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Policy on Electronic Devices in Classrooms

1.0 Preamble

With teachers increasingly integrating the use of electronic teaching materials both inside and outside of the classroom, student's use of electronic devices –most notably laptops – can offer an increased potential for learning. The KSA would support students' access to electronic devices in classrooms for academic and learning purposes.

2.0 Policy

Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association understands that all students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University have unique learning styles and learning needs, and in some cases, Kwantlen students better retain information when recording or note-taking for lectures electronically;

Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association recognises that laptops can support student learning through improved note-taking, and improved access to resources, and help to foster more engaged student discussions and academic dialogue in the classroom;

Whereas a number of Kwantlen instructors do not allow the use of laptops in classrooms;

Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association has a responsibility to ensure that the rights of its members are understood and respected, and hopes to make the University more accessible;

3.0 Resolution

Therefore be it Resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association objects to restrictions on the use of electronic devices used for academic and learning purposes in classrooms, such as laptops;

Be it Further Resolved, that the Kwantlen Student Association encourages the University to create a policy that ensures students always have access to electronic devices to use for educational purposes.