

Biography statement: Kelly Diether

I am delighted to run for re-election as a Convocation Senator. I was elected in 2021 and currently sit on the Senate Committee on University Budget. During my term, I also served on the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies.

I grew up on the traditional territory of the Secwépemc peoples in the interior of BC and have been on the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples since I began my Political Science degree at UVic in 2012. On the encouragement of several supportive instructors, I joined the co-op program and became an educational technology co-op student with Technology Integrated Learning (TIL) in 2016. In this role, I not only learned the ins and outs of UVic's learning technologies but also developed a much greater appreciation for the work that goes into developing and administering the courses that I had learned so much from. I loved experiencing a different side of the community where I had learned and grew so much.

I graduated with my BA in June 2018 and became a full-time Ed Tech Specialist at TIL. In March 2020, I moved over to University Systems and am currently the Learning Systems Technology Support Analyst. In this position, I've had the opportunity to work on our Microsoft 365 training program, lead CyberAware (our Cybersecurity Awareness Program), and supervise our part-time and co-op student staff at the Computer Help Desk.

If re-elected, I will bring my passion for this campus and knowledge and experience of UVic's learning systems to the University of Victoria Senate.