MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2020

TO: All SIPI Students, Staff and Board of Regents Members

FROM: Dr. Sherry Allison, President

SUBJECT: Replacement Memorandum
“COVID-19 Relief Funds for Students
CARES Act-Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)"

This supersedes the May 20, 2020, memorandum entitled “COVID-19 Relief Funds for Students,
CARES Act-Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)”.

On May 21, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education-Postsecondary Education issued notification
that they will not enforce student eligibility per the CARES Act guidance (April 21, 2020), which
restricted federal emergency student grants to those eligible to receive Title IV aid.

As a result, the following changes are made to the distribution of SIPI’s Relief Funds for Students,
CARES Act-HEERF:

1. All students enrolled either full-time or part-time at SIPI for 2020 Spring and/or 2020
   Summer are eligible to receive HEERF student relief grants or equivalent; however,
   exceptions are students who (1) withdrew from all courses, (2) are enrolled in a secondary
   program (e.g. HiSET), or (3) did not have coronavirus related expenses.

2. Through the CARES Act, SIPI will receive $593,278.00 (50% for “Direct New Emergency
   Student Aid” and 50% for “Institutional Funds”). To ensure as many eligible students
   receive relief funds, SIPI will use both the “Direct New Emergency Student Aid” and
   “Institutional Funds” for HEERF student relief grants to eligible students; the relief grants
   will be supplemented by a grant from the American Indian College Fund.

3. Eligible students enrolled at SIPI for 2020 Spring and/or 2020 Summer will receive student
   relief grants as follows:
   a. Full time or part time students who completed a FAFSA and were/are eligible for PELL,
      will receive: $1,100.00 for full time and $550.00 for part time.
   b. Full time and part time students who did not complete a FAFSA or were ineligible for
      PELL, will receive $350.00.

4. Student relief grants will be disbursed to students in three groups:
   Group One: Enrolled in 2020 Spring Trimester
   - Students who completed a FAFSA and received a PELL award for 2020 Spring will
     receive $1,100.00 or $550.00 depending on enrollment status.
• Students who did not complete a FAFSA, or, completed a FAFSA and were ineligible for a PELL award will receive $350.00; however, are eligible to receive the full award amount (see Group Two, first bullet).
• Due to the change in guidance, the Financial Aid staff will review and certify eligible students by June 3, 2020 and process payment by June 5, 2020.

**Group Two: Enrolled in 2020 Spring Trimester-Incomplete FAFSA/PELL ineligible**

• Students who did not complete a FAFSA, or, completed a FAFSA and were ineligible for a PELL award will receive $350.00; however, these students have the opportunity to receive an additional $750.00 or $200.00 (totaling the full $1,100.00 or $550.00) by completing a FAFSA and being PELL eligible.
• The FAFSA must be completed by June 30, 2020.
• Financial Aid staff will review and certify eligible students by July 10, 2020 and process remaining payment by July 17, 2020.

**Group Three: Enrolled in 2020 Summer Trimester**

• Students who completed a FAFSA and are awarded PELL for 2020 Summer will receive $1,100.00 or $550.00 depending on enrollment status.
• Students who did not complete a FAFSA, or, completed a FAFSA and were ineligible for a PELL award will receive $350.00.
• Financial Aid staff will review and certify eligible students by July 10, 2020 and process request for payment by July 17, 2020.

To be eligible the student must:
1. be enrolled at SIPI full-time or part time during the 2020 Spring and/or 2020 Summer trimesters;
2. complete the trimester;
3. enrolled in a post-secondary program of study; and
4. certify that they have expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic (via the CARES Emergency Funding Questionnaire).

Remember, there is no application to be filed; however, all awarded students must complete and submit a CARES Emergency Funding Questionnaire that will be emailed to eligible students upon determination of award. Checks will be mailed to students at the address contained on the CARES Emergency Funding Questionnaire or deposited electronically for those who have established direct deposit at SIPI.

If you have questions, please contact either Gloria Mariano at Gloria.Mariano@bie.edu or Mely Mitchell at Melynda.Mitchell@bie.edu. Please stay in school, stay vigilant and safe. Take care and thank you.