

Credit Card Solicitation to Students On Campus

Date of Adoption: June 13, 2003

Date of Expiration: June 13, 2006

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

Whereas for 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 young adults 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 class load and dropping down to part-time status; dropping out of school entirely; and defaulting on student loans; *and*

Whereas students with credit card debt in excess of \$1,000 are more likely to drink more, smoke more and have lower GPAs than students with less than \$1,000 of credit card debt.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association oppose the presence of credit card advertising and marketing on Kwantlen University College campuses.

Some Relevant Online Articles:

<http://www.bankrate.com/brm/news/cc/19980605.asp?keyword=>

<http://www.costeffectivecollege.com/CreditCardDebt.htm>

http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/features/2004/02/26_stawickie_collegecredit/

<http://familyeducation.com/article/0%2C1120%2C37-7979-0-1%2C00.html>

<http://www.kplctv.com/Global/story.asp?S=621619>

<http://www.nasfaa.org/publications/2002/financialliteracy090902.html>

<http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/8116059.htm>

<http://www.alexander13.netfirms.com/Larson1.htm>

http://www.creditcardnation.com/ccn_chapt6.html



Public Funding of Post-Secondary Education

Date of Adoption: September 5, 2003

Date of Expiration: September 5, 2006

Preamble: Whereas federal cuts to post-secondary education have seriously diminished the quality of education in Universities and Colleges in Canada; *and*

Whereas some provinces such as Alberta and Ontario have compensated by allowing drastic increases to tuition fees, which have severely affected 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 dramatically compromises the right of every citizen to post-secondary education; *and*

Whereas the amount of money needed to make post-secondary education free is smaller than the amount of money spent on administering loans, grants and other programs designed to assist lower income people in participating in post-secondary education; *and*

Whereas the Government of Canada signed an international agreement, the United Nations Covenant on Cultural and Social Rights (<http://www.ohchr.org/english/law/cescr.htm>), to eliminate tuition fees.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association demand that the Government of Canada live up to the United Nations Covenant on Cultural and Social Rights, and take the necessary steps to reduce tuition to zero; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Government of Canada institute a funding scheme on a per student basis that allows for institutional expansion; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Government of Canada, in coordination with the Provinces, institute a grant program to students in pursuit of education.



OFFICIAL POLICY

Continuing Education Programs at Kwantlen University College

Date of Adoption: September 5, 2003

Date of Expiration: September 5, 2006

Preamble: Whereas the Senior Leadership Team at Kwantlen University College made the decision to cancel almost all Continuing Education programs and courses, *and*

Whereas this decision included the extreme maltreatment of eleven (11) faculty and fourteen (14) support staff; *and*

Whereas Skip Triplet is the head of the Senior Leadership Team.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association oppose the cancellation of continuing education programs and courses at Kwantlen University College and the layoff of staff and teachers without proper notice or consultation; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association call for the resignation of Skip Triplet, President & CEO of Kwantlen University College, for the actions of the Senior Leadership Team in regards to the cancellation of Continuing Education Programs at Kwantlen.



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Corporate Involvement in Post-Secondary Education

Date of Adoption: September 5, 2003

Date of Expiration: September 5, 2006

Preamble: Whereas institutions faced with decreases in funding often seek "alternative revenue sources" that sometimes includes the active pursuing of private funds, and the signing of corporate deals, *and*

Whereas the greater reliance on private money has the potential to harm the academic integrity of an educational institution; *and*

Whereas all aspects of a post-secondary education institution's class content and research outcomes should remain in the public domain and remain free from private interests; *and*

Whereas allowing public institutions to teach courses specifically designed for one company changes the purpose of that course from education to training.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association condemns the Federal and Provincial governments for creating situations whereby Kwantlen University College and other public post-secondary institutions must rely on corporate funding; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association condemns the Federal and Provincial Governments for promoting the use of private research grants, as well as public-private-partnerships.



Student Employment

Date of Adoption: September 5, 2003

Date of Expiration: September 5, 2006

Preamble: Whereas because of the increasing costs of post-secondary education and the cost of living, most students are required to work while attending school; *and*

Whereas employment opportunities for students are often scarce, low paying and include poor working conditions; *and*

Whereas working experience is often needed after graduating.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association support and encourage student employment within Kwantlen University College, the surrounding communities and in the Kwantlen Student Association.



