

I believe in supporting faculty by valuing their expertise and independence and providing them with the space and resources to do their job. Instructors should be free to determine the content and pedagogical needs of their courses. Decisions that affect the academic content of the campus, its programs and its directions, including the positions of those steering the ship, must be vigorously vetted by its faculty. I stand up for the Petch procedures and all other safeguards that protect these freedoms. I want to keep standards at UVic high and make excellence more than a buzz-word for PR campaigns. I also believe that faculty should be able to hold whatever political beliefs they wish without fear of cancellation and impact on their careers. To paraphrase Voltaire, I may despise what you say, but I defend your right to say it. I have worked hard as a member of the History department, serving as Undergraduate coordinator and now Director of the Honours Program, running outward-facing initiatives such as an exchange with the University of Toulouse in France and a public lecture series, *Café historique*, which takes place at Hermann's downtown, and designing high-enrolment electives with campus-wide appeal. I am currently serving a 1-year replacement position on Senate and would like to continue my work there. My nomination form was signed by past, present and incoming Chairs of History.