



November 2, 2012

To: Vancouver Senate
From: Senate Tributes Committee
Re: Memorial Minute - Dr. Katherine T. Brearley

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

Dr. Katherine T. Brearley

Motion: *That Senate approve the Memorial Minute for Dr. Katherine T. Brearley, 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. Katherine T. Brearley

Dr. Katherine T. Brearley was born in Calgary and moved to White Rock as a young girl. After high school, Dr. Brearley completed her BA at UBC in English, French and History in 1935, her professional year in Education in 1936, and her MA in English in 1939. She taught at Semiahmoo Secondary School in Surrey from 1937 to 1947, before going on to earn her PhD at Université Paris. Dr. Brearley returned to UBC in 1950, where she was in charge of the Women's Residence from 1950 to 1954, and Assistant Dean of Women from 1959 to 1962.

In 1969, Dr. Brearley was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of French, and Senior Faculty Advisor in the Faculty of Arts. She served in these roles until her retirement from UBC, upon which she became Associate Professor emerita. The Kay Brearley Service Award is given annually to the student or non-student whose service to the Women's Athletic program has been judged to be exceptional. Dr. Brearley was both a member and Chair of the Women's Athletic Committee for many years. She had a genuine interest in students, and was committed to encouraging student involvement and leadership. In addition to her many other contributions to UBC, Dr. Brearley served on the Senate from 1975 to 1981 as a representative of Joint Faculties.

A textbook case against mandatory retirement, Dr. Brearley returned to high school teaching at Little Flower Academy from 1981 to 1988. After retiring from LFA, she volunteered with neighbourhood agencies and remained active with UBC Retired Faculty. Dr. Brearley also became an accomplished painter of watercolours, her works being shown at venues such as "Artists in our midst".