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Dear Ms. White:

In response to your request under the Maryland Public Information Act, I would like to provide a preliminary response.

- How many students hold institutional debt? What is the average amount of institutional debt held by a student? What is the most common type of debt owed by a student to your institution?
 - ✓ This information is being compiled and will be sent under separate cover on or before November 3, 2019. For the purpose of responding to this question, we are defining institutional debt as anything that is past-due. Additionally, our response will be based on fiscal year 2019 data. Please let me know if you have concerns with how we plan to frame this answer.
- How many transcripts were withheld per year over the past 5 years?
 - ✓ The college does not track this information.
- What were the amounts owed that resulted in withholding a student's transcript?
 - ✓ Any amount past-due greater than \$25 results in a student's transcript being withheld.
- What were the reasons why students owed (i.e. unpaid parking tickets, library fees, etc.)?
 - ✓ In addition to what you have noted, students also owe money for unpaid tuition and unpaid fees of varying kinds.
- What were the demographics of students that had transcripts withheld (i.e. race, gender, class standing, etc.)?
 - ✓ The college does not track this information.
- How many of these debts were repaid?
 - ✓ The college does not track this information.
- How many of these debts were repaid after the release of the student's transcripts?
 - ✓ The college does not track this information.

Sincerely,

Linda Emmerich
Executive Assistant to the President

cc: Dariya Brown, Student Rights Program Manager