**Student Town Hall**

**April 28, 2020**

**1:00 pm**

Dr Buckley

* Would like to start off by saying how proud he is for everyone for staying with us and sticking through the semester
  + Think about Thomas Edison, people always talk about his accomplishments, but not the many times he failed before inventing the light bulb
  + Many of you did not intend to have online education, but are still finding ways to succeed in this environment
  + You will continue to find new ways to adapt
  + Even if your withdrawal from a class later, you need to reflect on what you did learn in the class
  + I know all of you have challenges, would like to share some of his. Have a sister that was supposed to be put in hospice, but have chosen to keep her home and have to rotate taking care of her. Dr. Buckley drives to where she lives to care for her every weekend.
* RC having food drives weekly. First one today 11 to 1, in parking lot B
* Bitwise partnering with RC and Redeemer’s Church. They will deliver to you
* CARES Funding Updates
  + First group Title 4 eligible including t hose that have already gotten aide
  + Others are group enrolled that have not applied for Financial Aid, will be contacting students to complete a FAFSA to see if they are eligible
* State Center Foundation looking for contributions to help students who don’t qualify in other categories for example AB 540 students do not qualify for CARES and could qualify. Still looking into how to get funding to students
* EW and Pass/No Pass for students
  + District and college committed to not negatively impacting students in this environment
  + Understand may not have resources, internet at home or other challenges
  + Encouraging students to try to push through, but if you absolutely cannot then there re two possibilities, but before electing any of these be sure to speak to a counselor
  + Excused Withdrawal-have until May 15th to elect this option.
    - Advantage, can have fees applied to next semester
    - Doesn’t affect GPA and won’t account as an attempt at a class
    - But if on financial aid or trying to maintain eligibility it could affect you. So, reminder again to please consult a counselor
  + Other option is Pass/No Pass
    - If you were to get an A,B,C you would get a pass. Grade of D,F would get a No Pass. Does not affect your GPA
    - However, this could have impacts on progress in a program, could affect financial aid, could affect transferability, etc.
    - Faculty working on classes where this will be accepted.
    - Again, remember to reach out to a counselor
  + If you get all the way to end of year there may be a chance for EW on a course
  + You should be receiving an email notifying you of these options and the deadlines. Also, on website and Canvas
* Understands all have stressed and challenges at home. There are resources available to you
  + Health Services-Nurse Kelly
    - We do have online services for both health and psychological services.
    - Reach health services by calling health services office or by email [Kelly.murguia@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:Kelly.murguia@reedleycollege.edu)
    - Also providing info on the website
  + Psychological Services
    - Providing zoom therapy, they are confidential
    - Contact info on website
    - Also creating online mental health videos and workshops
      * Should have dates and times finalized by early May. They will be posted on the website
  + Trying to prevent students from coming to campus. There are residence hall students and students on the farm. All students and staff are asked to complete online health screening before coming to campus
    - If not feeling well, definitely stay home.
    - Continue handwashing
    - Continue social distancing
  + Feel free to contact her with any questions, M-F 8 to 5.
* In order to keep everyone safe ,we will maintain an online summer session. Our number one priority is to keep everyone safe.
* We will be posting something online to honor our graduates, and pushing back a face to face commencement until a later date
  + We will keep you updates as to when

Questions

1. International or out of state students traveling here for classes. We will be accepting applications or Residence Hall in May.
   1. What if they can’t make it back for fall semester
2. If anyone has bookstore questions please email [2174mgr@follett.com](mailto:2174mgr@follett.com)
3. Over 130 families served during food drive today. Thank you to that team
   1. There are still some bags. If anyone wants to stop by during normal hours they will be handing out. There are about 10 to 20 left
   2. Steady stream of cars the entire 2 hours
   3. Went very smooth
4. What about dorms this summer? Some have nowhere to go
   1. Please contact Lisa McAndrews
5. What will fall look like? Will it look like the aero program is right now?
   1. We are talking about how to sustain programs with pending budget cuts
6. Regarding CARES funding
   1. What about students who qualify for CA Promise, but would qualify but exceeded number of units for funding
      1. One qualification for Title IV eligibility is to maintain status and under number of units
      2. Therefore, you would not qualify, however may be able to qualify with the Foundation money
      3. Some could be eligible but have not done a FAFSA for this year, they will need to apply for consideration
      4. IF someone appeals this late in semester will this qualify. Not for this semester, that deadline has passed, but might be able to for summer
7. Can you expand on what could be cut due to budget cuts?
   1. No, we haven’t made those decisions yet. Using a very collaborative process to make decisions.
   2. Attempting to identify greatest needs and support those
   3. Colleges looking at contingency planning
   4. Encourage students to register early, so that the classes are filled
8. When will CARES funding be distributed?
   1. Something will be sent to students soon
   2. If eligible, will be getting something very soon
9. Paper masks for purchase at the bookstore while supplies last, must purchase in person
10. When will foundation funds be available?
    1. Dr. Buckley hopes to have more information by next week
11. Is there a place notifying students of events to socialize virtually?
    1. We could promote this if there are departments wanting to host this
    2. Promoting on social media and event calendar on RC Website
    3. For example, Career Services speakers
    4. Stephen looking at club participation virtually
12. We have implemented a virtual college hour with trainings
    1. Could have ASG extend this to students

In closing 3 weeks away until end of Term, be thinking of what is next. Begin to get resume together, be looking at what skills you may need. Things employers look for, can they be punctual, can they trouble shoot, are they are a team player, can they communicate effectively in writing and verbally

* The job developer is available for student appointments to help with resume. Students can visit the career & employment page or call 559-638-0300 ext. 3203 to schedule an appointment with her
* Working with Fresno State to offer an Engineering program on our campus. Will be looking at adding many Baccalaureate programs on our campus