Dean Brown: Escorts Dr. Currie to his seat, with Dr. Currie on his right, turns Dr. Currie in front of him so that he may resume his seat. Dean Brown is seated.

Chancellor: Moves to the microphone and says:

Chancellor: Mr. President will you present the Honorary Degree Candidate, Mr. Louis Miranda.

Chancellor: Steps back.

President: The President crosses the stage to where Mr. Miranda is seated. Mr. Miranda rises as the President reaches him. Mr. Miranda crosses in front of the President, who has turned to face centre stage, and is escorted on the President's left (audience side) to centre stage. As they reach centre stage the President moves behind Mr. Miranda and takes up position on Mr. Miranda's left, but moving forward to the microphone.
PRESIDENT: Simon Fraser University salutes you, Louis Miranda, known by your people as sxaaltxw but better known to many as Uncle Louis.

In your rich, long lifetime, you have been a logger, fisherman, longshoreman, pool-hall operator, and latterly, and most significantly, teacher and scholar of the Squamish language. Over a period of five years you worked with the Dutch linguist, Aert Kuipers, on a study of the Squamish language which was published in two volumes in 1967 and 1968. Without your efforts, Dr. Kuipers has written, it is likely that the language would have gone into the endless silence of oblivion.

For over fifty years you served your people as chief and president of the Squamish Band Council. You have been a long-time advocate of aboriginal rights and have wisely administered welfare programmes and housing projects, and
HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN TRAINING THE YOUNG MEN OF THE BAND IN WAR-CANOE RACING.

IN ALL YOUR EFFORTS YOU HAVE BEEN INTENT ON REBUILDING THE CULTURE AND PRIDE OF THE SQUAMISH BAND AND AT THE SAME TIME CREATING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE NATIVE AND WHITE PEOPLES. THIS HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY TASK, BUT YOU HAVE MIGHTILY SUCCEEDED WHERE MANY WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP IN DISCOURAGEMENT OR DESPAIR. AS A CHILD YOU WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AT SQUAMISH. WE NOW SEEK PARTLY TO REDRESS THAT OLD WRONG. IN A LETTER SUPPORTING THE AWARD OF THIS DEGREE, THE DISTINGUISHED FRENCH ANTHROPOLOGIST, CLAUDE LEVI-STRAUSS, HAS WRITTEN THAT IN JAPAN YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED A NATIONAL LIVING TREASURE LACKING THAT CATEGORY, WE WILL DO THE BEST WE CAN IN CONFERRING ON YOU THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA.

PRESIDENT : STEPS BACK