Good morning, Guttman!

I hope you had a good weekend and a happy Mother’s Day. Here’s what we discussed in this morning’s meeting.

- Late Friday afternoon, the Chancellor sent out a memo to CUNY presidents wherein he described the two new taskforces he has assembled. I referenced them last week but will go into more detail here. Both of these taskforces are forward looking, which is good news. Needless to say, they will work closely with the “Fiscal Scenarios Task Force” created in April.

- **The Coronavirus Task Force** is co-chaired by Hector Batista and Glenda Grace. “The task force will provide policy and operational guidance, frameworks and protocols for the university as it prepares to restart operations after the NYS Pause is lifted. The task will also determine how best to respond to scenarios currently being considered at the federal, state, and city levels regarding how and when local and regional social and economic activity will open. It will seek input from similar committees already in existence on most of our campuses.” The membership of this Taskforce has not yet been announced.

- **The Academic and Student Support Task Force** is the one that “will consider a variety of scenarios for instructional modalities and student support services for the coming academic terms.” This group is chaired by University Provost Cruz. The following are also members of it:
  
  Rachel Stephenson, AVC Academic Strategy and Operations & Chief of Staff
  Jonathan Gagliardi, AVC Academic Effectiveness and Innovation
  Donna Linderman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
  Angie Kamath, University Dean for Continuing Education and Workforce Programs
  Vivek Upadhyay, University Executive Registrar
  Tamera Schneider, Associate Vice Chancellor and University Vice-Provost for Research
  Robert T. Maruca, Associate University Provost for Planning
  Colin Chellman, University Dean for Institutional and Policy Research
The Governor has appointed President Mason of John Jay on his “Reimaging Education” Committee. If you are interested to see the list, please go to the Governor’s website or one of my updates from last week (sorry, I don’t remember the exact day! Maybe Thursday or Friday?)

In relation to the CARES Act money that is to be distributed to students, we have learned that CUNY Central will be making the distribution. Students will receive it through direct deposit or by check. In other words, however they now receive their financial aid money is how they will get the CARES money. The amount received by students might well be different because the amount is based on their Title IV status and the “EFC” (that stands for “expected family contribution”). Our Bursar’s and Financial Aid offices will be the offices in touch with CUNY Central about all this. In any case, it is great news that the payments will begin within 10 days.

OSE will continue its push to encourage students to register for Spring 2 and the Fall term.

OSE is working hard on the Student Recognition Ceremony, scheduled for this Thursday at 3:00. We will provide a link to it on the website.

HR will soon be bringing a virtual event to the campus for those interested in benefits in light of COVID-19 pandemic. It will be open to all faculty and staff. HR will also be setting up another virtual event for faculty that will not have the participation of Senior Staff.

We will be establishing a site on our coronavirus webpage to print the names of the loved ones Guttman community members have lost, due to coronavirus or other causes. We do this so we can express and reach out to those who are experiencing grief. We will create a mechanism and send you additional information shortly.

We hope more staff will be sending us pictures today for the encouragement video for students.

Sorry this update is later than usual. I got sidetracked by a Senior Staff meeting.

Have a good day,
Linda
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