



Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass)

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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 Polytechnic University 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 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.