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**Subject:** Student now paying 0 percent...

Hi Francois,

This week, Rebecca provided an additional \$1,500 discount/scholarship to an international student who will now pay \$0 for tuition this semester, with almost \$9,000 of her discount coming from your office. That came after Vice President Howard spoke to that student and told her she'd have to find non-NKU resources to cover the remainder of her bill. (She's also an RA, so literally, she'll pay us \$0 this semester.) I have attached her statement so you can review the case.

This kind of discounting is precisely the reason we are in trouble. That student has a 100 percent discount on tuition. Can you imagine how a legislator (or parent of a Kentucky student) would respond to that?

Jeremy, Eddie, and I met yesterday. We have been slowly changing how discounting is handled and are accelerating some of those changes. For example, discounting budgets across campus will be consolidated into one central account, so you'll see that change soon. And Eddie will need to approve all discounts your office recommends. We have no choice but to put these financial controls in place.

I am well aware that I can now brace for a series of social media posts and reporter questions coming from your office that say "the administration" doesn't care about international students. I won't waste your time by reminding you of our many investments in your office. Unfortunately, we are left with no other choices here.

On the issue of Edge, there is a "preferred" deadline, but you can still offer Edge. Unfortunately, we cannot stack any general fund discounting on top of that.

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