



Kwantlen Student Association New Elected Officials Save Money by Voting Against Christmas Bonus

Surrey — The Kwantlen Student Association's (KSA) newly elected Council has ended its first two months in office by denying themselves a traditional Christmas 'bonus.' Originally elected on a platform of cleaning up the KSA and ending the corruption that has crippled it for the last 18 months, the new elected officials of the KSA are more than willing to take a personal hit to soften the anticipated severe deficit of 2006.

It is the practice of the KSA for elected officials and staff to be paid through the time that Kwantlen University College is closed for the holidays. This year specific direction was given not to provide this 'bonus' to elected officials. After taking office on November 1, 2006 the new Council was faced with a host of problems, including a severe short-term financial shortfall due to months of mismanagement by the previous Council.

"It was a unanimous vote of Council," said Laura Anderson, KSA Chairperson. "We've taken on the duty of cleaning up the KSA and if that means we lose a little income doing so, then so be it."

PricewaterhouseCoopers has been engaged to conduct a forensic audit of the accounts of the KSA for the period April 2005 to October 2006. The KSA plans to publicly release this report at their Annual General Meeting, scheduled for March 29, 2007.

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The Kwantlen University College Student Association represents over 17,000 students enrolled at the four Lower Mainland campuses of Kwantlen University College.

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