

## A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



### Employee Survey and Maintaining Momentum

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Dear colleagues,

As we approach the end of another month away from campus, I want to use today's update to share some of the initiatives we've undertaken to ensure we remain responsive and accountable to employees and students. In today's email, I'll cover:

- Employee Survey
- Internships
- Virtual Faculty Days and Fall Enrolment

#### Employee Survey

I am well aware that the pandemic has presented significant challenges for every student and employee who calls Sheridan their learning community. The precipitous adjustment everybody made to learning and working remotely has been laudatory.

To help us plan for Sheridan's longer-term recovery, we're launching an employee survey. The goal is to solicit feedback on Sheridan's overall response to the pandemic; the effectiveness of our communications; the challenges inherent in working remotely; and how Sheridan can better support you.

All responses will be completely anonymous – only aggregate results will be shared. Please take a few moments to complete the survey now.

#### Internships

Nearly one-third of participants in Statistics Canada's crowdsourcing survey of over 100,000 Canadian postsecondary students reported that the pandemic resulted in the cancellation or postponement of their work-integrated learning during the winter term. These opportunities are important because they correlate to the probability of students finding a full-time job immediately after graduation.

I'm proud to report that this was not our experience at Sheridan. With thanks to our Career Integrated Learning team for their herculean efforts, 99% of our co-op and internship students had the experiences they needed to be granted full credit for the term. In addition, the team has already secured placements for ~45% of students for the summer. This is really impressive and will have a meaningful impact on learners and graduate outcomes. Please join me in expressing gratitude to everyone involved in making it happen.

#### Virtual Faculty Days and Fall Enrolment

Our budget balancing exercise remains focused on three priorities: enrolment recovery, cost avoidance and revenue generation. To further support our fall recruitment efforts, I have information to share about Virtual Faculty Day events, planned for June 8 – 15.

If you know a learner who may be interested in what Sheridan has to offer, please encourage them to register for these Faculty-specific events to learn more about our programs, hear from professors, program coordinators and admissions representatives, get information about financial aid, and a glimpse into student life.

At a time when everything is changing, we hope these virtual events will give prospective students the confidence they need to make informed decisions and enrol for the fall.

Thank you all for your continued investment in Sheridan.

Warmly

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