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As of May 26, 2009

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Policy on StudentAidBC

Date of Adoption: December 12, 2007

Date of Expiration: November 9, 2010

Preamble: Whereas if students either “withdraw from a full-time course load on two separate occasions while receiving student assistance or interest-free loan status,” or “fail to achieve satisfactory marks in 68 weeks or more of full-time study while receiving student assistance or interest-free loan status;”

Whereas with regard to provincial student assistance programs, students are “considered withdrawn from classes if they miss 10 consecutive days of classes, or 20 per cent of a study program,” without caveat or consideration of a student’s specific circumstances that affect attendance;

Whereas previous student assistance policies allowed for a three-strikes academic standing or withdrawal approach;

Whereas current policy under StudentAid BC provides preference for failure rather than withdrawal, if student s cannot – for whatever reason – complete a full-time study term;

Whereas students often have employment and family commitments, and important life commitments must sometimes trump study commitments when students face extenuating financial or personal hardship;

Whereas withdrawal from studies is academically advantageous for students vis-à-vis failure or very poor performance, with regard to a student’s academic standing, which can determine scholarship, bursary, grant-based funding, and admission or transfer into another university, college or technical institute;

Whereas the Ministry of Advanced Education identified in its 2007/08-2009/10 Service Plan, in one of its core business areas that,” Student financial assistance is provided to make post-secondary education and the associated personal and social benefits accessible to all students;”

Whereas StudentAid BC describes its major programs as “based on need, providing financial assistance where students and their immediate families do not have the resources to meet the costs of post-secondary education and basic living expenses;” therefore, be it



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Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association condemns student assistance policies that prefers failure over withdrawal, if successful term completion is untenable due to extenuating circumstances; and,

Resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association supports student aid policies and programs that reduce all major barriers to post-secondary education, including, but not limited to informational, academic, and financial barriers

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Public Funding of Post-Secondary Education Policy

Date of Adoption: December 12, 2007

Date of Expiration: December 12, 2010

Preamble: Whereas nation-wide provincial cuts to post-secondary education funding have seriously diminished the quality of education in Universities and Colleges across Canada; and,

Whereas some provinces such as BC, Ontario and Alberta have compensated by allowing drastic increases to tuition fees, which have severely effected access, and dramatically increased the average student debt load; and,

Whereas allowing post-secondary institutions to become dependent on tuition fees as a source of funding dangerously compromises the right of every citizen to post-secondary education; and,

Whereas the Government of Canada signed an international agreement, the United Nations Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to eliminate tuition fees; and,

Whereas the KSA supports the elimination of tuition fees for public post-secondary students; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports an increase in transfer payments from the federal government to the provinces for post-secondary education

Resolved, That the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports the tenets of the United Nations Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as they relate to the elimination of tuition fees



Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation Policy

Date of Adoption: January 23, 2008

Date of Expiration: August 31, 2009

Preamble: Whereas the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation's mandate expires after the completion of the 2008-2009 school year;

Whereas the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation provides over 300-million dollars worth of awards to over 100,000 students each year;

Whereas, without a comparable system of needs based grants to replace the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, the Canadian Government could decide not to allocate the money, which the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation currently receives, towards need based grants for the public post secondary education system;

Whereas the the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation provides a better value for money than the Canadian Student Loans Programs because of low administrative costs which transfer into 95 percent of the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation's funding going to the student the foundation is meant to help;

Whereas the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation has been reviewed by many governmental agencies such as the Auditor General of Canada and Human Resources and Social Development Canada, which have released studies showing that the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation does use public money efficiently;

Whereas research papers by government agencies have found that through cooperation agreements between the provincial governments and the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, the funds allocated through the foundation has "complimented" provincial contributions to the Post Secondary Education system rather than replacing provincial funding to the Post Secondary Education system;

Whereas the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation performs research which has been questioned by certain studies; and,

Whereas the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is currently lobbying the federal government; therefore be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the Canadian Government to extend the mandate of the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation; and,

