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VP AUA Council Update

General Updates

Hi all! First off, I would like to thank Christian Bailey for being the only councillor who filled out my council social survey! (but this is mostly due to the fact that Onboard didn't send out a notification for my survey, oops...)

I hope you have had a great first week of classes.

I now have general office hours at 5pm. Please email me to book them in or use [Calendly to book them in.](#)

Academic Experience Survey:

- The AES Report 2020 is almost done! Results are available for information, but are pending Advocacy Committee approval.
- I would like to thank my wonderful team, Chloei Andres, Shivani Mehta, Hannah Edward, and Morgan Lorenz for all their work, and particularly Morgan Lorenz for taking the lead on it.

COVID-19 Survey:

- The results are available for information, but is also pending Advocacy Committee approval.
- I would like to thank Shivani Mehta and Chloei Andres for all their hard work on putting together this survey!

Masking on UBC Campus

- We've been engaged with conversations with VPS and Safety and Risk services about mandatory masking on UBC campus, and the supply of non-medical masks.

Proctorio and Remote Invigilation Update:

- I have attached my Proctorio Update, including the Principles for appropriate use of remote invigilation tools. This gives guidance against the usage of Proctorio and we are currently in conversations with the Provost's office about the future of Proctorio.

Mapping Out Accessibility on UBC Campus

- Creating Resources for Instructors - making it easier for instructors to make their courses accessible
 - Collaborating with UBC IT, raising awareness for UBC instructors.
- We've been working with the Centre for Accessibility in creating the "big picture" of built + natural environments on UBC campus on following



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- Potentially looking at creating modules for easy ASL signing!

Open Educational Resources/TextBookBroke:

- More information will be in the presentation but please sign our [Open Letter](#) calling for Open Education!

VP Health Reappointment:

- I've been part of the VP Health Reappointment Committee regarding the reappointment of Dr. Dermott Kelleher.
- If you are a student in a Health Discipline, I would love to hear from you about your experience with regards to the performance of the VP Health.

Physical Activity Inclusion Toolkit:

- AVP University Affairs Morgan Lorenz has been working hard on the Physical Activity Inclusion Toolkit.

Students at Risk

- The provost's office recently published a memo regarding politically sensitive material that you may have found in your course syllabi.
- This is something that we continue to be engaged in with various members of the UBC community.
 - Student safety is our bottom line priority and ensuring that students are safe.
- Students can now request a general level letter citing essential reasons to travel, including internet restrictions, time zone differences, and bandwidth issues..

Accommodations

- We are working on the Centre for Accessibility on examples of flexible applications of the accommodations policy for the online atmosphere, so that there is consistency applied.

Physical Food Hub

- Morgan and I have been working with Claire and Jason from the Admin Team and Cali from the Services team, as well as the Food Security Initiative to put together a proposal for a Physical Food Hub, which would be an educational space around nutrition and food security in its many aspects.

Climate Emergency Task Force

- As we wrap up the climate emergency report, I have been presenting at various tables around the university like the ADAs about this.
- It is all too evident that we need to take action. The world is very literally on fire, and the sky is choked out on smoke.



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- We need to hold UBC accountable to its commitments and find community engagement mechanisms.