



## Medical Marijuana On-Campus Usage Policy

**Date of Adoption:** December 5, 2012

**Date of Expiration:** December 5, 2015

Preamble: Whereas medical marijuana is used to treat conditions such as arthritis, cancer, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, epilepsy, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Crohn's disease, Fibromyalgia, migraines, Parkinson's disease, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD);<sup>1</sup>

Whereas smoking is acknowledged to be (a) one of the fastest ways for medical marijuana to be administered; (b) one of the easiest delivery methods through which to quickly and accurately determine a safe and appropriate dose of medical marijuana;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas Kwantlen Polytechnic University does not currently provide a space for students, and other members of the University community, to administer medical marijuana on campus;

Whereas restrictions on students' rights to medicate themselves on campus reinforces the social stigma, prejudice, and oppression traditionally associated with some conditions;<sup>3</sup>

Whereas the membership established, in 2003 by a quorate vote in a referendum question, a position in favour of the decriminalisation of marijuana;<sup>4</sup>

Resolution: Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association encourage Kwantlen Polytechnic University to designate a physical space on each of its campuses to allow for licensed users of medical marijuana to administer their medication in any manner that they deem to be the most appropriate for them, including smoking;

Be it further resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association condemns discrimination against members of the University community on the basis of medical needs and conditions.

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<sup>1</sup> HeretoHelp. "Medical Use of Cannabis (Marijuana)." Accessed November 18, 2012.  
<http://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/sites/default/files/images/medicinalcannabis.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Philippe Lucas. "Patient-centered strategies to counter stigma, oppression, and forced incarceration in the C/S/X and medical cannabis movements." *Interface: a journal for and about social movements* 2, no. 2 (November 2010): 152. <http://interfacejournal.nuim.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Interface-2-2-pp.149-167-Lucas.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> This referendum question was voted on by members during the period of October 27-30, 2003, as follows: "Do you support the decriminalisation of marijuana?" (Yes: 470 – 60%; No: 314 – 40%)