On November 13th economics alumni, students, faculty and friends came to the Guild in Victoria, B.C. to take in this year’s Economics Alumni Mixer – it was an enjoyable event and a reminder that the strength of our network comes from a shared passion in economics and a genuine interest in using our skillset to make a difference.

Given the growth of our alumni family (over 6,000 UVic economics grads as of the November 2015 convocation) and the importance of strengthening our alumni network, the Economics Alumni Council has created two new council positions - a Communications Officer and a Mentorship Liaison. If you are interested in joining the council or want more information on the two new council roles, scroll to the bottom for a description of both positions.

Both positions are integral to the strength of the alumni network and will help shape the direction of the alumni council, in particular our commitment to the Council’s three vision mandate: networking, mentoring and fundraising.

If this opportunity interests you please contact Jeff McConnell, President of the Economics Alumni Council at Jeffrey.McConnell@gov.bc.ca with a short description about what council position you are interested in, your related experience and why you are interested in joining the Economics Alumni Council -

Sincerely,

Jeff McConnell (BA ’03, MPA ’08)
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Economics Alumni Council – New Council Positions

Communications Officer:

- The role provides an opportunity to further develop one’s communications skills while interacting with a wide variety of alumni, staff and faculty. You will also be part of developing a number of interesting initiatives that benefit current economics students and alumni
- Provide advice on a communications strategy for the council
- Create communications material and messaging for distribution to economics alumni. This may include written materials for the economics alumni website,
social media (LinkedIn, Facebook) or emails sent on behalf of the council for events and announcements

- The time commitment varies depending on time of year, but generally involves monthly meetings of the Alumni Council from September – May and completing a few action items (i.e. notices for upcoming events).
- The Communications Officer does not need to reside in Victoria to participate.

**Mentorship Liaison:**

- This role provides an opportunity to develop a number of interesting initiatives that help current students with their career development. The role provides an excellent opportunity to interact with a wide variety of alumni, staff, students and faculty
- The role involves working with UVic Social Sciences Co-op, current economics students and alumni to develop mentoring initiatives
- Activities may include assisting the Economics Alumni Council Co-op liaison with organizing the annual Economics Co-op and Career Planning Night (held each February) and working with various members of the Alumni Council and UVic co-op to develop additional mentoring events with current economics students
- The time commitment varies depending on time of year, but generally involves monthly meetings of the Alumni Council from September – May and advancing a few meeting action items (i.e. working with others to develop mentoring initiatives)