

Hosted by: Dr. Geoff Payne, Interim President & Vice-Chancellor

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020

Time: 11:00am to 12:00pm

Collaborate Link: <https://bit.ly/unbc-kaffeeklatsch>

[58+ attendees](#)

## Notes:

Announced at Senate Aug 26: Winter 2021 will look like Fall 2020 for BC Post-Secondary institutions

Masks will not be required or mandatory at BC post-secondary institutions. In some small spaces like labs, masks will be recommended in certain circumstances.

Registration for Winter 2021 is projected to open at the beginning of October

Campus food service details are emerging soon

There will be opportunities for students to book rooms and use spaces on campuses in Prince George, Terrace, and Quesnel.

Geoff will be looking into bus services to the campus and seeking clarity on BCTransit plans for Fall 2020

- <https://www.bctransit.com/prince-george/news?nid=1529710201553>

The campus has been, and will always be open, even on weekends. You will see some modifications for physical distancing.

First Nations Centre will be available to students in Fall 2020 but with limitations on the number of students allowed at any given time to ensure proper physical distancing.

Fees and Tuition fees for Fall 2020 have been approved

- Presidents of Student Societies have been updating student body on changes

CTLT has additional staff to meet the instructional design and instructional technology needs of faculty and instructors in Fall 2020 and Winter 2021.

Ongoing library webinars on research are being archived in the event you missed one of interest

TAs are receiving workshops and orientation from CTLT on teaching, learning, and technology for Fall 2020.

Thursday, September 3, 2020 - 10:00am to 11:00am - Data Research Centre webinar

[unbc.ca/events/54684/student-research-opportunities-during-covid-19-check-out-unbc-research-data-centre](https://unbc.ca/events/54684/student-research-opportunities-during-covid-19-check-out-unbc-research-data-centre)

Details on required credit hours to be determined a full time student are available from the Office of the Registrar

- "The minimum requirement for full-time status for undergraduate students is 9 credit hours per semester and the minimum requirement for full-time status for graduate students is 6 credit hours semester or enrolment in a thesis/project" (per [unbc.ca/financial-aid/faq](https://unbc.ca/financial-aid/faq)) Depending on student status (undergrad or grad student)

Administration is looking at what sorts of responsibilities or tasks can be taken off faculty plates (delayed, for eg) so they can concentrate on teaching? For example--PARs: how are these being reframed in light of what we're going through?

All NUGSS biweekly updates are uploaded to [nugss.unbc.ca/docs](https://nugss.unbc.ca/docs) under NUGSS COVID-19 FAQs, Resources and Updates. Email [nugss-president@unbc.ca](mailto:nugss-president@unbc.ca) if you have additional questions about NUGSS services

If there are questions specific to student services departments Student Life is also hosting a Student Services Panel next week on Wednesday! [unbc.ca/events/54686/unbc-student-services-virtual-panel](https://unbc.ca/events/54686/unbc-student-services-virtual-panel)

Zoom - Effective September 27th, 2020 all Zoom meetings will require either a passcode or a waiting room setup. Full information on this change can be found on UNBC's Zoom webpages. See <https://www.unbc.ca/educational-media-services/services/zoom> for more info

NUGSS is planning a Virtual Club Days on September 16th and 17th, more information to come

Bi-weekly meetings with all BC post-secondary presidents are held with Deputy Minister of Advanced Education.

Regular updates to BC post-secondary presidents are made by BC Public Health

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

Not likely that the province will be issuing further provisional funding to post-secondary in ongoing response to COVID19

"Is there any movement toward greater collaboration among institutions? Or are we still working in a competitive model of HE?" >> challenges presented by COVID19 have surfaced the need to consider more opportunities for collaboration across the post-secondary sector and reconsider the adversarial/competitive relationships between institutions.

Future Kaffeeklatsch topics?

- "Future of Higher Education Post Covid"

## Resources:

BCTransit Notice regarding service to UNBC <https://www.bctransit.com/prince-george/news?nid=1529710201553>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the UNBC community <https://www.unbc.ca/coronavirus>

Health & Wellbeing for students: <https://www.unbc.ca/wellness-centre>

Health & Wellbeing for faculty & staff: <https://www.unbc.ca/health-and-wellbeing>