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Talloires Declaration Policy

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1.0 Preamble

Created in 1990, the Talloires Declaration has played a major role in raising international awareness about the significance of sustainability in higher education (www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires.html). The Declaration has ten action areas which cover all the areas of university activity: teaching, research, operations, outreach, and service. The Declaration is designed to be interpreted and applied by the signing institution.

Once signed the Declaration provides broad guidance for policies, procedures and practices that build the sustainability of the institution and its community. The Declaration is a preliminary framework to undertake sustainability work and is an opportunity to embed sustainability within all aspects of the University. Further, publically signing on to the Talloires Declaration provides an opportunity for students, the community and the university accountable on sustainability.

2.0 Talloires Declaration Policy

WHEREAS the Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) has a Sustainability Policy that recognizes the same central tenants as the Talloires Declaration and applies them to our organization;

AND WHEREAS the KSA recognizes its members are committed to environmental and social responsibility, and value sustainability;

AND WHEREAS the KSA sustainability policy encourages the promotion of sustainability on campus and in the Kwantlen Polytechnic University's (KPU) campus community;

AND WHEREAS three hundred and fifty higher education institutes globally have signed on to the Declaration including eight in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS KPU signing the Declaration would be a public first step for KPU to develop a sustainability policy and would put KPU among the ranks of other institutes focused on sustainability;

AND WHEREAS KPU is recognized for its work towards energy conservation and sustainability,

3.0 Resolution

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the KSA having adopted its own Sustainability Policy encourages KPU to sign and develop policy from the Talloires Declaration.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the KSA directs the Vice President of Student Life, Vice President of Services and Chair of the Special Committee on Environmental Sustainability to work with and encourage the University to sign the Talloires Declaration.