

Office of the Vice President Academic and University Affairs

Report to Council, February 7, 2024

Housing

- Working with the Vice President Students Office and the AMS VP External Office to determine the feasibility of an off-campus rental housing bursary.
- Working with Student Housing and Community Services to develop an application for the loan program now available to Universities.

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.

Accessibility

- Secured a renewed commitment of \$400,000 towards the Centre For Accessibility that is to be used towards the resourcing and capacity building of the centre.
 - Ensured a commitment towards the development of a better functioning website portal for students.

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 set to occur March 28, 2024.
- Secured the continued commitment of \$250,000 to the OER Fund.

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.

Undergraduate Research

- Launch for the program has been pushed to finalize logistical details and find a home within University units.