



BC's Union for Professionals

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Jamie Cassels, President
University of Victoria

Gayle Gorril, Vice-President Finance and Operations
University of Victoria

Erich Mohr, Chair
University of Victoria Board of Governors

Dear President Jamie Cassels, Ms. Gayle Gorril and Dr. Erich Mohr

This letter is to let you know that the University of Victoria chapter of the PEA has endorsed the UVSS **Education is a Right** rally.

Tuition fee increases continue to make education less accessible while allowing governments to abdicate their responsibility to adequately fund post-secondary education. We support the students' aim for fully-funded public post-secondary education as we agree that public post-secondary education is vital for a strong democratic society, for advancements in science, research and technology, and for a more sustainable and just future. Without adequate funding, including bursaries and grants, regressive tuition fees have created the most indebted generation ever, which is already having deeply troubling impacts in the economy.

The recent campus update has shown the need for increased funding to adequately support the operational needs of the university. Reduction in the university operating grant shows a lack of priority in the Ministry of Advanced Education. We encourage university leaders to take this issue to the provincial government and get a better deal for our students.

Sincerely,
PEA UVic Chapter Executive

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