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# MEMORANDUM

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## Student Experiences with Affordability

At the March 2023 Board of Higher Education Committee of the Whole meeting, Student Board Members Korianne Gibson and Xitlalli Villanueva will share qualitative data on affordability from the student perspective. Some of the experiences they will share come from feedback offered by the USHE Campus Safety and Equity Advisory Council in their November 2022 discussion about college affordability. In that meeting, CSEAC members:

- Offered definitions of college affordability
- Addressed the question, “Beyond tuition and fees, which components of the cost of attendance present the biggest source of financial pressure for students?”
- Provided feedback on various institutional policies and practices, including application fees and differential tuition
- Shared their experiences finding and applying for scholarships
- Detailed their experiences completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### Commissioner’s Recommendation

This is an information item only, no action is required.

### Attachment