**Student Town Hall**

**April 8, 2020**

**6:00 pm**

Take Care Reedley

* Partnership with Bitwise, Reedley Chamber, Redeemers Church and Life house Valley Church for a food giveaway. Reedley College will be distribution site
* To sign up for a box of food, look for flyer on Canvas, social media, and website. Will be handing out by sign ups only

May have been a text or email asking how you are doing and if you have connected with your instructors. We understand you may be dealing with challenges right now, one of them financial

* Good news there may be additional aide available to students
* Flexibility to choose pass or no pass option
* Option to choose an Emergency Withdrawal. Very important before making any changes that you contact your counselor to find out all implications first. You have until May 15th to take this withdrawal
* If do stay registered you are more likely to qualify for aide
* Recommend you stay enrolled and engaged as much as possible
* We will communicate with you as much as possible through email, and website

All support services have been moved online. Student employees may be contacted to be offered job duties in helping serve our community online

Commencement

* Have received about 25% feedback on survey, and out of those 80% have requested we postpone our face to face ceremony
* Commencement committee meeting Monday to take this into consideration, and try to plan accordingly

Questions

1. Is Pass or No Pass optional to students?
   1. It is optional to students. For some courses you may not want to take a pass/no pass because a grade will be required
   2. What this district has put into place is an opportunity for each student to do what is best for them. Make sure to talk to a counselor before making a decision
2. Emergency grant Option to students
   1. System crashed, already out of money
   2. Are there any other sources of money students can utilize?
      1. We will receive money from government and a portion has to go to our financial aide eligible students, not sure how it will be awarded yet
      2. Our State Center Foundation is trying to create a grant for students as well. Should have more information soon
   3. Is there option for students who do not get financial aid?
      1. It may not disqualify you, contact the financial aide office. They will need to walk each student through their options
3. Dorms—open in summer or fall
   1. Last we heard they would be closed in summer, safety and health of students and community are top priority. Looking to CDC for guidance. We will be monitoring situation for fall
   2. RC is an emergency response center for Reedley. Dorms, gym, could be used for a portable hospital if those measures have to be used
4. If getting financial aide now, do they qualify for the new funding?
   1. That is the understanding of Dr. Buckley and VP of Student Services, but not sure by how much
   2. But if you change to Pass/no pass or withdrawal it could affect financial aide that is why recommending meeting with counselor or talking to financial aide staff. Still getting guidance from Department of Education and Federal Government
5. Classes this Summer
   1. Planning for totally online for Summer, but could see face to face skills classes if things get better.
   2. We will not get back face to face until it is safe to do so
   3. Things could begin to get better and then could get worse when flu season hits
   4. Asking students to be flexible
   5. We are training faculty to allow for both situations, to allow them to get better at teaching online
   6. We do need to hear back from students on what their experiences have been
      1. What avenues can they use for feedback?
         1. Use your ASG reps, like Stephen and Gerardo
         2. Send Dr. Buckley or anyone on the leadership team an email
         3. Contact Department Chair or Dean
6. ASG taking applications for next year…application link on Canvas
   1. Committee involvement, internship, clubs, volunteering a good way to put skills into practical life
7. History professor wants to extend the semester, can they do that?
   1. All faculty and staff have been informed that we are sticking to our original calendar, final date would be May 22nd.
8. If we start online and then transition to in person who do we keep schedules in tact
   1. We are leaving posted schedules and times, and just changing to online format
9. Registration for Fall
   1. April 15th is start dates
   2. Students are assigned dates based on tiers and priorities. Go onto web advisor and check your date.
   3. Every student has a district email address, all critical information is sent here. Get into habit of checking these emails.
10. If face to face classes in fall, can dorms be opened in fall?
    1. We are accepting applications May 1st for fall. Are planning to have resident students in fall.
11. Bookstore?
    1. Currently closed, books can be ordered online. You can contact them to make arrangements to pick up at the window. [rhelo@follett.com](mailto:rhelo@follett.com)
    2. Window open 10 to 2 only
12. Will these Town Halls be regular?
    1. Will be having another one next week, is there a preference for time?
13. When do HS students start registering?
    1. Right in the middle of registration to go time period. Working closely with HS on advising virtually
    2. Registrations are on track
    3. Their dates are a little bit earlier
    4. Email address for dean over this area: [Natalie.culver-dockins@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:Natalie.culver-dockins@reedleycollege.edu)
    5. What if student is homeschooled
    6. Link to talk to a counselor being placed in chat
14. Check website for information on returning equipment at the end of the semester
    1. Haven’t gotten clarification yet if students returning can hold onto their stuff
15. Town Halls will be live on YouTube from now on.
16. Classes resume on Monday