I am currently a Master’s student in the department of economics. My research focuses on the economic analysis of welfare implications of public policy, and as such, I am qualified to serve as the graduate student on the UVic Board of Governors. In addition to my related research focus, I previously served as the undergraduate member on the Board of Governors, so I am familiar with the work done by the Board, and its processes and expectations.

If elected as your graduate student member, I will:

1. Push for improved funding and supports for student services on campus, including health and counselling services;
2. Continue to advocate for affordability for all students by opposing continued international student tuition and fee increases;
3. Advocate for improved access to research materials and resources, including the Statistics Canada Research Data Centre and others;
4. Improve access to funding opportunities for graduate students by recommending an increase in the budget for grants and awards;
5. Promote full divestment from fossil fuels in both short and long-term investments and encourage other sustainability initiatives; and
6. Encourage the continued advancement of reputational improvement campaigns, in order to increase the value of a degree from the University of Victoria.

I will promote collective and informed decision-making and cultural awareness. I will also continue to support the implementation and adherence to the recommendations made in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action.

On February 12 – 14, please vote Kate Fairley as your Board of Governors representative.