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To: Assembly Chief Clerk
Senate Chief Clerk

From: Ray Cross

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Re: Grants to meet emergency financial need

As required by s. 36.66 (6)(b), *Wis. Stats.*, please find attached a summary of grants distributed during the 2018-19 academic year to meet emergency financial needs of students at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Colleges campuses.

In 2018-19, 99 students were awarded 102 emergency grants, totaling \$47,440. Students used these grants to pay unanticipated costs, such as automobile repairs and medical costs, and to address other financial emergencies. UW Colleges denied 50 grant applications over this two-year period. Of the 99 students who received grants in 2018-19, 12 students completed their degree or credential.

On July 1, 2018, each of the 13 UW Colleges institutions officially became a branch campus to a four-year UW institution. Because of the restructuring, the UW System is not able to readily determine if students receiving 2018-19 emergency grants subsequently transferred to another postsecondary institution. The UW System will ensure this information is available for the 2019-20 report.

cc: Board of Regents