MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2015

To:    Deans, Principal CHD, Executive Director Continuing Studies, University Librarian

From: Dr. Sally Thorne, Chair, Tributes Committee, Vancouver Senate, and Dr. Peter Arthur, Chair, Learning and Research Committee, Okanagan Senate

Re:    Call for Centennial Honorary Degree Nominations

The Vancouver and Okanagan Senates invite members of the university community to nominate worthy, high profile individuals for honorary degrees to be conferred during UBC’s Centennial year from September 2015 to June 2016.

The criteria for the award of an honorary degree are excellence, eminence and accomplishment. Nominees must be exceptionally distinguished scholars, creative artists, public servants, persons prominent in the community and the professions, and others who have made significant contributions locally, nationally, and globally.

For our Centennial, we are seeking nominees who have an international profile, are renowned beyond their respective fields of study or expertise, and could generate widespread excitement within various sectors of the university community and the general public (e.g. Nobel Laureates, former heads of state, global business leaders, prominent sports and cultural figures).

Programming
It would be useful to know if your faculty or department has the capacity to build a program of events should your nomination be successful. All honorary degree programs during the Centennial must be done in coordination with Ceremonies and Events and the Centennial Office.

Nomination Process
Nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis, but with the Centennial timeline in mind, we ask that you submit your high profile nominations by end of February 2015. To reduce the burden of nomination, we simply require the following information for each nominee:

- Full name and title
- Primary affiliation (organization/location)
- Area(s) of expertise
- A brief summary of the nominee’s accomplishments
- Indicate if your faculty/department is able to build a program of events
Please submit your nomination(s) by email to Amandeep Breen, Academic Governance Officer, Enrolment Services, amandeep.breen@ubc.ca. If you prefer to submit a more detailed nomination, please visit: https://forms.students.ubc.ca/senate/honorary-degree-nomination.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the honorary degree process as an important reflection of the public face of the university. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

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Chair, Tributes Committee  
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Attachment: Honorary Degree Nomination FAQ