Student Town Hall

May 14, 2020

8:00 am

Updates from Dr. Buckley

* Over 1.5 million in CARES funding distributed to students. Not a loan, does not need to be paid back. This was extra money from the government to help students. Please check your emails
  + If you applied and received financial aid for spring semester, you should have already gotten money through direct deposit or a check
  + Been sending emails to additional students who may be eligible and have not applied to let them know to apply so that they could get some money
  + Working with foundation to get additional funding for students who are not CARES eligible, this would be undocumented students, students with too many units, etc. so please take time to apply for 19/20 and20/21, using the FAFSA
* Message came out from DO that are consistent with CSU announcement. CSU announced recently that all CSU will be mostly online this fall. Believe that you will see similar messages from all schools. This will be the same for Reedley College. Our system will be mostly online. Majority will be offered online. However, a number of courses will be in part in a face to face basis, such as CTE and skills-based courses
  + Will be working with faculty and staff to determine which classes we can offer in a face to face manner
  + Will finalize and get information out to all students by end of the month at the latest
  + Will have additional health and safety procedures
  + Please use your school email and our website to keep informed of all updates
* Will be open some student services in person, installing safety plexiglass and measures. Trying to find a way to open tutorial sign
  + Will continue to provide online and remote services, depending on what is offered will depend on what will be offered in person
  + Taking into account all student suggestions from our surveys
* Continue to offer food distribution for students
  + Next one on Tuesday, 10 to 12
* Will have some celebrations in a drive through or virtual format
* Commencement-have received over 50 photos for the virtual format celebration. Welcome to come to campus to take a picture with the Clyde statue
  + <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/landing/graduation-commencement/index.html>
  + Video will be aired during normal commencement time May 22 at 6
* Understand this has been a challenging time for all of you.
  + Think about what you have accomplished this semester and new skills that you have learned
* Tiger Awards being handed out at the same time as Food Distribution, Tuesday 10 to 12. You should have been notified by email if getting awards
* District approved $15 credit to students for spring parking. Emails will be sent out Friday.
* Technology loaned
  + If taking summer or fall class, you can keep your technology
  + If leaving us, you will need to return.
    - Starting Monday for two weeks, there where be a drive thru drop off outside of CCI building in parking lot D. Someone will come to your car, hand out a bag to put stuff in, have you sign and then you leave
* Just a reminder to make sure you register for summer and fall classes. If you are unsure of your registration date please check your email and/or Web advisor. If you would like some assistance determining which classes to take please reach out to the Counseling Department for an updated Student Educational Plan.
* Student Kudor recognized as outstanding student via Tiger Awards

Questions

1. If financial situation has changed since last applying for financial aide
   1. Contact Financial Aid office
2. How do we pay for fees if campus is closed?
   1. Fees can be paid currently online. <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/admissions-aid/business-services/index.html>.
   2. Window may open in the future
3. How do we get fee refunds?
   1. <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/admissions-aid/business-services/fee-reversals-and-refunds.html>
4. Will DSPS office be open?
   1. Still available online through the summer. Can contact anyone in the office through phone or email
5. If those additional students apply and qualify, is there more money.
   1. We saved some money to give out to those students
6. What is timeline for the additional Foundation funding?
   1. Working with the foundation on process
   2. Targeting emails to students. Only have about 16,000 to give out
7. Will hours be the same to contact offices on campus?
   1. Switchboard is open M-F 8 to 5
   2. Online Info center open 8 am to 8 pm M-Th and 8-5 on Fridays
   3. Hours for offices also posted online
8. What happens to other 50% of CARES funding being used for the college (not giving to students)
   1. Many of the laptop computers we are loaning to students may need to be updated, they were old. Working on plans to update and replace old technology on campus as well
      1. Requests from faculty for specialty equipment for offering online labs for students
      2. May use to offer some remote learning opportunities
      3. Updating infrastructure
      4. Updating Wi-Fi on campus parking lots for students
   2. Professional development training for faculty to offer better online classes for students
9. Saw multiple surveys on how students are responding to this COVID crisis. Seeing that there is increased anxiety in students
   1. There will be small mental health videos posted for students
   2. Health services and psychological services available online. Reachable by phone and email. Can do psych services via zoom. Website below
      1. <https://www.reedleycollege.edu/campus-life/health-services/index.html>

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