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UC COVID-19 Briefing Series: The Education Stabilization Fund

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UC-Wide Context

- Coronavirus impacts hit mid-semester / end of quarter
- Myriad decisions being made by each campus
 - Housing & meal rebates for students returning home
 - Changing financial aid packages, especially at quarter schools
 - Coordination between financial aid and basic needs funding
- Delayed ED guidance made advising campuses difficult
- Office of the President issued guidance with flexibility, but also followed up by frequent check-ins

UCOP Guidance on CARES Act Funding

- Principles:
 - Efficient delivery, prioritizing spring term
 - Equity, prioritizing the needs of vulnerable populations
 - Beyond traditional aid, i.e., above cost of attendance
- Encouraged consultation with key constituents
- Despite flexibility, similar results
- Providing equivalent support to CA Dream Act students
- UC Held Student Loan Relief



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UCSB CARES Act – HEERF

- \$12,602,098 allocation
 - Undergraduate students \$11,165,459
 - Graduate students \$1,436,639
- All undergraduates with demonstrated financial need on their FAFSA received an award
 - 11,339 students awarded
 - Three-tier awarding: \$1,100, \$875, \$650
 - Most vulnerable populations received an additional \$600
- Graduate students with a submitted FAFSA received a \$650 award
 - 1,204 students awarded

Challenges

- Clear and Timely Guidance
 - Title IV Eligible, however not required to file a FAFSA
 - Return to Title IV?
 - Taxable income?
- Summer and 2020-2021 Aid Year
 - 95% of allocation has been exhausted
 - 100% of allocation will be exhausted by the end of current term
 - Expected Family Contribution Appeals



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UC Merced – Award Priorities

Undergraduate Students - Spring 2020 (ended May 15)		
Special Populations	Foster Youth & Students w/Dependent Children	\$ 1,500
Pell Grant Eligible	EFC of \$0 to \$5,576	\$ 1,250
Grant Recipients	EFC > \$5,577 & Grant Recipient	\$ 1,000
Not Grant Eligible	All other students	\$ 750
Undergraduate Students - Summer 2020 (begins May 26)		
Special Populations	Foster Youth & Students w/Dependent Children	\$ 1,000
Pell Grant Eligible	EFC of \$0 to \$5,576	\$ 750
Grant Recipients	EFC > \$5,577 & Grant Recipient	\$ 500
Not Grant Eligible	All other students	\$ 250
Graduate Students - Spring & Summer 2020		
	Students w/ Dependent Children who have financial need	\$ 1,250
	Other students with Financial Need	\$ 1,000
	Students with no Financial Need	\$ 750

Challenges

- \$11M in campus revenue losses as of April.
- We expect a high volume of student aid appeals for fall due to loss of household income.
- Difficulty in providing similar institutional awards to Dream students.
- Developing an award was extremely challenging primarily due to the piecemealed and changing guidance from ED.

We appreciate your support for our students and of our campus to continue our mission of teaching, research and public service for our region and beyond.



Patrick Register

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UCSC CARES Act / HEERF Funding

- \$9,663,601 allocated for Emergency Financial Aid Grants, with an estimated eligible population of 12,721 students. As of May 8, there were 9,921 students awarded and \$8.1M disbursed
- Funding priorities were determined in consultation with campus leadership, including undergraduate and graduate student groups, with the priorities of disbursing the funds quickly and to those students with the most need.
- 826 Graduate students were awarded \$800 each, with eligibility determined by FAFSA filing from current and previous years
- 9,095 Undergraduate students (grants/loans in current year) were awarded from \$500-\$1,400, with awards determined by intersecting identities (Pell eligible, Independent status, housing impacted)
- Remaining funding will be awarded in Summer (5 weeks from now)

Challenges

- Conflicting language in the CARES Act vs. subsequent guidance
- Concerns regarding continued updated requirements after funding has already been communicated and disbursed to students
- All students have been impacted, and we have heard from grateful students and families. But the most significant impacts may be in the approaching Fall term.
- We are beginning to receive early appeals due to the economic impact not being reflected in current financial aid applications. At this stage, it is difficult to adjust FAFSA data based upon only 2 months of financials and the estimated loss of income remaining uncertain.



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UC Campuses Face Similar Challenges

Estimated Costs in First 2 Months (March/April)

• Lost revenue—particularly housing and dining	\$392.5
• Conversion to remote instruction	\$14.3
• Facilities and cleaning costs	\$5.2
• Emergency services at student health clinics	<u>\$3.4</u>
Total:	\$415.4

**All figures are in millions. Excludes UC medical centers.*

Guidance to campuses focuses on principles, not specific mandates

- **Accessibility:** Plans should focus on helping students make progress towards graduation and enabling campuses to resume services as appropriate
- **Transparency:** Plans should be made available to the campus community
- **Accountability:** Campus budget offices must comply with all existing and forthcoming regulations and requirements
- **Consultation:** Campus leadership should consult with other key stakeholders, including Associated Students of UC, as they develop their plans
- **Supporting Off-Campus Programs:** Campus plans may include support for off-campus programs, including the Education Abroad Program, UCDC, and UC Sacramento

Question and Answer Session

- If you have a question, please chat “Carl (Questions)” with your name, affiliation, the panelist you are addressing, and your question.
- Our education director, Crystal Martinez, will share your question.



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