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Dear Students,

It is with excitement that we announce that the Faculty of Sustainable Design Engineering at UPEI will be welcoming both new and returning students to campus for the coming 2020-2021 academic year.

The past several months have been difficult ones for everyone as we all responded to COVID-19. Looking forward, though, we are in the fortunate position of being able to offer a full year of engineering programming with as much in-person, on-campus activity as possible for all students while following the most current health measures recommended by PEI's Chief Public Health Office.

We are currently reworking all of our courses in order to offer them as part of a new learning model that will include a mixture of both online content delivery and in-person, on-campus activities. Our Industry Partnerships Group is actively working with partners and clients to recruit projects for our design clinics. And, we are also busy preparing the FSDE building to accommodate this new model and to protect everyone's health and safety.

While these changes were prompted by the COVID-19 situation, we are actually seizing the opportunity to redefine how we deliver engineering education here at UPEI for the longer term. Our Sustainable Design Engineering program has already been recognized as being both unique and innovative. This is just another step along the way to enhancing how we do "design" here at UPEI.

In addition to the information about our program that is already available online at www.upei.ca/engineering and www.upei.ca/programs/engineering, you can find information about the program and the many other campus services available to students in our **Welcome and Advisement Package** (attached).

Finally, check out the *FAQ* section below to discover more details about what we have in store for you for the coming year.

Over the coming weeks, stay tuned to your email, our websites and your *myUPEI* portal for updates and additional information about the coming year. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact either **Christine Greening** (cgreening@upei.ca), **Administrative Assistant, Student Experience** or **Wayne Peters** (wpeters@upei.ca), **Associate Dean Academic**. As always, they are ready and willing to help you plan for your coming year.

We're excited to welcome you back to campus in September. We hope that you are excited to join us.

Sincerely,

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