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Vanguard Community,

I wanted to share an update on the availability of the students grant portions of ASU-Beebe's second round of Higher Education Emergency Relive Funds (HEERF). I know there has been a great deal of news about those funds, but I wanted to make certain everyone had full and accurate information.

ASU-Beebe cannot access those funds until we are issued final federal guidance on the rules that will govern how we are allowed to use those funds. We expected that final guidance earlier this week, but have not received it to-date.

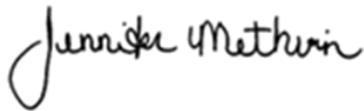
Once we receive final guidance, we will complete our student grant distribution plan based on those rules and have that plan approved by the ASU System. At that point, we will be able to apply to have the funds disbursed to ASU-Beebe so we can, in-turn, disburse the student grants to eligible students.

We believe the process will be similar to the one for the Spring and Summer 2020 student grant distributions. However, until we receive the rules and guidance on what is allowable, it is very difficult for us to give students concrete information.

I can assure students that we will move as quickly as allowed to issue the students grants available from the second round of federal HEERF. Please check your ASU-Beebe email regularly for additional information.

Finally, let me take a moment to encourage everyone to have a safe Spring Break. While Covid-19 cases are dropping and the vaccine is becoming more available to more groups, we still must be vigilant. Please continue to wear a facemask, watch your distance, and wash your hands. Let's finish the Spring 2021 semester strong!

Stay safe, Everyone!



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