

## Office of the Vice President Academic and University Affairs

Report to Council, December 6, 2023

### Food Security

- Secured an additional \$100,000 towards the AMS Food Bank, bringing the total amount secured from the University to \$450,000. This was the projected food purchasing costs at the beginning of the year.

### Mental Health Support Joint Campaign

- Working with the Vice President Students Office on a joint communication strategy to better cross-promote the various resources that exist on campus to support student mental health.
  - A joint statement will be released in the coming days.

### Budget

- AMS budget priorities for the UBC Budget has been submitted to the Vice President Students, Vice President Finance and Operations and Provost.
  - Two priorities that have been reinforced in meetings are food security funding and affordable housing.

### Open Education Resources (OERs)

- Planning the first ever AMS OER Champions Gala to celebrate and encourage the further use and implementation of OERs in classrooms.
- Opening nominations for OER Champion Awards and OER Impact Award shortly.

### Careers

- Working with the UBC Career Centre team to expand, grow and reimagine programming including an expansion to advisor teams, changes in programs and the leveraging of new technology.
- We are making sure to get in at the ground level of the reimagining process.

### Undergraduate Research

- Still anticipating a January launch for the new undergraduate research program.
- Have received confirmations of interest from the Deans of the 3 pilot Faculties: Arts, Commerce and Applied Science.