Aaron Devor biographical sketch and statement of candidacy

I have been a member of Senate since 1998 (except when on leave) and would be honoured to continue to serve. I understand the administrative workings of UVic well. I was Dean of Graduate Studies 2002-2012, Associate Dean of Social Sciences 2000-2002, have chaired fourteen UVic-wide, faculty-level, or interdepartmental administrative committees, and been a member of 72 committees.

In 2016 I founded the world's only Chair in Transgender Studies which includes research, graduate supervision, community outreach, policy advising, and fundraising. In 2014, I founded and continue to host international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational biennial Moving Trans History Forward conferences. In 2011, I founded and continue to provide expertise to the world's largest Transgender Archives.

My work history and academic training give me an excellent appreciation for intellectual diversity. My academic training includes sociology, communications, physics, and psychology. I've had trades training, was a small business owner, and a published/exhibiting artist. My research includes social, health, and library sciences, history, law, social services, education, and policy work. I am an elected member of the International Academy of Sex Research, and a Fellow of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. I received a 3M Teaching Award.

I am active in EDI, community engagement, and internationalization. I chaired the UVic Educational Equity Advisory Group for three years, served on Greater Victoria Police Diversity Advisory Committee for five years, I.K. Barber Foundation Aboriginal Awards Committee for seven years, Hillel House Board for eleven years, Saanich LGBTQ+ advisory committee for one year, as president of the Jewish Federation of Victoria and Vancouver Island for three years and on the board for nine years. While Dean, I represented UVic in Asia and Africa. In my lifetime, I have travelled to 36 countries on five continents, and learned from every visit.