Recipient for the Excellence in Leadership Award

Dr. Monika Winn – Peter B Gustavson School of Business

Since arriving at UVic in 1995 as a Business and Strategy scholar and instructor, Dr. Winn has established connections across campus, and around the world, in order to create and advance awareness of sustainability and social responsibility issues, within a business context.

She pioneered curricular innovations by developing courses in business and sustainability at the undergraduate, masters and PhD levels, which are now core requirements for most business students here at UVic. She has been one of the visionaries responsible for shifting the overall culture of Gustavson to its current integration of, and focus on, sustainability and responsibility within the business environment.

Through her efforts and vision, UVic’s first intra-faculty research centre – the Centre for Social and Sustainable Innovation – was established in 2011, with Dr. Winn as its first and current director. Under her administrative leadership, the centre helps to integrate business, sustainability and social responsibility into every aspect of education at Gustavson, via a wide range of initiatives. The work of the centre has been, in no small part, responsible for UVic being internationally recognized for its achievements advancing sustainability in higher education.

Gustavson’s Dean Dr. Saul Klein has summed it up very well: “Monika has put us on the map through the strength of her research record. Her efforts and passion, both within the School and in the broader academic community are much appreciated. As the Sustainability Champion and Director of CSSI, she is helping us build a strong strategic position as a School. It is remarkable how much we have achieved in this area and I look forward to working with her as we continue to define the pioneering role we envision in creating sustainable value.”

Congratulations Monika!