

Biography

Hannah Brown is a PhD student in the Department of Anthropology, and now is running for a position as a Student Representative on the UVic Senate. They are originally from the UK, gaining their BA Hons. in Medical Science and Biological Anthropology from the University of Cambridge, and MSc in Palaeoanthropology from the University of Liverpool. Their research focuses on how our human lineage evolved language as a unique form of communication, and the genetic basis for the origin of language. Hannah has lived experience as a queer and disabled person and takes time to give back to the university and wider communities. Hannah sits on multiple councils and committees (including the Society for Students with a Disability and the Rainbow Crosswalk Steering Committee) to support and move forward programs and initiatives that improve life at the university for marginalised groups.

Election Platform

The UVic Senate is responsible for the academic governance of the university, and thus makes decisions that directly affects the lives of students. I strongly believe that the university should be an accessible, student-centred, and supportive environment. In my time at UVic I have worked many equity initiatives across campus, such as being involved in the Access4All Campaign since May 2021 being on the UVic Accessibility Committee. Since September 2022 I have served as a Student Representative on the UVic Senate. If I was re-elected, I would listen to students and work to solve issues that directly affect students' daily lives, especially those students with marginalized identities. As a representative to senate, I would act to ensure:

- Student voices were upheld and heard by UVic's governance.
- UVic becomes a more accessible place for all folks.
- Senate is aware of issues that affect students, such as the current housing crisis and increased cost of living.