

Hello fellow Senate members,

My name is Kayleigh Erickson and I am entering my third year of Political Science and Sociology. Having been heavily involved with politics and initiatives on campus for the last two years, I've had the pleasure of working with many students, staff, and faculty members. I started off my engagement in the UVic community by being elected to a Director-at-Large position on the University of Victoria Students' Society board in my first year, and then in my second year becoming a residence Community Leader, the Chairperson of the UVSS, a student Senator, a Board of Governor, Director of the UVSS Food Bank, and an Executive on the Undergraduates of Political Science Course Union. Throughout my time on the UVSS board I have been a part of many hiring committees, and have committed to making confidential and fair decisions.

I am running for a position on the search committee for the Vice-President Academic and Provost because I believe that the University of Victoria is one of the best universities in the country, and want to find someone for the position that not only wants to uphold our standards for academic excellence, but an individual who wants to increase the standards of our programs and recruit the most qualified faculty in order to make UVic more competitive. I ran for my positions because I believe that I can enhance the experience of students on campus, and wish to find someone for this position that is committed to doing the same. There are more resources and opportunities for faculty, librarians and leaders in academia at UVic and I hope to find someone willing to facilitate the career development of those they work with, make teaching more diverse, and support diversity and equity on campus.