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SUBJECT: Veterans Resource Center Funding from ASI: December Report

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) team appreciates the \$4,500 in funding provided by ASI for the fall semester of 2021. To date, we have expended \$4,476.32. As we continue to navigate this unprecedented pandemic and the ramifications, it presents to our university and student population. This presents a unique and rare opportunity to utilize these funds to better our military-connected student experience and instill some university pride. The funds were used to support the purchase of VRC promotional items that will be distributed to incoming and existing military-connected students during our winter New Military-Connected Student Information Sessions and events during the upcoming spring semester. One hundred twenty-five backpacks were purchased with the ASI and VRC logos printed on each item.

As I write this report, I realize we did not meet the goal of expending the \$4,500 in its entirety by a short amount. I respectfully request that the remaining fall funding be rolled forward into the spring allocation if possible. The Veterans Resource Center team is finalizing the spring semester program calendar. After that is complete, we will finalize our budget and identify how best to spend the remaining ASI funds. We are hoping to receive the green light in the upcoming spring semester to host our graduation banquet so that the remaining funds be allocated. If not, then the remaining funds will be utilized as a scholarship opportunity. In addition, we will continue to offer virtual and in-person programming that helps military-connected students connect with career planning, resources, and educational information. We will also build upon the success of the fall semester programming that focused on community building by repeating bingo games and other social opportunities for military-connected students with assistance from the ASI military-connected representative. Thank you for your support of the Veterans Resource Center. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you require additional information.

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