Good morning, Guttman!

Hope this finds you well. Our group just met, and here is a summary of what we discussed.

- 257 students had at least one attendance or other flag raised on Starfish; there were a total of 394 flags.
- 257 is approximately 25% of our student body, so there is work to do for OAA and OSE.
- As I type this, OAA staff are doing a deep data dive on the Starfish information so we can better understand each and every student’s situation. (say deep data dive ten times fast!)
- Simultaneously, OSE Advisors are reaching out.
- Every single student with a flag will be contacted.
- Our fantastic Academic Success Center is welcoming students virtually. Use the Starfish referral button to begin the process of linking a student to the ASC.
- If students reach out to you to say they need a laptop or don’t have access, remind them that we can supply equipment. They need to make an appointment with the HelpDesk to come in and pick up a laptop. Also, we have a section on the College’s coronavirus website about how to get access: https://guttman.cuny.edu/news/coronavirus-updates/#1584110732264-19e6c562-9e7f
- Relatedly, our Emergency Fund remains open to students. We can support them if they need textbooks or have other urgent financial issues that can derail their academic success. Textbooks can be mailed directly to their apartments or homes, as can other supplies. Students can find additional information, as well as the application form at: https://guttman.cuny.edu/students/single-stop/carroll-and-milton-petrie-student-emergency-grant-fund/
- On a more positive note, during Scott and Charles’ meeting this morning with SGA leaders, the students expressed their gratitude to faculty who are being so creative and positive with how they are using Blackboard. In fact, our SGA leaders report they are enjoying using Blackboard very much.
- Charles and his OSE teams are exploring how they can help students “plug back into normalcy, albeit virtually.” They are working to set up weekly virtual meetings and fun activities.
- All college-related packages delivered by UPS (etc.) to campus have been opened and receipted for CUNYfirst purposes.
- HR, Business Office staff (special kudos to Donovan and Julie), Melissa and Anastasia are working together to mail out the retro-pay checks that are due to former Guttman employees.
- We will do special messaging to remind folks that Spring Break for us will happen at the scheduled time. We are not “recalibrating.”
- We know that Guttmannites are looking for ways to express deep thanks to our Public Safety and Building staff for the amazing work they are doing for all of us. That’s who we are! Faculty, staff, and students have asked several of us if they can send food. The answer is
YES, but please contact Anastasia first. She’ll be able to send you appropriate information as to how many will be working in the building and when the best time might be. We know of one person who had some pizzas sent over. Depending how long our “shelter in place” existence lasts, maybe we should send gym equipment or Weight Watchers products?

- The coronavirus group meets again tomorrow morning at 9:00.
- To all of you, hang on, do the best you can, and reach out if you have any questions or concerns about information related in these daily updates.

Take Care,
Linda

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