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, 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 COVID-19 Report is now available!
● I would like to thank Shivani Mehta and Chloei 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.
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.