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MEMO

Date: July 27, 2015
To: Members of the University Community
From: Ms. Shelagh Rogers, Chancellor and Chair, Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition
Re: **Request for Nominations for Honorary Degree Candidates**

Dear Members of the University Community:

This is to encourage you to nominate a candidate you deem worthy of an honorary degree from the University of Victoria. Awarding such a degree is a wonderful way for the university to recognize and honour individuals who have achieved great things and celebrate what we value. The university's recent honourees – amongst whom are *Stephanie Nolen (LLD, November 2014)*, *Patrick Lane (DLitt, November 2013)*, *Dr. Adel S. Sedra (DSc, June 2013)*, *Grand Chief Edward John (Akile Cho'oh) (LLD, June 2012)*, *Anne Wheeler (DLitt, June 2012)*, and *Andrew Bjerring (DSc, November 2011)* – reflect achievement in many varied realms.

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition welcomes your suggestions of worthy candidates who may appropriately join the ranks of previous recipients. You should feel free to nominate candidates from any place and of any nationality, but we suggest you give particular attention to people who have had some connection with British Columbia or the university. The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition and Senate look for diversity when selecting honorary degree recipients and strongly encourage you to nominate people from diverse backgrounds. ***The next deadline for nominations is September 11, 2015.***

The terms of reference and procedures of the committee, as well as the Honorary Degree Nomination Form are available online at <http://www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/senate/honorary/>. A letter of nomination should include detailed specification and documentation of the candidate's achievements that the nominator believes qualify the candidate for consideration for an honorary degree. It should clearly describe why the nominee should receive an honorary degree and include, as appropriate, information about the nominee's community activities; national or provincial activities; distinguished or notable professional achievements or service that reflects a high standard of excellence in his or her field; publications, research or creative work; and previous awards and recognition. A bio and CV should be attached to the letter.

Deliberations of the committee are confidential and the nominee must never know he or she is being recommended for an honorary degree so as to save embarrassment on both sides in the event the committee does not select the nominee.

You may send nomination packages to the care of the Associate University Secretary, Office of the University Secretary, Room A138, Administrative Services Building. If you require further information please contact Carrie Andersen, Associate University Secretary at 721-8104 or aus@uvic.ca, or Brad Buie, Awards Facilitator at 721-5408 or awardfac@uvic.ca.

On behalf of the committee, we look forward to your nomination packages and will be very grateful for your input.