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the Canadian Government to promote research regarding post-secondary education



Minimum Wage Policy

Date of Adoption: September 26, 2007

Renewal Date: May 26, 2009

Date of Expiration: June 1, 2012

Preamble: Whereas many students are employed only part-time;

Whereas many students struggle to make ends meet while they also pay post-secondary school fees;

Whereas increased school fees (e.g. tuition) have led to increased financial burden on students;

Whereas inflation has continued to rise steadily in the past decade, and has eroded buying power for people earning minimum wage levels;

Whereas the B.C. government's own 1994 report, Rights and Responsibilities in a Changing Workplace: A Review of Employment Standards in British Columbia, concluded that "The minimum wage is a major instrument of social and economic policy, and its level, variations and the process for determining the appropriate level of the minimum wage are significant issues for government";

Whereas the same report noted that province's minimum wage rose 33 per cent between 1991 and 1994;

Whereas the current minimum wage has not been adjusted since 2000, while the provincial real gross domestic product has grown – on average – 3.4 per cent per year;

Whereas the B.C. Government's current Budget and Fiscal Plan indicates "The Ministry of Finance forecasts BC economic growth of 3.1 per cent in 2007 and 3.0 per cent in 2008";

Whereas research by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in its March 2007 Bringing Minimum Wages Above the Poverty Line report addresses concerns about economic loss due to an increased minimum wage, and indicates that an increased minimum wage will actually provide positive economic effects;

Whereas BC Stats Earnings and Employment Trends data has shown that an increased proportion of minimum wage jobs were also being held by women;

Whereas the purpose of the Kwantlen Student Association "is to be a representative student organization which defends the rights and interests of students"; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the implementation of a \$10 per hour minimum wage, tied to inflation (or deflation); and, be it further



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Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the immediate removal of the province's First Job/Entry Level (i.e. "training") minimum wage



Cosmetic Pesticide Use Policy

Date of Adoption: July 8, 2008

Date of Expiration: July 7, 2011

Preamble: Whereas pesticides (herbicides, vermicides, fungicides, and rodenticides) are poisons designed to kill insects, plants, fungi, moulds and rodents;

Whereas children have been found to be especially susceptible to the harmful effects of pesticides, including brain cancer, leukemia and birth defects¹;

Whereas the American Medical Association recommends limiting exposure to pesticides and encourages using safer alternatives because, among other reasons, "...uncertainty exists regarding the long-term effects of low-dose pesticide exposures. Current surveillance systems are inadequate to characterize potential exposure problems related either to pesticide usage or pesticide-related illnesses...Considering these data gaps, it is prudent...to limit pesticide exposures...and to use the least toxic chemical pesticide or non-chemical alternative."²;

Whereas a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, has discovered a 70% increase in the risk of developing Parkinson's disease for people exposed to even low levels of pesticides³;

Whereas there are many alternatives to pesticides available including methods of cultivation, use of other organisms to kill pests, genetic engineering, and methods of interfering with insect breeding;

Whereas the Government of Ontario, in an examination of both public opinion and the available science, passed into law Bill 64, "An Act to amend the Pesticides Act to prohibit the use and sale of pesticides that may be used for cosmetic purposes" on June 18th 2008;

Whereas pesticide 2,4-D, the most commonly used herbicide in Canada, was a major component of Agent Orange, and is still used in over 1,500 lawn-care products (including Killex and Weed 'n Feed) and has been directly linked to cancer in dogs due to their owners' use of 2,4-D in lawn care⁴;

¹ Natural Resources Defense Council (October 1998), "Health hazards of pesticides"

² The American Medical Association's Council on Scientific Affairs, 1997

³ Pesticide exposure raises risk of Parkinson's, Ascherio A, Chen H, Weisskopf MG, O'Reilly E, McCullough ML, Calle EE, Schwarzschild MA, Thun MJ (2006).

