A TGIF to all!

Isn’t it amazing how exhausting working at home can be? Do you need a “day”? Hats off, especially to all of you who have children at home. Your challenge is far more difficult, as you try to balance overseeing their distance learning and your own advising/teaching/working. And to those of you who were happy empty-nesters and now have your college-age children back home, I hope that’s going well (sly grin)!

We had our meeting this morning, and we discussed the following:

- Charles, Nestor, Scott, and LaToya had a really positive SGA meeting yesterday afternoon. Approximately 11 students took part in the discussion, which was held on Zoom. During the meeting, several of the student voiced high praise for their faculty.
- Starting next Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., Charles will be holding a weekly town-hall style “State of the Grizz” address. These meetings will also be recorded and posted on the web.
- Students have not been requesting access to Guttman’s food pantry. We have been directing students to other CUNY food pantries that are located nearer to where they live. Of course, if they want to use Guttman’s food pantry, it will be opened to them.
- We have a few students who have been forced to move out of the Towers dorm at CCNY. OSE is in touch with them all to make sure they are relocated, and we will use the Emergency Fund to help them, if they need any financial support.
- We will have more exact numbers next week, but we can report that so far the Admissions process is going well. CUNY is forecasting a significant enrollment drop across the system.
- That’s super important because we fear significant budget cuts for the next fiscal year. Gov. Cuomo yesterday announced he’ll be cutting education budgets. The state and city’s tax revenues are going to be way down.
- CUNY Central is rolling out a survey to students. We won’t be able to add any Guttman-specific questions.
- Starting today our HelpDesk will be on a Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. scheduled.
- Remember that if you have after-hours Blackboard-related questions, you should now go through the Blackboard HelpDesk. (I gave that contact information the other day; it is also posted on the website).
- Any faculty, staff, or student who might need a new laptop can get one by making an appointment through the HelpDesk.
- The graphic below, designed by Jeff Nelson, says it all.
- Have a good weekend, and see you on Monday after our meeting at 9:00 a.m.
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