

## Communications encouraging instructors to consider recording online lectures and grace periods for submission deadlines

At its Friday, September 11, 2020 meeting, the Senate Student Caucus, co-chaired by Dr. Phebe Lam and Linden Crain, identified two issues of concern to student to forward to the Deans' Council for consideration and action. While recognizing the rights of instructors to make their own determinations in these areas in conformity to institutional policies, Deans' Council joins the Student Caucus in encouraging all instructors to consider adopting the following practices to support student success.

### **1 Instructors are encouraged to record and post all online lectures.**

**Rationale:** Not all students have a reliable Internet connection and it is not uncommon to experience technical difficulties regardless of internet strength and connectivity. Other students may be participating in synchronous online courses from international locations given travel restrictions and would need to connect at impractical hours due to time differences.

### **2 Instructors are encouraged to provide a 5-15 minute grace period after a submission deadline.**

**Rationale:** Not all students have a reliable Internet connection and it is not uncommon to experience technical difficulties regardless of Internet strength and connectivity, which could cause problems at the time of submission.