Upon his retirement from SFU, Dr. Stevenson said he was looking forward to the "calmer waters and quieter harbours" of his "troisième age." A former Shakespearean actor with a lifelong passion for the arts, he currently serves on the boards of the Vancouver Opera, the BC Achievement Foundation, PuSh International Festival for the Performing Arts and the Advisory Council of the Vancouver Indian Summer Festival.

Madam Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate of this University, I ask that you now confer the degree of Doctor of Laws, , on Michael Stevenson.