

DOUG SOO. Dean Emeritus, Continuing Studies, Langara College

February 14, 1948 - January 12, 2014

Doug Soo was Langara's first Dean of Continuing Studies. During the 16 years he was at the helm of Continuing Studies, the division grew to become one of the largest and most successful providers of adult education in BC. A well-known educator and community builder, he served on the boards and committees of a variety of organizations, including the United Way of the Lower Mainland, the Canadian Cancer Society, Crisis Centre BC, and Vancity Credit Union. He was awarded the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Commemorative Medal for Service to the Community and was named an Honorary Life Member by the Association for Community Education in BC in 1994. Soo passed away suddenly in 2014 doing what he loved, hiking on Grouse Mountain with friends. [from [Langara Emeritus page](#)]

Doug was a mentor, to all CS staff, and had such a strong belief in community. My biggest learning from Doug and one I still use today, is to spend time really focussing on all aspects of the question/problem. I had a tendency to jump quickly to solutions without taking the extra time.

Doug was a role model in asking for people's opinion and viewpoints both positive & negative. He wanted to hear about all our experiences before deciding on a way forward. Taking this extra time allowed for the creative thinking mind to contribute. He is very missed and still has a place in our hearts. Thanks, Doug.

Cora Van Wyck, Langara. Program Coordinator. Reg Massage Therapy Program

Doug was an exception, a trail blazer who always took into consideration of the community within the bigger picture. He maintained that languages, arts as well as various other affordable courses to assist the development of the people in the surrounding community. The larger big ticket items such as LEAP and Business programs were maintained to the high standard recognized across the board.

Doug always came to work with a sly remark or jokes to brighten up the office spirit. He pitched in with the United Way, cooking hotdogs. His imagination for Halloween costumes could not be matched, not his blinking red bow tie for the Presidents Bar at Christmas.

My best memories were working in CS with a team lead by Doug Soo, the first Director of Continuing Education at the time, replacing Robert Anderson who was the CE Administrator when I started in the 1980's. We worked hard but enjoyed ourselves when the quiet times occurred.

Jackie Scheepbouwer

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Langara emeritus Doug Soo's life celebrated. *The Voice*, v. 26, no 16, February 27, 2014

<https://www.langaravoices.ca/langara-emeritus-doug-soo-passes-away/>

Vancouver Sun/The Province Notices.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/doug-soo-obituary?id=43588078#sthash.hXvpbXp5.dpbs>

Doug Soo Memorial Fund, Vancouver Foundation.

<https://give.vancouverfoundation.ca/s/DougSoo>