I've been an instructional faculty member in the Department of Chemistry for fourteen years and have served as Co-chair/Chair for the past six. Working at the interface between faculty and administration gives me insight into how institutional decisions shape our daily work, as well as the complications and opportunities that can arise. I teach courses across all-levels in the Chemistry Program and have scholarly interests in accessible education, especially in testing and experiential learning.

I believe this is a crucial moment for VIU, and we need to choose a president who understands our strengths and values and will capitalize on them to build a stronger institution. In my view, the new president faces several key challenges: (1) rebuilding confidence in the institution and restoring morale to the VIU community (2) with the involvement of faculty and other stakeholders, take steps improving our outdated processes and systems, which would streamline our workflows and as a result improve our working conditions and provide better service to students (3) combatting the external threats to VIU by leading efforts to highlight VIU's outstanding value as a public institution (4) lead VIU forward in a sustainable way, by which I mean fostering strong lasting relationships with employees, students, first nations, members of the public, and our environment, as well ensuring financial sustainability.

Please support me if you feel that my combination of experience and/or perspective would be a valuable contribution to PSAC. Thank you.

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