⁴ The Truth About Pesticides, Sierra Club of Canada, 2008



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Whereas over 98% of sprayed insecticides and 95% of herbicides reach a destination other than their target species, including non-target species, air, water, bottom sediments, and food ; and

Whereas the use of harmful pesticides for non-agricultural purposes (cosmetic and aesthetic applications) yields little or no societal value, and puts people and the environment at significant risk; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the KSA call on all levels of government, as a matter of human and environmental health, to ban harmful pesticide use on public and private property for cosmetic (purely aesthetic) purposes



Ban on Bottled Water in City of Surrey Buildings

Date of Adoption: May 13, 2009

Date of Expiration: May 13, 2012

Preamble taken from Motion On Notice B.1 Bottled Water from the City of Vancouver (Mover: Councillor Tim Stevenson and Seconder Councillor Heather Deal) Retrieved on May 13, 2009 from <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20080722/documents/motionb1.pdf>

Preamble:

Whereas 80% waste from plastic bottles end up in landfills;

Whereas the delivery of bottled water burns substantially more fossil fuel than tap water;

Whereas the manufacturing of plastic bottles generates 100 times the toxic emission that are produced in the manufacturing of glass bottles;

Whereas the removal of water for bottling is not an environmentally sustainable practice, as the water is withdrawn from its source but is not returned to its local ecosystem;

Whereas bottled water is not required to meet the same health standards as municipally provided water;

Whereas the Drinking Water Management Plan, which dictates the Metro Vancouver's Drinking water in, makes sure that our water is delivered in an environmentally sustainable way that maintains healthy watershed ecosystems;

Whereas the city has to pay several times more for bottled water than it does for tap water;

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the ban on selling bottled water in all provincial, municipal and federal facilities

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the use of local water supplies.



Abortion and a Woman's Right to Choose

Date of Adoption: October 10, 2007

Date of Expiration: October 10, 2010

Preamble: Whereas, according to the *Allan Guttmacher Institute* (<http://www.agi-usa.org/>), more than 13,000 women have abortions every year because they were raped or were victims of incest; and

Whereas, according to the *Allan Guttmacher Institute* (<http://www.agi-usa.org/>), more than twenty (20) million abortions are obtained illegally worldwide every year; and

Whereas abortion is often chosen due to a woman's own personal health concerns regarding pregnancy-related risks, concerns regarding the health of the fetus, and other concerns regarding a woman's own physical or mental well being; and

Whereas abortion is often chosen due to socio-economic barriers, including but not limited to: the financial burden of raising children; a lack of support from a woman's partner and / or family; unemployment and the disruption of a woman's education, at the secondary or post-secondary levels; and

Whereas user fees, tribunals and other barriers to the accessibility of abortion violates a woman's rights as laid out in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and subsequently reaffirmed in *R v. Morgentaler*; and

Whereas every woman should have access to quality health care, family planning, and counseling services that meets her needs, and allows her to make informed decisions about her own body; and

Whereas every woman deserves the right of choosing whether or not to have a child; and

Whereas every child has the right to be wanted;

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports a woman's right to decide what choice is best for her in regards to pregnancy and childbearing; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports the availability of safe abortion services to all women, regardless of geographic location or socio-economic status



Canadian Blood Services Policy

Date of Adoption: July 8, 2008

Date of Expiration: July 7, 2011

Preamble: Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association recognizes the need for people to donate blood in order to help preserve life; and

Whereas the Canadian Blood Services has a discriminatory policy which indefinitely defers men who have had sex with men from being able to donate blood due to a greater risk of having HIV/AIDS than other people¹; and

Whereas the Canadian Blood Services has a policy which temporarily defers other people who have been the sexual partner of someone who has participated in high-risk activities²; and

Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association opposes discrimination based on one's sexual orientation; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association support and encourage Kwantlen Polytechnic University students to donate blood;

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the reversal of the policy prohibiting people from giving blood solely on the basis of homosexual activities; and,

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association support further research in the further attempt to make the Canadian blood supply safer

