

Updates for Council, July 15th

- Safewalk is starting interviews this week for Safewalkers – we’re super excited to get the Service up and running again, hopefully before the end of July.
- The Tutoring Team is currently focusing on hiring for September (with a revamped hiring process), completely revisiting the training that we provide to Tutors, testing out new features that have been rolled out on the [Nimbus App](#), and working with different UBC units to provide our Services come September.
- The Food Bank is slowly starting to reopen to “normal” hours (Mondays and Thursday), and have started out new partnership with [FoodMesh](#), a company that acts as the middleperson between grocery stores and charities/etc. – as a result, we’re getting a huge influx of fresh produce, and are thus focusing on marketing and outreach to ensure that any students in need are able to use our Service. With this large influx, we’ve also increased our visits per term to 12. Lastly, our [partnership with BC Farmers’ Market is ongoing again](#), where we are able to provide vouchers for free local produce to select groups of clients.
- Peer Support is working on recruiting Team Leads and general volunteers for the Support team (also with a revamped hiring process). Last week, the Peer Support Coordinators received [Certified Peer Educator](#) Trainer Certification, so that all Peer Support Volunteers will be certified in a standardized curriculum of serving clients – the goal here is to ensure the highest quality service, and to develop a better reputation on campus as a mental health service provider.
- The Student Services Manager is assisting the Coordinators on broader projects such as the redevelopment of our hiring and training practices, developing proposals for upcoming projects with various campus partners (such as Tutoring operating in First-Year Residence), and developing strategies for operations and outreach for the Services (as detailed in this evening’s Presentation).