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## VP AUA Council Update - Submitted Sept 25/2020

### **Orange Shirt Day**

I want to recognize that the day that this council meeting takes place on is Orange Shirt Day, a day that is designed to educate about the harms of Residential Schools and the impacts that it has had on intergenerational trauma in Indigenous communities for over a century.

For more info, read <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

### **General Updates**

I would love to be able to continue to wax platitudes about how we're all in this together and how we're facing unprecedented times (take a shot every time somebody says how we're facing extraordinary/unprecedented times), but it's okay to not be okay too. The mid term burnout is hitting people a little early. We're doing as well as we can in this current moment, and it's important to extend that compassion to ourselves.

I continue to have general office hours at 5pm. Please email me to book them in or use [Calendly to book them in](#). I am happy to accommodate any challenges around timezone.

### **Academic Experience Survey:**

- The AES Report 2020 is now available!
- I would like to thank my wonderful team, Chloe 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 COVID-19 Report is now available!
- I would like to thank Shivani Mehta and Chloe Andres for all their hard work on putting together this survey!

### **UBC Budget and Tuition Consultation**

- We've been engaged with conversations with VPS about the UBC Budget and Tuition Consultation.
- UBC is looking at tuition increases. We take issue with the fact that tuition increases are already assumed, but they are looking at more participatory budgeting opportunities.
- We are also identifying student priorities for funding.

### **Proctorio and Remote Invigilation Update:**

- We need to advertise the [Principles for Remote Invigilation to faculty](#).



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- We're exploring legal alternatives, and the direct process of breaking off a contract prematurely.

### **Food Security on UBC Campus**

- Recent incidents of widespread food security on UBC campus have accelerated initiatives. We have been working with the Food Security Initiative.
- We are currently also hoping to create a resource sheet for Faculty encountering these types of situations on how they can best support students.
- We are interested in coordinating a campaign about Food Security.

### **Open Educational Resources/TextBookBroke:**

- Please continue to sign our [Open Letter](#) calling for Open Education!
- We will shortly be releasing the call for OER Champions Nomination! Stay tuned.

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