¹ http://www.bloodservices.ca/centreapps/internet/uw_v502_mainengine.nsf/page/Indefinite%20Deferral?OpenDocument

² http://www.bloodservices.ca/centreapps/internet/uw_v502_mainengine.nsf/page/Temporary%20Deferral?OpenDocument



LGBT Equal Rights and Human Rights

Date of Adoption: January 10, 2007

Date of Expiration: January 10, 2010

Preamble: Whereas LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered) individuals are victims of crime and are discriminated against in the areas of equal rights and human rights, including blood donation, religious participation, and various other social areas; and

Whereas the need for equal rights and human rights for LGBT individuals is not without a sense of urgency and importance, in a society where many Canadians still have misinformation and still hold myths about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; and

Whereas many politicians, religious leaders and organizations continuously attempt to strip away the equal rights and human rights of LGBT individuals; and

Whereas the Kwantlen University College Student Association recognizes the many contributions that LGBT individuals make in all areas of life;

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports the equal rights and human rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered individuals within the Kwantlen Student Association, Kwantlen University College and society at large; and

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association condemns the actions of individuals who attempt to remove equal rights and human rights from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered individuals



Positive Space Program Policy

Date of Adoption: May 13, 2009

Date of Expiration: May 13, 2012

Preamble: Whereas many students, staff and faculty who are, or who are perceived to be, LGBTQTTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Trans [transgender, transsexual, trans-identified, genderqueer], Two-Spirit and Intersex) face insults, assault, exclusion and harassment at Kwantlen and within their wider communities; and

Whereas 75% of lesbian, gay and bisexual persons in Vancouver have reported that they have experienced verbal and/or physical homophobia; and

Whereas incidents of transphobic violence are even greater; and

Whereas Kwantlen LGBTQTTI students, staff and faculty still experience struggles around:

- barrier-free access to Kwantlen resources and programs;
- issues of identity development and coming out; isolation and invisibility;
- homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism in and out of the classroom and workplace;
- discouragement from pursuing queer academic interests; difficulty with gender transition issues;
- systemic access barriers; and
- discrimination and harassment on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Whereas there is a dearth of LGBTQTTI positive places on campus; and

Whereas LGBTQTTI persons may assume negative views and reactions to their sexual orientation/ gender identity unless given strong indications that this will not be the case; and

Whereas LGBTQTTI persons are oppressed in ways that encourage and maintain their invisibility; and

Whereas the relative invisibility of LGBTQTTI faculty, staff and students on Kwantlen campuses gives the erroneous impression that their issues are less important or relevant.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association supports the creation of a permanent Positive/Safe Space educational program to promote and increase visibility and support for LGBTQTTI people and issues at Kwantlen by training volunteer resource people and identifying LGBTQTTI-positive spaces and resources; and

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association urge Kwantlen Polytechnic University to fund said program.



Ban on Washroom Advertisements Policy

Date of Adoption: October 10, 2007

Date of Expiration: February 14, 2010

Preamble: Whereas washroom advertisements obscure the *de facto* line between public and private space;

Whereas a student's reasonable expectation of privacy is afforded and outlined *de jure*;

Whereas corporate washroom advertisements constitute unsolicited marketing;

Whereas public post-secondary institutions should remain places for promoting free expression; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association promotes corporate-advertising-free campuses; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association condemns the practice of posting corporate advertisements in Kwantlen University College washrooms



Use of Biometric Data at Post-Secondary Institutions Policy

Date of Adoption: December 12, 2007

Date of Expiration: October 1, 2010

Preamble: Whereas the University of Northern British Columbia has implemented a fingerprint use and access system for one of its gymnasiums;

Whereas British Columbia's public universities, colleges and institutes are designated by the Government of British Columbia as public bodies;

Whereas a requirement for thumbprinting used by the Law School Admissions Council was removed for exams held in Canada upon findings by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada in mid-2007; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association objects to the use of thumbprinting and fingerprinting by post-secondary institutions in Canada;

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association cautions Canadian post-secondary institutions against the collection, use and storage of any student's biometric data, except where explicitly allowed for under: the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (Canada)*, *Privacy Act (Canada)*, the *Access to Information Act (Canada)*, the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (British Columbia)*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act (British Columbia)*; and,

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association believes any student's loss of privacy must remain far less proportional to any benefits gained by a post-secondary institution acting in the public interest as a public body

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CBC News. "UNBC students give thumbs down to fingerprint scanners". Nov. 29, 2007. Dec.9, 2007.

