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6. International Activity Roundtable - Faculty representatives inform other members of key new international activities in their Faculties.
  - a. International Travel – Darren Schemmer
    - a. Most countries currently have some kind of travel restriction
    - b. SFUi has been in touch with faculties asking preliminary questions to gauge their concerns about travel
      - i. Currently no incoming and outgoing travel known in any faculty
    - c. Communication technology
      - i. Previously there were obstacles in using technology that not everyone, including international partners may be familiar or comfortable with. However, everyone has now had a crash course on how to use some of these technologies
    - d. Virtual exchange or Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)
      - i. Nothing can replace an in-person experience but under current circumstances, it is worthwhile to learn and see opportunities in virtual exchanges or visits. The investment now will be beneficial over the next two years as the waves of this pandemic is a reality
      - ii. Even if we triple the number of SFU students going abroad for an international experience, more than two thirds will not go abroad during their time at SFU
      - iii.

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- c. Agricultural Technology
  - i. On the curriculum side, the Faculty of Science has a strategic plan to develop and agritech initiative. Laila Benkrima, the new director for program development, will begin next week.
  - ii. Will work with institutions in the Netherlands
  
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