

Kimberley Cook

Biographical Sketch and Statement of Candidacy

This statement is to acknowledge and fulfil the requirement in my nomination to candidacy for:
Appointment Committee for Dean, Social Sciences

I am in my 7th year as an employee at the University of Victoria, having joined UVic with a background in fine arts (professional dancer) and medical administration (genetics clinic coordinator). I have held several roles within the School of Public Administration—beginning as a Co-op Assistant, then as Programs Assistant, Assistant to the Director, and currently, Administrative Officer. During this time at UVic I have come to appreciate that service is an integral part of our roles; helping the University function in a democratic, transparent and inclusive way. When we collectively support service opportunities we not only lighten the burden on individuals but also bring new and different perspectives for consideration, enhancing our decision-making processes.

In addition to engaging in Indigenous and EQHR workshops at UVic (ICAT, Anti-Opression Education Program, Foundations to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Increasing Equity in Decision Making Processes) I have been fortunate to be involved in our School's Decolonizing and Indigenizing Committee, the Faculty of Human and Social Developments EDIAD committee (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism and Decolonization), and the recent Director Search for the School of Public Administration (2023). I really enjoyed the process of reviewing the documents associated with the Directors Search and working with a diverse team to ensure the documents were accurate, reflected the current needs and requests of the School, and aligned with UVic's plans. If selected for the Appointment Committee for Dean, Social Sciences I would bring a strong attention to detail, commitment to inclusive practices, and collaborative spirit to support the committee's important work.

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