

Kate Donovan, BA (UVic), MBA (UVic)

CONVOCATION SENATE - CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Greetings, my name is Kate Donovan, and I'm delighted to connect with you. I proudly identify as a mixed-ancestry, cisgendered, queer woman, and mother. A third-generation Chinese Canadian settler on my mother's side and a first-generation English settler on my father's side, I was born and raised on the territory of the Musqueam peoples. In 2001, I moved to the University of Victoria (UVic) as a student, making my home on the territory of the Lək̓ʷəŋən peoples and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ peoples, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

My academic journey began at UVic, immersing myself in the Faculty of Social Sciences, graduating with a BA in Anthropology in 2005. Following this, I entered the professional realm at UVic within the registrar's office. By 2008, I found my way to the Gustavson School of Business, actively contributing to undergraduate and graduate programs as both a staff member and MBA student. Currently, I serve as the Director of Administration for the master's programs at Gustavson, building on the foundation of my MBA, proudly completed while working full-time in 2014.

My passion lies in championing student service, fostering an engaged campus community, and advocating for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDIA). Eager to deepen my contributions to the UVic community, I express my interest in serving on the University's Senate. With 23 years of multifaceted roles on campus – spanning from undergraduate and graduate studies to roles as a staff member and alumna – I bring a collaborative, people-first perspective and a comprehensive understanding of university processes and policies.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue positively shaping the UVic community, representing the viewpoints of the convocation membership and drawing upon my diverse experiences. Together, let's create an inclusive and thriving future for all.

Kate