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DATE: July 12, 2021

TO: Edward A. Blazel, Assembly Chief Clerk
Michael J. Queensland, Senate Chief Clerk

FROM: Tommy G. Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy G. Thompson".

RE: Grants to Meet Emergency Financial Needs

As required by s. 36.66(6)(b), Wis. Stats., please find attached a summary of grants distributed during the 2020-21 academic year to meet emergency financial needs of students at the former University of Wisconsin (UW) Colleges campuses. By providing this report after the statutory June 30 deadline, UW-System has provided a complete fiscal report. As of July 1, 2018, each UW Colleges campus officially became a branch campus to a four-year UW institution (UW-Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Platteville, Stevens Point or Whitewater).

The grants to meet emergency financial needs are provided to eligible students, as defined by having an expected family contribution (EFC) of less than \$5,000. Grants cannot exceed more than \$500 and a student is allowed a maximum of two grants per academic year.

In 2020-21, UW branch campus students were awarded 131 emergency grants, totaling \$58,923. Students used these grants to address unmet needs resulting from COVID-19 and pay unanticipated costs, such as vehicle repairs and medical costs. Of the students who received these grants, 24 students completed their degree or credential, 31 transferred to another postsecondary institution, and 15 withdrew without completing their degree. The status of the remaining students is unknown as UW branch campuses await enrollments for the new academic year this fall. Of the 112 requests that were denied, 20 were denied because they did not meet the EFC requirements and 45 were denied because the student attended a main campus, not a branch campus.

If you have additional questions, please contact Julie Gordon, UW-System Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, jgordon@uwsa.edu.

Enclosure

University of Wisconsin System

Emergency Grant Program Year End Report

Academic Year 2020-2021

Reporting requirement per 36.66 of Wisconsin state statute

1. Number of grants awarded	131
2. Number of grants denied	112
3. Number of individual students receiving grants	124
4. Total grant money awarded	\$ 58,922.56
5. The total amount of grant money available but not awarded	\$ 71,077.44
6. The number of students who received a grant and completed their degree or credential	24
7. The number of students who received a grant and transferred to another postsecondary institution	31
8. The number of students who received a grant and did not complete the term in which the grant was awarded	15

9. The types of expenses student received grants for

Car repair	33
Loss due to theft/fire	4
Travel for family emergency	4
Other financial emergency	22
Unexpected medical/dental issue	17
COVID-19	51
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