CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Compensation for Work-Study Students

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Dear Students:

The U.S. Department of Education’s Federal Student Aid (FSA) Office issued recent guidance, including provisions in the federal law that allows flexibility for institutions to continue federal work study payments to disaster-affected students, i.e., COVID-19 or “coronavirus” has been deemed a disaster.

More specifically, currently enrolled Tuskegee students with existing work-study contracts can receive work-study payments as long as the university remains operational and continues to pay its other employees (including faculty and staff); and the student remains enrolled through the time period for which he or she is paid. The university will honor the same policy for college work-study students.

Therefore, all work-study students will be compensated for hours they were unable to work due to the institution’s closure and transition to online instruction — retroactive to March 16, 2020, the official return date from spring break.

Paying College Work-Study Students

The university will abide by the rules established for federal work-study students. Students with college work-study contracts will receive pay based on their previously scheduled work hours per week at their agreed upon hourly rate, for the remainder of the semester.

There is no action required from you. Your supervisor will submit your scheduled working hours for each week beginning March 16 through the last date according your contract to the Office of Student Financial Services. You can expect to receive payment on the 12th of each month. Your payment will be mailed to your home address on file or via direct deposit if available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Hollie Haynes in the Office of Student Financial Services at (334) 727-8088 or hhaynes@tuskegee.edu.

Sincerely,
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