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OFFICIAL POLICY

Freedom of Speech, Information and the Press

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Preamble: Whereas CanWest Global Communications Inc. Is an international company that directly influences and controls the content of its publications; *and*

Whereas CanWest Global Communications Inc. Directly tries to stifle and exercise control over the editorial content of its competitors; *and*

Whereas, the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi-Annan stated in 1999 that "press freedom was a cornerstone of human rights," and that freedom of speech was "a right to be fought for, not a blessing to be wished for."

Resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association support freedom of speech and freedom of the press and information for everyone who works in journalism or as an information service provider; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association stand against the globalization and concentration of media ownership; *and*

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association actively promote alternative media sources of news and information to the Kwantlen University College community.