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Policy on Credit Card Solicitation to Students on Campus

Date of Adoption: July 11, 2007

Date of Expiration: July 11, 2010

Preamble: Whereas, according to the Canadian Federation of Students, aggressive marketing campaigns by credit card companies on university and college campuses, including the offering of free gifts to students for completion of credit card applications, have contributed to record levels of student debt; and

Whereas the availability of credit cards on campus can create long-term credit difficulties for students without previous credit ratings; and

Whereas students who may have other personal or student loan debt, the easy accessibility of credit cards on campus, coupled with the lack of debt education materials has resulted in increased student debt; and

Whereas many students have faced one or more of the following detrimental consequences of credit card debt: needing a second job, which takes away from studies and can result in lower grades and loss of scholarships; no longer maintaining a full course load and dropping down to part-time status; dropping out of school entirely; and defaulting on student loans; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen University College Student Association opposes the presence of aggressive credit card marketing on all Kwantlen University College Campuses



Extended Library Hours Policy

Date of Adoption: January 23, 2008

Date of Renewal: May 26, 2009

Date of Expiration: May 1, 2012

Preamble: Whereas there currently exists no official late-night study space on campus;

Whereas the library continues to close early on Saturday and is closed on Sundays; and,

Whereas extended library hours would provide a safe and quiet place for students to study and support Kwantlen's initiative on gaining university status; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That Council supports the extension of library hours at least during exam periods; and,

Resolved, That Council lobbies the University to fund such an initiative



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University College Closure During Inclement Weather Policy

Date of Adoption: February 13, 2008

Date of Expiration: February 12, 2011

Preamble: Whereas during a recent snowfall, when Kwantlen was closed, all the buildings were locked and students had no access; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association condemns the institution's activity of locking all the doors and denying access to school facilities during inclement weather



Russel Ogden's Academic Freedom Case

Date of Adoption: July 8, 2008

Date of Expiration: July 7, 2011

Preamble: Whereas Kwantlen Polytechnic University officials have denied sociologist Russel Ogden the right to observe assisted suicide for his research;

Whereas Kwantlen's Research Ethics Board approved Ogden's research methods in July 2005 and the approval was countersigned by Grant Allan, Kwantlen's then Vice-President, Research, prior to this approval being revoked in December 2006;

Whereas Ogden has signed a pledge that he would not participate in the planning or the execution of a suicide, that he would not encourage a suicide, and that he would not request that anyone avoid participation in a suicide;

Whereas Ogden's research may offer insights into the causes of suicides, which is necessary in order to develop effective public policies designed to assist those in our society who may have the desire to take their own lives;

Whereas Academic Freedom includes the freedom to teach, research and publish, and to address public issues without fear of institutional penalties or hindrances;

Whereas the research done by a student's professor improves the quality of the education given to a student; and

Whereas the Kwantlen administration must not block the future understanding of any issue, including sensitive and controversial issues; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports Russel Ogden's efforts to protect Academic Freedom at Kwantlen, and to continue his research into matters pertaining to Euthanasia and assisted suicide; and

Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association urges the Kwantlen Polytechnic University administration to allow Ogden's research to continue as planned



Canada Line Station Name Policy

Date of Adoption: October 10, 2007

Date of Renewal: May 26, 2009

Date of Expiration: July 1, 2012

Preamble: Whereas a Canada Line plans and construction have placed a rapid transit station in very close proximity to the Kwantlen University College Richmond campus;

