



TO: University Senate

FROM: Reny de Leeuw

Re: Additional graduation date

April 20, 2020

Dear Members of the Senate,

With this memo, the College of Dentistry would like to ask for an **additional** graduation date of June 26, 2020.

Due to the closure of clinics, several students were not able to complete all the requirements for graduation in May. It is our hope that when the clinics can open, these students may be able to complete their requirements within several weeks of return. Several of our students are accepted in postgraduate programs that start July 1<sup>st</sup>, which puts them in a precarious situation, should they not be able to graduate before that date.

In addition, it also would help those students who enter private practice not having to wait the additional 2 months before they can start working. As you know dental school is expensive and students have large student loans. The sooner they can enter the workforce they better off they are.

Please don't hesitate if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reny de Leeuw', written in a cursive style.

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CC: Kenneth Nusbacher, Chair Faculty Council

Jeffrey Okeson, Interim Dean