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KSA STATEMENT ON KPU'S SGM CONCERNS

SURREY, BC - Following the recent decision by KPU to temporarily cancel the space allocated for the Special General Meeting (SGM), we at the KSA find it crucial to get the record straight about the concerns shared by KPU. The KSA was saddened to hear of KPU's decision to temporarily cancel the space and continues to remain focused on working with KPU on other initiatives to improve the lives of students.

At the Kwantlen Student Association, the safety and wellness of our members are of utmost importance, and it should be noted that any decision made by the association strives to take this into consideration. It should also be noted that during the planning of the SGM, the KSA took several steps to ensure the safety of attendees including working with KPU Facilities to ensure that additional security personnel were present for the SGM. We regret to hear of KPU's decision to cancel the space and we look forward to a future dialogue with KPU's leadership on its concerns.

Furthermore, we are aware that KPU leadership has shared more concerns about the proposed bylaw amendments. While the KSA appreciates KPU sharing its thoughts, we would like to reiterate that the KSA is independent of KPU, and the internal decisions made by its duly elected student representatives are in its purview. The Independence the KSA has from KPU particularly enables the council to make important governance decisions to ensure important goals are met for its members. As we work to meet the mandate of members, we remain open to having a dialogue to discuss issues that continue to be of importance to KPU students. The SGM is one way we had hoped to have a dialogue, as members of the association are afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the KSA leadership on its proposed plans.

The proposed bylaw changes are aimed at speeding up the decision-making process and ensuring a stronger foundation of institutional knowledge to ultimately achieve tangible results for the issues KPU students face. We remain committed to the work of improving the lives of students on and off campus and are open to hearing from students about their thoughts.

Please visit the KSA at www.kusa.ca for more updates or email info@kusa.ca to have your concerns thoughts shared with the appropriate office.

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