



October 5, 2012

To: Vancouver Senate
From: Tributes Committee
Re: Memorial Minute - Dr. Warren D. Kitts

The Tributes Committee has prepared a memorial minute for the following individual:

Dr. Warren D. Kitts

Motion: *That Senate approve the Memorial Minute for Dr. Warren D. Kitts, that it be entered into the Minutes of Senate, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sally Thorne, Chair
Senate Tributes Committee



Dr. Warren D. Kitts

Born in North Vancouver, Dr. Warren Kitts completed a BSA in 1947 and an MSA in 1949, both at UBC. He went on to obtain his PhD in Biophysical Chemistry from Iowa State University in 1953, and returned to UBC later that year to start his academic career in Animal Science.

Dr. Kitts was named Professor in 1965. In 1967, he was named Chairman of the Department of Animal Science, and in 1968, Chairman of the Department of Poultry Science as well. Dr. Kitts became Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in 1976, leading 58 faculty members in seven departments. During his tenure as Dean, the Faculty grew, with notable additions in undergraduate programs, a renewed emphasis on continuing education and extension, and the development of a new research farm at South Campus at UBC. Dr. Kitts believed that the Faculty must diversify from teaching and research only at the University, to teaching and consultation throughout the agricultural industry and province. As a result, the Faculty took steps in this direction by offering courses in various disciplines to the non-agricultural public, and by organizing seminars for industry personnel.

Among his many significant contributions to the University, Dr. Kitts served on the Senate for 18 years, as representative of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

Dr. Kitts received numerous academic awards and distinctions for his contributions to Canadian agriculture, before retiring in 1984. After an association of some 40 years with UBC, he was named Dean and Professor emeritus.

His son, Dr. David Kitts, continues the Kitts name in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.