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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Tributes Committee

Re: Memorial Minutes

The Tributes Committee has prepared memorial minutes for the following individuals:

Mr. Basil Frederick Stuart-Stubbs, Dr. Charles Bourne, Dr. John E. Phillips, and Professor Ralph Raymond Loffmark

Motion: *That Senate approve the Memorial Minutes for Mr. Basil Frederick Stuart-Stubbs, Dr. Charles Bourne, Dr. John E. Phillips, and Professor Ralph Raymond Loffmark, that they be entered into the Minutes of Senate, and that copies be sent to the families of the deceased.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sally Thorne, Chair
Senate Tributes Committee

Mr. Basil Frederick Stuart-Stubbs

Mr. Basil Frederick Stuart-Stubbs was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, and moved to Vancouver with his parents at the age of 16. He received his B.A. (Honours in Philosophy) from UBC in 1952, and his Bachelor of Library Science from McGill University in 1954. Between 1954 and 1956, Basil worked as a reference librarian at McGill. He returned to UBC in 1956 to join the Library staff, specializing in collections and rare books. In 1964, Basil was appointed University Librarian. During his time as University Librarian, he dedicated many years of service to the UBC Senate.

Basil moved to a faculty position in 1981, when he was appointed Professor and Director of the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. While at the School, Basil implemented the first post-graduate degree program in North America in the field of archival studies. For a dozen years, he taught the only course available on publishing in British Columbia.

Basil received many awards and honours, including the Gray Campbell Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the book industry in British Columbia in 2004, the Order of Canada in 2005, and the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Privately, Basil spent decades researching his family's genealogy, and enjoyed many travels abroad. As an amateur pianist and avid concert-attendee, he had a lifelong passion for collecting sheet music, recordings, and books by and about pianists. Professor emeritus and University Librarian emeritus at UBC, Basil will be remembered as a bibliophile, scholar, and librarian.

Dr. Charles Bourne

Born in Barbados, Dr. Charles Bourne moved to Canada to pursue a career in law. He completed a B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1945, and went on to earn an L.L.M. from Cambridge in 1947, and an S.J.D. from Harvard in 1970. Following several years at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law, Dr. Bourne took a position at UBC's Faculty of Law in 1950.

During his academic career, Dr. Bourne became a world renowned scholar in the areas of water resources law and the law of the sea. His leadership roles included President of the Canadian British International Law Association, Academic-in-Residence for External Affairs, President of the Canadian Council of International Law, member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, advisor to the International Joint Commission in Ottawa, and Chairman of the International Law Association Committee on International Water Resources Law. He also wrote numerous articles, and served as Editor-in-Chief for The Canadian Yearbook of International Law.

Dr. Bourne received many honours, including Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1979, the John E. Read Medal from the Canadian Council of International Law in 1986, and the UBC Alumni Award for Research in 2011.

Between 1954 and 1981, Dr. Bourne served on the UBC Senate, as representative of the Faculty of Law and of Joint Faculties. He also acted as special advisor to the President from 1975 to 1986, when he retired Professor emeritus. In recognition of his long-standing service to UBC, the University bestowed upon Dr. Bourne an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1993.

Dr. John E. Phillips

Dr. John E. Phillips was born in Montreal in 1934, and spent his high school and university years in Nova Scotia. After earning his B.Sc. with first class honours in Biology and the University Medal for Science at Dalhousie University, Dr. Phillips obtained his M.Sc. in 1957. The National Research Council of Canada awarded him a Special Overseas Scholarship to complete his Ph.D. in Cellular and Comparative Physiology at Cambridge University, England.

On his return to Canada, Dr. Phillips became an Assistant Professor at Dalhousie, and in 1964, he joined UBC's Zoology Department. From 1991 to 1996, he served as Department Head, and in 2000, became Professor emeritus. Under his leadership, Dr. Phillips' group of graduate students, post-doctoral fellows from abroad, and prominent faculty visitors pioneered the field of epithelial transport mechanisms and their neuro-hormonal control, including renal function, which enables various arthropods to inhabit diverse extreme environments. He was also co-author of some 150 research papers, and sat on the editorial boards of 4 international scientific journals.

In recognition of his group's life-long research contributions, Dr. Phillips received numerous honours, including election to the Royal Society of Canada, a Killam Senior Fellowship for sabbatical leave in Cambridge, a UBC Killam Research Prize, the Fry Medal from the Canadian Society of Zoologists for which he served as Secretary, Vice-President and President, and the James Chair at St. Francis Xavier University.

In addition to his many other contributions to UBC, Dr. Phillips represented the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the Senate from 1987 to 1990, and chaired many University-wide committees.

Professor Ralph Raymond Loffmark

Professor Ralph Raymond Loffmark was born in Vancouver in 1920. A man who appreciated the value of an education, Professor Loffmark pursued studies at the University of Toronto, the University of Pennsylvania, and UBC. He earned his B.A. and M.B.A., before going on to achieve Law and Chartered Accountancy degrees.

In 1962, Professor Loffmark entered provincial politics, serving first as B.C.'s Minister of Trade, and then as Minister of Health. After an illustrious political career, he returned to UBC as a Commerce professor in 1972, and specialized in teaching law to Commerce students. Professor Loffmark received a Master Teacher Award in 1975, became Professor emeritus in 1985, and continued at UBC until his retirement in 1990. From 1962 to 1966, he served on the Senate, as representative of the Faculty of Commerce.

Professor Loffmark was instrumental, along with Dean Peter Lusztig and co-founders Murray Leith Sr., Michael Ryan and Milton Wong, in setting up the UBC Portfolio Management Foundation. The UBC PMF has been a significant success at the business school, and is still recognized as a major achievement that would not have come to pass without Professor Loffmark's vital input and expertise.