Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present Dr. Allan Luke, a distinguished alumnus of this university and an exemplary educator and human rights advocate. Dr. Luke has brought great honour to himself, to his profession, and to Simon Fraser University.

Allan Luke’s experience as an educator, researcher and administrator is as deep as it is broad. He began his exceptional career first as a graduate student here. Soon after, he taught secondary school in British Columbia and then quickly made the transition to lecturer at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and at our institution. Subsequently, Allan’s interest in global education and his exceptional gifts as a teacher and researcher led to several important postings overseas.

In 1999, he assumed the Office of Deputy Director General of Education for the State of Queensland, Australia. Under his guidance, that state’s schools attracted global attention as they shifted direction to engage directly with the demands of new economies. For his visionary leadership, Allan Luke received the Gold Medal for Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to Australian Education and the IBM/Bulletin Magazine Award for Top Educational Innovator in Australia.

Throughout his long and illustrious career, Allan Luke has been an intellectual force in the global education community and a brave proponent of the advancement of human rights through educational reform. A prolific scholar and author, he has written and edited 14 books and more than 140 articles and book chapters in several fields of inquiry. His insights have exerted a profound influence on educational policy and systems reform in a number of nations, and especially in the Pacific Rim. His research in literacy among multilingual populations has defined the debate in that field. And his cogent arguments in the sociology of education suggest bold new ways in which education can work within powerful social and economic policy frameworks.

The culmination of his career to date came in 2003, when he accepted an appointment as Foundation Dean of the Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice at Singapore’s National Institute of Education, the largest funded educational research centre in the Asia Pacific. There, his bold, imaginative thinking quickly positioned that institution squarely on the world’s stage as a focal point for studies in the reform of educational policy and practice.

Mr. Chancellor, in recognition of Allan Luke’s many unique contributions, I am honoured to ask on behalf of the Senate of this University that you now confer upon Dr. Allan Luke the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. 