

CTU FOOD SECURITY, HUNGER, AND NOURISHMENT POLICY

The Cebu Technological University (CTU), as among the leading Philippine higher educational institutions, shall promote the advancement of food security and reduction of hunger. In recognition of the importance of food as an element of sustainable development, CTU shall endeavor to implement relevant programs and degrees, including agriculture, forestry, veterinary medicine, and fisheries, that would advance food production and nutrition. It shall extend support to rural development, especially those relevant to agriculture. Ultimately, CTU will contribute to ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Article I. General Provision

Section 1. Title. This document shall be known and cited as "**CTU Food Security, Hunger and Nourishment Policy.**"

Section 2. Definition of Terms. The following terms shall mean and be understood as indicated:

- a. "Campus food waste" is the food waste per person on the campus. Total food waste is discarded or lost uneaten by all catering services on campus in a given year.
- b. "Campus population" include all people who are regularly resident or working on campus, including employees, academics, and students. It may also include families of employees, staff, or students where they live on campus. It does not include campus visitors, summer school population, and remote students/staff.
- c. "Food security" is a state "when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life".
- d. "Food insecurity" is a state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.
- e. "Employee" is a person who is hired for a wage, salary, fee, or payment to perform work for an employer. It includes academic and non-academic workers and staff. This does not include short-term consultants.
- f. "Student" include will be undergraduate and postgraduate students who are studying for higher education programs, including bachelor's, master's, doctoral or other equivalent degrees or components of those programs. It does not include exchange students who are currently studying at another institution, who are not currently studying for credits at your institution, students who are not currently active and postdoctoral students.
- g. "Healthy food choice" provides the body with essential nutrition: fluid, macronutrients, micronutrients, and adequate calories.
- h. "Sustainable food choices" refer to food from trusted sources, environmentally sustainable management of the land and natural environment, minimized or no exposure to manufactured herbicides or artificial fertilizers, no or low level of pesticides, protection of the diversity of both plants and animals, and the welfare of farmed and wild species, avoidance of damaging or wasting natural resources or contributing to climate change, contributions to thriving local economies and sustainable livelihoods, and establishment of trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency, and respect.
 - a. "Aquaculture" or aquafarming is farming in water, which involves the rearing of aquatic animals or the cultivation of aquatic plants for food.
 - b. "National hunger" is defined as a severe lack of food that causes suffering or death, capturing the concept of food security.

Article II. Coverage

Section 1. The policy applies to all CTU officials, faculty, staff, and students of CTU.

Article III. University food and food wastage reduction programs

Section 1. CTU shall ensure to avoid food insecurity, and that food stalls, outlets, stores, or canteen offering sustainable and healthy food choices are established in each campus. These establishments shall provide records on the menu of healthy food choices offered to students, including vegan and vegetarian food.

Section 2. CTU shall provide food, whenever necessary, to students and staff as the conditions may warrant in the case of disaster or calamity.

Section 3. Prices of food products offered in the University shall be monitored and regulated to ensure affordability to faculty and students.

Section 4. CTU shall continue to create and implement programs that will address and reduce food wastage in the University.

Section 5. Each campus shall submit to the Office of the University President or a designated office the on-campus food waste tracking information. This entails measuring the amount of food waste generated from food served within the University and the total food waste discarded or lost uneaten by all catering services on campus within the year, and subsequent computation of average food waste per person in the campus. If food provision is outsourced, it shall be indicated that the relevant contracts will require the organization or companies to measure and report on the amount of food waste.

Section 6. If there is excess food during events and activities, this shall be donated if deemed viable for human consumption. This donation shall be well documented and submitted to the University.

Article IV. Program offerings, activities, and facilities related to food production

Section 1. CTU shall have program offerings related to food production, including agriculture, veterinary medicine, food technology, fisheries, and aquaculture in its select campuses. It shall encourage the creation of programs that will advance food production.

Section 2. CTU shall consider food sustainability in the identified programs in section 1, including sustainable farming practices, animal welfare, low environmental impact, protecting public health, good employment practices, and fair working conditions.

Section 3. CTU shall establish food innovation facilities and/or centers to promote food technology and development.

Section 4. CTU shall contribute to the alleviation of national hunger through the conduct of the following activities:

- a. Provision of access to food security and sustainable agriculture and aquaculture knowledge, skills, or technology to local farmers and food producers.
- b. Conduct events for local farmers, food producers, and the industry to connect and transfer knowledge.
- c. Provision of access to university facilities (e.g. labs, technology, plant stocks) to local farmers and food producers to improve sustainable farming practices.
- d. Prioritizing purchase of products from local, sustainable sources.

Section 5. The conduct of collaboration activities with farmers shall be coordinated with relevant CTU offices, including the Concerned college or units offering the relevant degree or program, University and Campus Research and Extension Offices, Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office (KTTO), University Technology Business and Incubation Development Office, University Resource Generation Office, University Shared Facilities Office, and Food Innovation Facilities and Centers.

Article V. Research on Food Security and Hunger

Section 1. CTU shall encourage research activities that will contribute to food security and the elimination of hunger.

Section 2. CTU shall allocate annual budget and resources for research activities on food security and elimination of hunger, with priorities on communities surrounding the different CTU campuses.

Section 3. Outputs from research on food security and elimination of hunger shall be converted into scientific papers for proper dissemination to relevant agencies, researchers, and interested institutions.

Article VI. Offenses and Corresponding Sanctions

Section 1. Violations of this policy may result in the imposition of sanctions as determined by the appropriate CTU officials.

Article VII. Final Provisions

Section 1. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part of this policy shall be held invalid, other sections thereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 2. Effectivity. This CTU policy shall take effect immediately as approved by appropriate authorities of CTU.