Madam Chancellor, it is with very great pleasure that I present to you Dennis Culver. His record of professional accomplishment, his service to the community and higher education demonstrate that every advantage implies a responsibility; every success, an obligation; every benefit, a duty.

British Columbia born and raised, Dennis Culver attended university locally before seeing action in Europe with the Calgary Highlanders and the Canadian Scottish Regiment. Returning home in 1946 as an articling student in accounting, he began a career made singular by combining personal achievement in business with volunteer service on more than twenty professional boards, foundations, agencies and committees. Past-President of both the provincial Council and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, he was elected a Fellow by the British Columbia Council in 1972.

Dennis Culver found time from an energetic schedule that commands his colleagues’ respect to become a Charter Student in the Executive MBA programme at Simon Fraser University, graduating in 1971. He remains a true friend, valued advisor and benefactor to this University: inaugural Chair and continuing member of the Business Administration Faculty's Advisory Board, scholarship and endowment fund donor, effective counsellor to the Development and Alumni Offices.

Recognized as a community patron in fields ranging from family services to recycling and the arts, he has given good counsel and support in an executive capacity with Camp Alexandra, Family Service Agencies of Vancouver, and the Vancouver Symphony Society, along with acting as government consultant on daycare.

Recipient of the Simon Fraser University Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award in 1984 and the Outstanding Alumni Award in 1985, he was further honoured in 1987 with a Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. His integrity beyond challenge, Dennis Culver merits our esteem as a professional, a champion of community interests and an outstanding ally of higher education.

Madam Chancellor, in the name of the Senate of this University, I am honoured to present Dennis Culver for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.