBER DIVERSITY





# Results

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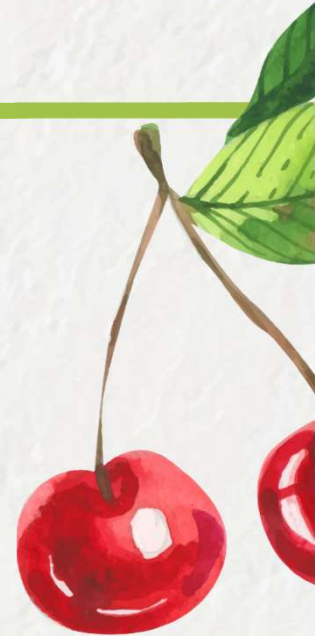
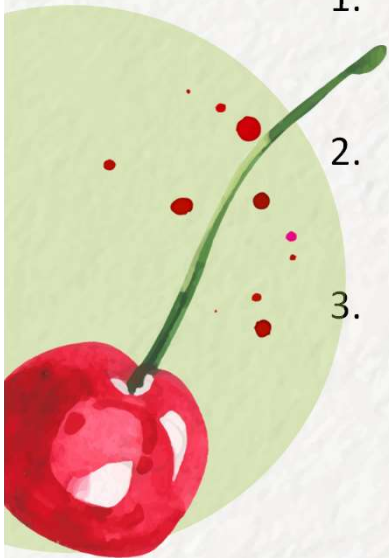
## Interviews

### Council Members Outside of UBC

1. Continuous evaluation of past and current actions
2. Notifying community members that their voice is being heard
3. Clarify member roles from the very beginning

### UBC Staff

1. Solving food-systems issues through a process-oriented approach
2. Formation of a guiding document
3. Involving individuals who do not play a direct role in food system in discussions



# Recommendations

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## **Short Term:**

1. Completing background work prior to establishment
2. Creating a guidance document and clarifying roles
3. Recruiting staff & external consultants
4. Appointing strong Leader (s)

## **Long Term:**

1. Scheduling time for evaluation
2. Communicating action plan with community members
3. Introducing educational incentives





Any  
Questions or  
Feedback?

