**CARES Act Round I MSI Timeline & Process Recap**

**7/29/2020**: Townhall Meeting, President presented the allocation of CARES Act Funds MSI into 3 $200K categories: Student Success, Strategic Priority #2, and Campus Suggestions

**9/23/2020**: SBC Meeting Presented MSI process and guidelines with submission deadlines etc.

**10/30/2020**: MSI submission due

**11/17/2020**: SAAS Committee submitted a statement regarding the use of the funds. Budget office used this information during the review process to inform the recommendations to SBC.

**11/19/2020**: SBC Meeting Recapped the MSI process, reviewed the proposals with the budget office observations and recommendations. There was MUCH debate regarding the recommendations. In follow-up the budget office conducted an SBC survey and scheduled an additional committee meeting to recap the survey results and the final recommendations to the cabinet.

**11/24/2020**: SBC survey went out

**12/4/2020**: SBC Meeting survey results were reviewed and discussed (see attached presentation); budget office submitted final list and recommendations for final review and approval.

**12/9/2020**: President reviewed and approved all SBC approved submissions.

**12/17/2020**: Award Letters were sent to: submitter and appropriate chair and dean/admin in charge.

It’s also important to note, that Priority #2 did not use the entire $200K allocated so funds were redirected to increase the # of awards for campus solicitations.

**Solicitation language:**

Minority Serving Institution (MSI) Funding (Campus Proposals)

MSI Funds MUST be used to address needs directly related to coronavirus and maybe used to defray expenses incurred by institutions of higher education and grants to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance (as defined under section 472 of the Higher Education Act), including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. This program is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The President, the Cabinet, along with recommendations from the Strategic Budget Committee will select the proposals to be funded. Proposal award notifications will begin early December, 2020 and funds will need to be fully expended by May 30, 2021.

Appropriate uses of these funds include the following:
1) Purchase technology equipment for use by enrolled students, 2) Faculty and Staff trainings for modality change, 3) Emergency funds for students, 4) Other equity matters that are a direct result of COVID, and 5) Technology costs associated with a transition to remote learning