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To: Lawrence Williams, Chair  
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From: Richard A. Kasschau  
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Re: Late-arriving scholarship funds

I teach a significant number of students each semester, which exposes me to many of the continuing problems students face each semester. Yet again this semester—even as recently as this past week—I have interacted with students who tell me their scholarship dollars for textbooks have not yet arrived or have not yet been processed. Every semester the result is that at least a couple, and sometimes as many as half a dozen of my students are a third of the—even half—way through a semester without having even read page one of 800 pages worth of course-assigned readings. That circumstance does not portend successful academic performance.

I request that the appropriate committee of the Undergraduate Council initiate an investigation to determine the various causes of the late arrival of individual students' scholarship monies with an eye toward:

- 1) Reducing/eliminating such delays which are within control of the University,
- 2) developing techniques to increase students' awareness of and access to "bridge" loans designed to minimize the adverse affects of such funding delays,
- 3) increasing the University's techniques for making extra-University funding sources aware of the difficulties caused for students when funds are delayed (if such is a source of this problem),
- 4) developing a permanent administrative plan to sensitize office and administrative personnel in our financial aid and scholarships office to minimize the occurrence of such delays, and
- 5) having the offices related to financial aid and scholarships report annually to the Undergraduate Council and the Provost's office about the frequency of such delays.

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