



Kwantlen Faculty Association

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September 17, 2015

To the KPU Board of Governors,

I am writing to you as President of the Kwantlen Faculty Association (KFA) to request that the Board cancel the Memorandum of Understanding between KPU and Trans Mountain Pipeline L.P. The KFA Executive passed a motion at our September 9th Executive meeting directing “the KFA President on behalf of the KFA write a letter to the Board expressing our concerns over the Trans Mountain MOU and requesting that the Board cancel this MOU.”

Our first area of concern is that KPU has not adhered to the following three institutional policies:

- [AD040 Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Intent Policy and Procedures](#)
- [BD020 Asset Naming Opportunities Policy and Procedures](#)
- [B16 Principles of External Alliances Policy](#)

These policies and procedures set out principles and processes that include the assurance of consultation with a broad range of stakeholders before memoranda are signed, external alliances are formed, and KPU assets are potentially named.

Our concerns also include the potential for violation of Academic Freedom, [Article 12.18 of the KFA/KPU Collective Agreement](#), as well as policy [BD021 Principles of Academic Freedom and Responsibility](#).

An additional concern is that the MOU may place the institution in contradiction with the [University Act](#) sections 40 (c), (d), and (e), which speak to the powers and duties of Faculties.

On behalf of our membership, and as a result of our concerns that the institutional policies and procedures referenced above were not adhered to and that the MOU is in potential conflict with the Collective Agreement and University Act, I respectfully request that the KPU Board cancel the MOU.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Davis".

Bob Davis
President, Kwantlen Faculty Association

cc: Alan Davis, President & Vice Chancellor, Kwantlen Polytechnic University