Happy Spring 2, Guttman!

Good morning to all. I hope you had a weekend. Congratulations to the OSE and Communications teams for putting together such a fantastic Salute to Graduates on Thursday. The cliché phrase, “it was a Herculean effort,” is most appropriate. I don’t know about you, but I had a fun time watching it on the YouTube channel and seeing all the messages folks wrote. The students I spoke to after the ceremony really appreciated the effort.

Our coronavirus team met this morning and here is what was mentioned.

- The SGA leadership officially changes hands today.
- Spring 2 classes began on Saturday. Nicola reported there are 49 sections.
- Orientation launches today at noon! Putting it together has been a huge job, and thanks to all those who worked so hard on it (OSE and Communications!). Guttman has met its target number for Orientation (Admissions!), so we are moving forward with confidence.
- Moving forward doesn’t mean we know anything more, however, about the modality of instruction for the Fall term. There was an editorial in “The Ticker” this morning critical of CUNY leadership for not sharing more information about the Fall term with students. You can find it if you go to: theticker.org
- I’m sure I don’t need to remind staff that Summer Fridays begin this week! Woo hoo! Adjust your working hours accordingly.
- Mary Coleman will attend the meeting this morning of the CUNY Administrative Council, and we hope she’ll have information we can share tomorrow.
- Alia reported that the PSC and CUNY leadership are still negotiating; she hopes there will be resolution soon.
- The FYE Institute begins today. Designed by Dan Collins (shout out to Dan!), it features both synchronous and asynchronous workshops and meetings. 50 faculty and staff who are teaching in the FYE are participating. The first workshop at 1:00 today features Dr. Diego Navarro. Other facilitators will be Alia, Claire King, Alexandra Hamlett, Meagan Lacy, and the Fall 2020 Team Leaders. Special focus will be placed on responding to faculty/student trauma and equity work. Thanks to all who are participating.

That’s it for now. We are meeting again tomorrow morning, and I’ll be in touch soon after.

All best for now,

Linda
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