



Abortion and Woman's Right to Choose Policy

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Preamble:

The Kwantlen Student Association Notes:

That individuals often have difficulty gaining access to contraception and abortion due to inaccurate information, the influence of those who wish to restrict access to family planning services.

That a pro-choice stance is not a pro-abortion stance, but instead affirms abortion as a morally and medically acceptable choice. Pro choice supporters believe that the final decision about pregnancy and abortion should always rest with the female and that her informed choice should always be respected.

The Kwantlen Student Association Believes:

That whilst any society is free to hold particular beliefs, the Students' Association, as an organisation, should actively support a woman's right to choose.

That access to contraception and sexual health services is imperative to good health and wellbeing for all

That a woman's* right to choose protected by the law is a fundamental right – an essential aspect of women's bodily autonomy – and central for guaranteeing the maternal health of women worldwide

Women should be provided with objective information, advice and – if necessary – financial support in order for them to make genuinely informed and free choices

That, the Association must provide a safe space for any woman who has had, or is considering having, an abortion.

The Kwantlen Student Association Resolves:

- To take an active stance in defending a woman's right to choose



- To publicise to all students the family planning and sexual health services available at the KSA
- To publicise the financial support available from the Student Support Service for students experiencing unforeseen costs in pregnancy.
- That any material displayed in the Association spaces should adhere to the principle of 'safe space' which has already passed at our Association and which resolves to 'ensure an accessible environment in which every student feels comfortable, safe and able to get involved in all aspects of the organisation free from intimidation or judgement.'

**For the purpose of this policy, the term 'woman' refers to a person who can get pregnant, of any gender.*