

Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our nation at all levels. While much of the response has focused on health and safety, the country's financial welfare is an integral element of the second federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), passed by Congress in December and recently awarded to CSUSB.

This second Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund has made available financial resources for the direct relief of students and to offset university operating losses and additional expenses related to the COVID-19 response. In total, Cal State San Bernardino received a total of \$45.2 million, with \$13.2 million to be provided in direct relief to students. In addition to the HEERF \$13.2 million in direct support to our students, CSUSB will be allocating an additional \$450,000 in institutional direct support for students, bringing the total student awards to nearly \$13.6 million.

Working closely with campus leadership, a distribution formula for degree-seeking students has been developed that weighs several factors including full-time/part-time status and each student's household income. For students with direct deposit information already on file with the university, the emergency relief funds will be electronically transmitted to their account. For all other students, a paper check will be mailed to the address on file.

We anticipate students will receive these emergency payments by April 1.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales
President