Good morning Guttman!

And so another week begins! I hope you were able to relax over the weekend, at least a little bit.

Let’s start with some really good news. We are within $250 of reaching our initial goal of $10,000 for the new COVID fund. We have had 42 individuals donate, with 2 repeat donors, for a total of 44 gifts. Again, thank you so much to all the donors, as well as to those of you who are considering making a gift. Thank you also to all the faculty and staff who are passing along concerns about students to the Dean’s Office. OSE is now in close touch with a number of students whose situation will be improved by the COVID or Petrie Emergency Grant funds, thanks to you.

At this morning’s meeting, we discussed the following:

- Nicola Blake has joined the Coronavirus Emergency Group
- With faculty and students returning from Spring Break, the daily business of teaching and learning continues, and so does the planning for the Spring 2 term and for the professional development trainings that are scheduled for May and the summer months. Now is a good time to add that we are well aware that teaching, learning, and caring continued through the break for many faculty, staff, and students!
- Later on today, Scott must submit a plan for summer professional development to CUNY Central.
- Howard, Nicola, Maggie Dickinson, and Kristina Baines are the leads for Guttman’s pd plans.
- Howard and the Lehman Provost have been in touch about the NSF grant, which will move forward. You’ll remember that this grant is to improve transfer in STEM fields.
- Mary Coleman reports that we still don’t have any specific numbers related to our College’s FY21 budget, CARES Act legislation, or NYC and NY State budgets. However, we do have lots of questions that can’t be answered at this point in time. In relation to the remainder of the FY20 budget, we know we don’t have any money for OTPS purchases whatsoever.
- Charles and OSE will be sending out a note today to students.
- This week’s “State of the Grizz” show will feature Nelson Castro, and the subject will be how we can support undocumented students.
- There will be no monthly distribution of metro cards to students while the NY State PAUSE is still in effect.
- We will be publicizing our new student website like crazy. Please pass it along to every student who might need it and check it out for yourselves: https://guttman.cuny.edu/news/coronavirus-updates/essential-information-for-personal-wellbeing/
- We have a senior staff meeting at 10:00 this morning, so I got to be getting along!
- I’m attaching our masked Stella to this message in case you want to feature her under your signature.
Have a good day, dear colleagues,
Linda

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