

Re: BNL Housing Payment

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Good morning,

Thank you Ms. Bernard. We don't have a requisition number.

- 1.We started asking how this can be done in late June. It's now July 31. If I'm not mistaken, no one told us to go through the requisition process.
- 2.Also if I'm not mistaken, the requisition process takes significantly longer than half a day. How can this be done by COB today?
- 3.Just a reminder, this is to pay housing at Brookhaven National Lab for a young black female grad student at FAMU that is getting her PhD in experimental nuclear physics (one of a handful in the entire country). The funding is through a grant from the National Science Foundation on which Howard University is the lead. The grant is a collaboration between HU, FAMU, and Texas Southern University.
- 4.Ms. Bernard, I am not blaming you or any of the staff at HU. A lot of staff, including yourself, have tried to help us get this done. But this is an impossible situation. HU exists to teach and do research for our communities. If we can't pay our bill for one of our rare black students in this field, who we are training to do world class research (and HU is fully funded by the US Government to pay), then HU is in trouble.
- 5.Please note, I've cc'd the president, chair of the HU Board, and chair of the academic excellence committee of the HU Board to address a type of problem at HU that is not normal at other research universities and makes HU much less competitive.

Respectfully,

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