A good Wednesday hello to all,

I’m not quite sure what my greeting means, but the alliterative aspects of Good Morning Guttman is starting to give me a headache. Please don’t hesitate to send me suggestions for my morning salutations!

Here’s what we discussed today.

- What we know and don’t know about the federal funding under the CARES Act.
  - DACA students are not eligible to receive any aid. (Inside Higher Ed has an article about this disgusting fact in today’s issue: https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/04/22/daca-students-excluded-emergency-stimulus-grants)
  - The DOE has released FAQs that are confusing yet sometimes clarifying. You can link to FAQs from the above article, see footnote #2
  - CUNY’s plan for distributing the funds that are required to be given to students has been submitted to Albany.
  - We don’t yet have the details of CUNY’s plan to pass them along to you. When we do, we shall.

- To counter the injustice of the CARES Act exclusion of undocumented students, I am in the process of applying to the Robin Hood Foundation’s new COVID Emergency Grant funds so that our College Foundation can receive money for our undocumented students and deliver it to them.

- CUNY Central is setting up a vacancy review board to consider exceptions to the hiring freeze.

- The first Coronavirus Taskforce the Chancellor established at Central has ‘stood down.’ It has been replaced by a phase two taskforce that is forward-looking and, no doubt, wrestling with the question of how CUNY will deliver education in the Fall 2020 term. Classes are scheduled to begin at CUNY senior colleges on Wednesday, August 26. Coincidentally, that is the first day of our Summer Bridge Program.

- Talking about Summer Bridge, our Summer Bridge Committee is now working through issues related to how we can deliver it electronically. There are complicated factors to consider; for example, can we distribute laptops to students who don’t have them (we will need a dispensation from CUNY because Bridge participants are not matriculated students yet)? Thankfully for us, we have a great committee that will consider all the issues.

- While we do not yet have any official word on how education in the Fall 1 term will be
delivered, faculty involved with FYE curriculum have already begun to consider how it might need to be adjusted. Three cheers to Maggie, Kristina, and Nicola who are leading these discussions in relation to the electronic platforms.

- As we mentioned last week, we completely understand that there will be scheduling and space issues related to a return to work at 50 w 40th.
- Once we get word, which we don’t expect immediately, we will have a much better idea of the schedule and also the various scenarios for office and desk proximity. (Are you sensing frustration in these bullet points?!)  
- Charles is hosting a “State of the Grizz” today at 3:00.  
- Tomorrow the College Association meets at 9:00 and our group will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Take care folks, and “see” you tomorrow,

Linda

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