This is Centre College’s fourth status report in compliance with Federal Regulation from the Department of Education pertaining to Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

There has been no significant activity since the previous report. Complexities and increased workload associated with reopening in-person safely prevent our Cares Act Committee from meeting to make decisions on the submitted applications. We were also not able to make the further solicitations of applications as intended by the end of September. Both of these activities will be accomplished in the month of October. To restate our intent, two more rounds of solicitations of CARES Act applications will go back to potentially eligible students before the end of October. These will be students who are able to declare qualifying expenses they incurred for appropriate categories of CARES Act Emergency Grant Aid consideration. It also allows them to share any information about other COVID-19 related financial challenges they or their family has experienced to allow consideration of other types of assistance beyond the CARES Act.

The intent of this application process is to broaden the reach of CARES Act Emergency Aid grants within Centre’s eligible student population. We plan that this phase of grants will typically be $100 with a general maximum of $200. Some exceptions might be made for students who have incurred extraordinary expenses. Our hope is that we will be able to expediently distribute the remaining 7.5% of our CARES Act funding through this application review and grant decision process.

This report will be updated with significant developments as they occur within 10 days of the end of each quarter based on the revised regulatory guidance.