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Note that the March department meeting was cancelled due to 'COVID19'.
In lieu of March minutes, kindly reference the Department Head's March report.

Head's Report to EDST Department Meeting on March 19, 2020

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Community News

1. Thanks to everyone who made it out to the **Research in Focus** session on February 20th featuring Jason Ellis and Logan Lorenz. **Please contact Alison St. Pierre (GAA) if you would like to present at one of the sessions.** Ideally, the sessions feature research updates from both faculty and students. All are welcome to attend!
2. Research Day is on Tuesday April, 14th. **Please promote this event in your classes and to your students!**
2. Congratulations to TLEF recipients: **Dr. Bathseba Opini** and co-applicants **Dr. Hartej Gill, Dr. Jason Ellis, Dr. Annette Henry, Dr. Michelle Stack, Dr. Andre Mazawi,** John Yamamoto, Rod Brown, Dr. Shaya Golparian, Dr. Daniel Shiu, Meena Uppal, Ashley House, Dr. Vince White, Dr. Marianne McTavish, **Mary Kostandy, Alison St. Pierre,** and Ogenfeibo Oladipupo for their teaching project entitled, "Anti-racism Education for Teacher Education Candidates". Funded in the Interdisciplinary Team-Teaching Grant stream of the TLEF program is **Dr. Vanessa Andreotti** and co-applicant **Dr. Sharon Stein** and **Tereza Caikova** for their teaching project entitled, "Navigating Complexities and Paradoxes of Global Challenges."
3. Congratulations to Killam Faculty Research Fellowship/Award winners, **Dr. Vanessa Andreotti** and **Dr. Mona Gleason.**
4. The Alma Mater Society (AMS) will award this year's AMS Great Trekker Award to Professor Emerita **Dr. Jo-ann Archibald Q'um Q'um Xiiem,** OC. The award is presented annually to UBC alumni who have achieved eminence in their chosen field of activity, made a worthy and special contribution to the community, and demonstrated keen and continued interest in UBC. Well done, Jo-ann!

New and Ongoing Business

1. In order to **facilitate our External Review,** I've asked that program coordinators to approach their respective faculty members for lists of possible reviewer names. This will be a discussion item at March's GPACC meeting. Once we have a robust list of possibilities, **the members of HAC will assist me in coming up with a list of 6 – 8 possible reviewers. This list will be presented to the Department meeting in April.**
2. This month's **Heads and Director meeting with the Dean and Associate Deans** took place on March 5, 2020. The main item discussed was the possibility of six new tenure track hires under the President's "Accelerate" program (see item 5 below for more information).

3. Please note that a **new Collective Agreement (CA) between the Faculty Association and the University has been ratified**. There are some important changes in the new CA that I urge you to familiarize yourself with. You can review these changes at: <https://www.facultyassociation.ubc.ca/bargaining/tentative-agreement-information-ratification/>. Please note that, in line with the new CA, faculty files for renewal, tenure, and promotion are **due in the office of the Head by July 1st**. This year, given this change has come into effect immediately and may have caught people off guard, **files are due on August 1st**.

4. **Short-listed Candidates for our faculty position in Indigenous Education and Advancement will be visiting campus soon**. Please stay tuned for confirmations from the Search Committee co-chairs and plan to attend these presentations. Also, please take the opportunity to meet with the candidates and provide feedback to the committee. Thanks to the continued work of the Search Committee (Handel Wright and Michael Marker, co-Chairs, Hongxia Shan, Bonny Norton, Cash Ahenakew, Sharon Stein, and Lisa White). Thanks also to Alliance Babunga for providing administrative support.

5. **Accelerate Program and Faculty of Education Hiring Plan**: The Dean outlined the “accelerate” phase of the President’s Academic Excellence Initiative (PAEI) Hiring Plan at the faculty meeting of March 10th. Departments have been tasked with discussing proposals for prospective hires. Proposals are expected to outline how new hires enhance the research capacity of the unit/Faculty with an emphasis on “bold and compelling” research. Rather than filling gaps in existing areas, the call for Accelerate faculty position proposals ask for new and growing areas that are not currently represented in Departments. **The Faculty of Education has been allotted six (6) new hires under this program**. In EDST, the process will be for **proposals to come to the Head by April 3rd**. I will circulate them to **EDST faculty** and then they will be **vetted in a special Department meeting to be held on April 9th**. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Departmental forum topic: Graduate Student Advising