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A message from Dr. Janet Morrison and Carol Altilia

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Dear students,

On behalf of everyone at Sheridan, we'd like to thank you for attending last Wednesday's virtual forum on Fall 2021 delivery, hosted by the Sheridan Student Union. We appreciated hearing your thoughts and experiences first-hand; your input and feedback will continue to inform our leadership and planning.

Over the past few weeks, we've heard loud and clear that many students want to come back to campus and experience more in-person instruction, more opportunities to connect with peers and faculty, as well as more in-person student life events. We also heard from students who are concerned about the return to campus and would like to see an increase in virtual classes over in-person. Similarly, there is a range of opinions on vaccines.

Our approach for Fall 2021 seeks to provide consistency for Sheridan's learners, faculty and staff as directives from our regional public health offices continue to evolve. Our commitment is to be as flexible as possible and to offer more in-person experiences as conditions allow. Our teams, for example, are working hard to make more shared spaces and resources available to you as soon as possible, thereby allowing a more fulsome return to the vibrant campus life we know you value.

While we must continue to abide by public health guidelines (including ongoing restrictions to in-person classroom capacity and physical distancing set by the Government of Ontario), Ontario's progression to Stage 2 of the provincial reopening plan will help us more confidently plan for increased access to labs, studios, study spaces, and more. The legislation that sets out the rules for Stage 2 can be found <u>here</u>. To be clear, this is the plan for the Fall term only; we expect a more fulsome return to campus for the Winter term.

We are very empathetic to how difficult these last sixteen months have been for students. We appreciate that what you're looking for now is clarity of messaging and a plan that gets us back to some sense of normalcy. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to meet that expectation with the safety and wellbeing of our entire community always at the fore.

We look forward to sharing updates as more information becomes available throughout the summer, so please stay tuned. Please also continue to monitor our Fall 2021 <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> page, which is updated frequently.

If you require further clarification regarding your program delivery for Fall 2021, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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