

Biographical sketch and statement of candidacy

I, Adam Krawitz, am an Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of Psychology. I teach courses on cognitive neuroscience and cognitive psychology. I have been at UVic, first in the research stream and now in the teaching stream, since 2010. I have served as our department's Faculty Association Council Representative since 2016.

I am actively involved in developing and advocating for undergraduate education. For example:

- I took a leading role in the design of our undergraduate "Mind and Brain Stream" curriculum in Psychology
- I participated in the university-wide Pilot Study for a Centrally Scheduled Midterm Examination Period
- I am currently participating in a Learning and Teaching Innovation-led pilot study of Vevox as an alternative to iClicker
- I have been a strong advocate for holding the administration accountable to fully support faculty, staff, and students in implementing academic accommodations

World-class programs of research are the best basis for the knowledge and experience required for world-class education. If I am given the opportunity to serve on the Faculty Senate, I will be guided by a desire to support our strength in both research and teaching.

As opportunities arise, I will advocate for:

- Strong central support for academic accommodations
- Faculty autonomy over their courses, including when and how to use classroom recordings, the incorporation of artificial intelligence and machine learning, and the use of appropriate assessment techniques
- Increased support for graduate students including stronger training and more opportunities for teaching assistants
- Reconsideration of our antiquated approach to scheduling final exams, which is particularly onerous for international faculty and students for whom travel home can be expensive and time consuming
- Provision of a swimming pool as appropriate for a university with men's and women's varsity swim teams and over 25,000 students, faculty, and staff

Thank you,
Adam