



Use of Biometric Data at Post-Secondary Institutions Policy

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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

Selected Sources:

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