

Financial Aid Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020 (Zoom)

Attendees: A. Cederberg, E. Annis, M. Collins, S. Hermann, P. Eagan, N.Nielsen, S. Hubbell, E. Pauken, M. Pauken, M. Pachika

- I. Old Business
 - a. 2021 Awards
 - i. Sending electronic award notifications for 2021. Not able to mail out letters.
 - ii. Financial Aid office allowed to use unused Work study funds for Emergency grants. Flexibility through 2021. Awarding \$300 now but can/will award more.
- II. New Business
 - a. Super SEOG- As long as FA eligible, award amount needed. Using \$1 to run reports. Has to be Title IV eligible but does not have to worry about Cost of attendance
 - b. Title III school next year-we do not have to contribute 25% into Work study match.
 - c. Paying work study through the winter and summer if they already working on campus. As of right now.
 - d. Working Remote (phone calls/appointments/fax/mail)-we must secure documentation and awarding procedures. Still unable to access our ACD line. Tim is working on the phone situation. Google Voice is being utilized in the meantime. Google Drop box hopes to go live by the end of the week to allow students to securely upload documents via their My Valley. Set up SARS for students to make appointments. Students can make their own appointments with drop down options. FAFSA completion and Advisor questions.
 - e. Valley CARES and Emergency Assistance-Does not affect COA it is added to it. Only Title IV students qualify for this program. Did not address SAP, FAFSA on file. Form will be under My Links for students to apply. Will be looking at each student based on the rubric and FAFSA information. Along with the form we are strongly encouraging students to set up direct deposit. Hope to award by end of the week. Business Office will be refunding twice a week during the summer semester.
 - f. Tuition Credit and Withdrawal Process-Extended the deadline to allow students to withdraw and apply for the tuition credit. No mass communication to students but can reach out to faculty and staff to help students through the process. Once they withdraw they will receive an email with the appeal attached but student would have to reach out to the ARR. Awarding the tuition credit for summer and emailing students. If they do not attend we will move to the fall semester. Tuition rates will be made May 12th at the May Board Meeting.
 - g. R2T4-FA does not have to return funds but has to report those funds if withdrew or last date of attendance was during the Covid shut down
 - h. Satisfactory Academic Progress-SAP appeals, will take signed SAP Covid worksheet from student as documentation.
 - i. Award Letters electronic
 - j. Scholarships for Fall

III. Other

- a. Alisha Cederberg is MSFAA President!
- b. Send students to the Business Office for refunds on canceled classes
- c. High School Graduates having issues with certifying with the State of Michigan. Alisha working with MSFAA to get the deadline extended or eliminated. Current date is August 31st.