Special Announcement
Internal Email Communication

Dear Colleagues,

As UBC President, Santa Ono outlined in his message on May 16th, UBC “will primarily offer larger classes online with selected smaller classes conducted in-person, adhering to physical distancing and other public health requirements. We will maintain a clear focus on ensuring high-quality face-to-face instruction, where possible, and high-quality remote instruction. Individual Faculties will be sharing updates about specific programs in the coming weeks”. https://broadcastemail.ubc.ca/2020/05/11/covid-19-ubcs-approach-for-the-fall-term/ . This decision was made based on the best public health evidence and enabled each Faculty to begin reviewing all academic programming and program requirements in order to plan for the learning activities in Term 1 of the 2020 Winter Session.

I wanted to provide an update that we have made the decision that in Term 1 of the 2020 Winter Session (Sept-Dec) all E2P PharmD courses, excluding 4th year experiential education courses (ie, clinical rotations), will be entirely online. This message is also being provided to both incoming and returning students. As many know, the program will be providing students with a blend of synchronous and asynchronous online education for Term 1. Any activities (i.e., hands-on skills) that can’t be delivered virtually will be postponed to a later time when we are able to resume in-person instruction. As such, we will be communicating to students that they are not required to attend classes in person at UBC’s Point Grey Campus in the fall (2020W Term 1).

As most will understand, these are unprecedented times and we are asking everyone in our Faculty community – student, faculty, and staff – to support and engage with each other and to show understanding and empathy during these difficult times. We understand there will be challenges and issues that we will face during the upcoming academic year, but we also hope there are unique and interesting opportunities that we will also experience. Please don’t hesitate to contact my office (rae.thompson@ubc.ca) if you have questions or comments.

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