

I want to first recognize that we stand on territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples and relationships of the ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples to these territories continue to this day. As a very new settler, I am committed to continuing learning and engaging in decolonization, reconciliation, and indigenization with concrete actions, both in the Senate and outside.

When I ran for this position three years ago, I promised to bring in a diverse range of perspectives based on my intersectional identities and experiences; still as a trans woman, a current staff at Science Stores, and a former international student, researcher, and educator in Chemistry, I can confidently say that I fulfilled my promise and will continue to do so. In addition to these engagements I had in Senate, I have actively participated in consensus-forming and decision-making in Senate committees: Academic Standards, Agenda and Governance, and most memorably the committee to review the convocation roll composition, for which I have the honour to introduce the recommendation on expanding the convocation membership to Senate floor. I was also invited to join the AVP Global Engagement Search Committee and acclaimed to the VP Research and Innovation Appointment Committee representing the Senate at-large.

Once a student and student caller in the Development Office, I found myself still here, consecutively being a member of three unions (CUPE 4163/PEA/CUPE 951) and at one point concurrently in all three. The many colleagues that I interacted with at UVic guided me to think and assess in a practicality-centred approach and I would continue to remind myself of it.

Principle, collegiality, commitment, and vision are my core beliefs in academic governance. I am excited to be nominated for re-election in my decennial year at UVic and if elected, continue to act with these values as a Convocation Senator.