Dear Undergraduate Students,

I am reaching out today to inform you about the decisions that have been made for the fall term and to offer my support as we make this transition.

Public health authorities have advised that physical distancing will require a vastly reduced on-campus presence this fall. As we are committed to protecting the health of all members of the Queen's community, and to providing equitable access to learning for all of our students, we have decided to deliver our undergraduate program remotely for the fall term. If public health declares that it is safe for all students to return to campus together later this summer, we will be more than ready to welcome you back in person.

We have created a new QUartsci.com/Fall2020 webpage with the questions that we anticipate you may have. Please review our FAQs and let us know if you have questions by email at deanartsci@queensu.ca or by attending one of our upcoming Town Halls for all students, faculty, and staff. We will be available at 12:00 PM (EDT) tomorrow (May 21), and we will be available at 12:00 PM (EDT) on Tuesday and Thursday next week (May 26 and May 28) via Zoom (zoom.us/j/881556360). The schedule is posted on our QUartsci.com/Fall2020 webpage. Please join us to ask questions or to just listen in on the conversation and stay in touch. We will also update our FAQs daily based on the questions we receive, so that all commonly asked questions are answered as quickly as possible on our website.

We are planning to make the fall term an excellent experience for you while we look forward to the day when we can all meet again in person. Please be reassured that supporting you is my top priority. We will work diligently over the summer to ensure that the courses we will deliver remotely this fall have the same quality, depth, and interactivity as when they are delivered on-campus. In your fall classes, you will have regular contact with your professors as well as with the other students in your class. I will also ensure that we stay in close communication and maintain our bonds as a community through town halls and other online events.

It will not be necessary to be in Kingston to fully experience our remote program. If you have or will have accommodation in Kingston for the fall term, you can choose to be here but you will be expected to follow local public health guidelines, which may differ from your home community. It is important to monitor the latest information.

Again, please come to me with your questions and stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
Barbara

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