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Student Involvement

Date of Adoption: September 5, 2003

Date of Expiration: September 5, 2006

Preamble: Whereas student involvement and participation in the governance of Kwantlen University College is an essential aspect of any public post-secondary institution; *and*

Whereas the need for such involvement is reflected in the College and Institute Act; *and*

Whereas individuals who participate in the governance and operations of the University College ought to be fairly remunerated for their efforts; *and*

Whereas discrimination against students is intolerable, particularly in regards to issues of equal pay for equal work.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association fight to ensure that all students who participate in the governance and operations of the University-College are fairly remunerated by the institution, and that such remuneration be equal to the remuneration granted to non-students performing the same or similar duties.



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Anti-Washroom Advertising

Date of Adoption: April 30, 2004

Date of Expiration: April 30, 2007

Preamble: Whereas corporate washroom advertisements constitute intrusive marketing and thus a gross invasion of personal privacy; *and*

Whereas corporate washroom advertisements obscure the line between public and private space; *and*

Whereas post-secondary institutions should remain free from outside influences including those of corporations and the government; *and*

Whereas academic freedom is essential to a healthy educational and social system; *and*

Whereas the KSA has policy on corporate involvement in post-secondary education.

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association condemn the use of washroom space as a venue of corporate marketing and revenue generation.



Private Tutoring

Date of Adoption: November, 26, 2004

Date of Expiration: November 26, 2007

Preamble: Whereas private companies and individuals offering private tutoring services advertise their services by methods including, but not limited to:

1. Postings on Kwantlen Student Association and Kwantlen University College posting boards as located in hallways and in classrooms;
2. Postings on walls, doors, windows & washrooms in the University College;
3. Leaflets left on tables and desks in classrooms, study areas, the libraries and cafeterias;
4. Unauthorized, on-campus person-to-student intercepts; *and*

Whereas the qualifications of private companies and individuals are unknown by the Student Association, its members and the University College; *and*

Whereas Kwantlen students do not benefit from tutoring services if the tutor is unqualified; *and*

Whereas Kwantlen University College and the Kwantlen Student Association lack the needed resources to properly regulate the qualifications of private companies and individuals offering private tutoring services; *and*

Whereas some forms of private tutoring, including but not limited to the editing and assistance with student essays, may violate Kwantlen University College Policy C. 8. Plagiarism and Cheating, resulting in the possible failure and suspension of a student from the University College; *and*

Whereas Kwantlen students have to pay for private tutoring services, with money which could otherwise be going to pay for other parts of their education; *and*

Whereas the Learning Centers located on each campus of Kwantlen University College offer qualified tutors at no charge to students, who are regulated professionals in their field of expertise, familiar with University College policies, guidelines and courses.

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association condemn tutoring services as offered by private companies and individuals to Kwantlen students; *and*

Be it resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association ban all forms of on-campus advertising of private tutoring services as offered by private companies and individuals to Kwantlen students; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association support and work with the Kwantlen University College Learning Centers in making its services known to the Kwantlen community.



OFFICIAL POLICY

Dedicated Post-Secondary Education Transfer Payments

Date of Adoption: April 15, 2005

Date of Expiration: April 15, 2008

Preamble: Whereas post-secondary education is not a big issues in federal elections; *and*

Whereas Kwantlen Student Association supports lowering and eventually eliminating tuition fees; *and*

Whereas as all public dollars to post-secondary education, including research dollars, are reduced, the capacity of the post-secondary system to remain objective and to operate in the public good is reduced; *and*

Whereas Kwantlen Student Association is opposed corporate involvement in education; *and*

Whereas the federal government has the capacity to increase funding to post-secondary education by creating a dedicated post-secondary education transfer payment; *and*

Whereas prior to 1995 a dedicated post-secondary education transfer payment existed and after it was eliminated in 1995 funding to post-secondary education was cut across the country causing tuition fees to skyrocket and programs to be canceled.

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association supports lobbying for a dedicated post-secondary transfer payment from the federal government.

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association organize public awareness campaigns, events and other initiatives during federal elections and other times, promoting the creation of a dedicated post-secondary transfer payment.

