

TILL WE MEET AGAIN: FAREWELL LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Written by Dr. Poh Tan, Editor-in-Chief, 2017-2019.

I remember the day I joined SFU Educational Review as a copy editor. That was four years ago, and with mentorship from Marco Espinoza and Dominic Trevisan as editors, I learned about the process of publishing articles in an area of research that I have just started to learn about. Through the years, I have not only learned about the logistics on how a journal article move from submission to revision and finally to publication, I've also learned how collaborative work between fellow peers and Faculty can drive changes and shine light on new educational research.

Through mentorship from my colleagues and peers, I quickly became Editor-in-Chief of the journal and I am thankful and grateful to have a great team to work with, especially Jacky Barreiro, Associate Editor and Daniel Ferraz, Managing Editor.

I remember our first meeting in the SFU library. It was a sunny day and it was quite warm in the meeting room. Jacky is always prepared with her silk fan and Daniel just decided to join the editorial team. We were excited to collaborate and bring fresh ideas to the journal. I am thankful that all our personalities fit together like a well-made puzzle and each of us brought our own individual strengths to the journal. From that day onwards, the three of us have made several accomplishments and achieved many milestones that exceed the expectations of the Faculty and our readers. I have fond memories of late-night, laughter filled copy editing sessions, discussions over topics to explore, frustrations over font sizes and consistent APA styles, and in-depth, and serious discussions about places to have our next dinner get together. Our enthusiasm and passion towards building a community for emerging scholars to publish guided us to explore submissions beyond traditional article submissions. As a team, we transformed the journal's annual launch reception into a first Symposium that took place on October 19, 2019 in the Research and Learning Hub, with national and international keynote speakers to celebrate published works and to thank everyone involved, including reviewers, authors, volunteers and Faculty of Education faculty and staff, especially Susan Warren, Peter Liljedahl and Kris Magnusson.

It is with bittersweet feelings that I pass on my role and responsibilities to another graduate student to further elevate the journal towards a level where the impact of scholarship published is recognized globally. I have full confidence in the next editorial team to continue the work that the three of us have built with support from the Faculty.

Thank you to the editorial team, Faculty of Education and SFU for trusting my leadership, and vision in the past few years and to be a part of this successful journey. I will miss our late-night, laughter filled, food-fueled discussions. Till we meet again!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Poh Tan', with a horizontal line underneath.

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