Whereas the Canada Line name implies a cultural connection, ipso facto, to the rapid transit project;

Whereas Canada's First Nations, including the Kwantlen First Nation, play recognized and important roles in Canada's communities;

Whereas Kwantlen University College and the Kwantlen First Nation are connected by a shared name;

Whereas rapid transit station names in Metro Vancouver have been previously changed to reflect unique area or neighbourhood landmarks of community value; and,

Whereas Kwantlen Student Association members represent an important group of future community leaders, and an element of community development; therefore, be it

Resolution: Resolved, That the Kwantlen Student Association supports the 'Lansdowne-Kwantlen' label as the official name for the station currently under construction closest to the Kwantlen University College's Richmond campus



Policy on Canada Skytrain Line (RAV Line)

Date of Adoption: July 11, 2007

Date of Expiration: July 11, 2010

Preamble: Whereas the Vancouver City Council and Greater Vancouver Area District Council opposed the creation of the RAV Line- now named the Canada Line- as a public private partnership (P3), but the TransLink Board voted for the project to be a P3; and

Whereas the public transportation system needs to be improve because of pollution caused by the ever increasing number of single occupancy vehicle commuters; and

Whereas Kwantlen students, particularly at the Richmond Campus, and students attending Langara College and the University of British Columbia will benefit greatly from the creation of the Canada Line;

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association support the creation of the Canada Line;

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association oppose the public private partnership of the Canada Line;

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association support the creation of a "Lansdowne/Kwantlen" named station



Policy on Public Transportation

Date of Adoption: July 11, 2007

Date of Expiration: July 11, 2010

Preamble: Whereas public transportation is essential to urban societies, and

Whereas the purpose of private companies is to turn a profit, which increases the overall user cost of using their service; and

Whereas public transportation should remain as affordable as possible so that it remains most accessible to low income people; and

Whereas methods of transportation must meet the needs of all people- disabled or otherwise; and

Whereas bicycle riding is an environmentally-friendly, cost-effective and healthy alternative to driving a car; and

Whereas a Public Transportation System must be considered an essential service used by thousands students;

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports allowing bicycles on all rapid transit lines; and

Be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports the installation of bicycle racks on all buses; and

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association opposes the privatization of the public transportation system; and

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports the expansion of the public transportation system; and

Be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association opposes public transportation system fare increases



Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass)

Date of Adoption: February 9, 2007

Date of Expiration: February 9, 2010

Preamble: Whereas the universal bus pass (U-Pass) program allows students easy cheaper access to public transit; and

Whereas Since the U-Pass program was introduced in the fall of 2003, daily transit rider ship to the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University has grown by 61%; and

Whereas TransLink wishes to implement the U-Pass program at all remaining public post-secondary schools in the Lower Mainland by 2008; and

Whereas any strategy for U-Pass implementation at Kwantlen University College must entail transit improvements that benefit students and the at-large community; and

Whereas the increased cost of post-secondary education dictates that the cost of the U-Pass program at Kwantlen University College must be as low as possible at ensure a tangible benefit to a clear majority of students; and

Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association supports the expansion of public transportation and environmentally sustainable transportation methods; and

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association U-Pass plan development be based on the following five principles:

Accessibility: Transit should be readily and conveniently accessible to Kwantlen students, staff and faculty, and also to the communities Kwantlen serves. Transit should be accessible to students with disabilities, as well.

Sustainability: Green transportation alternatives should be used and encouraged whenever possible. Bicycle riding, rollerblading, carpooling, skateboarding, using hybrid (or low-fuel/emissions) vehicles, walking and jogging for example.

Timeliness: Bus service should be frequent enough to ensure smooth reasonable travel between Kwantlen campuses, and municipalities in the Kwantlen region.

Universality: The Kwantlen U-Pass plan should allow for and encourage community involvement. Transit improvements in the Kwantlen region cannot be focused exclusively on Kwantlen students.

Affordability: The price of the U-Pass to Kwantlen students must be affordable and to Kwantlen students and TransLink.