



# Policy on Student Academic Rights

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Preamble:

Whereas Kwantlen students deserve to be treated fairly, with dignity, and with due consideration to the principles of natural justice, particularly with regard to academic and disciplinary processes;

Whereas university processes which address issues of student conduct, either academic or disciplinary, have been determined by Canadian courts as being matters of administrative law, and in particular have been clearly defined, in most cases, as being quasi-judicial hearings; and

Whereas KPU's current rules surrounding academic processes fall far short of natural justice, and deny students the basic principles of natural justice.

Whereas KPU does not currently provide students within the appeals process access to their own record; and

**Therefore, be it resolved that:**

**The Kwantlen Student Association work to ensure that all of KPU's academic and disciplinary processes enshrine and uphold principles of natural justice, including but not limited to:**

- the right to due and reasonable notice of all dates, deadlines and rules;
- the right to be fully notified, in advance, of any accusations, evidence, documents or witnesses that the opposing party intends to rely upon in the process;
- the right to a process which is unbiased and which is conducted in good faith, including the right to be made aware, in advance, of the names of any individuals who will be exercising any judgment in the matter at hand, and the right to object to any individual if there is a reasonable apprehension of bias;
- the right to access all relevant evidence prior to the hearing or meeting, and the right to ask questions and contradict the evidence of the opposing party at the hearing or meeting;
- the right to be represented throughout the process by any individual the student chooses, including legal counsel;
- the right to appropriate confidentiality, and the right to waive confidentiality, as the student sees fit; and
- the right to have a process uphold other principles of Canadian Administrative Law, including the principle that evidence and decisions be made using the standard of "clear and cogent evidence";

**The Kwantlen Student Association work to ensure that all evidence used against a student with the appeals process be freely accessible to the student.**



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