

SUBJECT: The Kwantlen Student Association	POLICY NO: EXT-12	LAST REVIEWED:
APPROVED BY: Council	MANAGED BY: Senior Advisor, Strategic Policy	NEXT REVIEW: February 10, 2026

Policy Rationale

This policy advances the commitment of the BCITSA to core principles of democracy, transparency, and accountability. Over the course of recent months, the KSA has proposed or enacted regulations and Bylaw amendments that would severely undermine its democratic nature by banning its own members from its Council meetings, curtailing access to its electoral process, and making it effectively impossible for its members to avail themselves of many of the options that would ordinarily serve as safeguards against abuses by its Council. Taken together, along with a number of behaviours that appear to be inappropriate, and in some cases corrupt, in the eyes of a reasonable observer, these actions represent a threat to our sector. It is important to ensure that the BCITSA demonstrates the moral clarity in a way that shows stakeholders that we are capable as a sector of regulating ourselves.

Purpose of This Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Protect our sector by demonstrating that Student Associations can deal with rogue actors in our midst
- Clarify that as a sector, where students at other institutions are mistreated by their Student Association, this is an affront to all of us.

External Policy Position

1. The Student Association declares that:
 - a. It denounces the KSA’s proposed Bylaw Amendments
 - b. With the exception of the U-Pass BC Program, that it will not cooperate with the KSA on any initiatives
 - c. it will not invite the KSA, nor permit them to attend, any conference or event hosted by the Student Association
 - d. it recognizes and upholds the autonomy of Clubs and individual students to make their own decisions independent of this Policy, but strongly discourages the use of Association funds not related to Clubs to attend

any student-led conference or event that the KSA is invited to or permitted to attend

- e. it calls upon any regional, provincial, or national lobbying organization of which the KSA is a member to suspend or expel them
- f. it calls upon the members of the KSA Council who supported these amendments to resign
- g. as the KSA Council has chosen to act in a manner hostile to the interests of its own members, the BCITSA calls upon elected leaders at all levels of government to decline to meet with any KSA representative for any reason other than to condemn their antidemocratic behaviour
- h. this External Policy Position shall be reviewed one year following the date of its adoption, and annually thereafter
- i. where, in the opinion of the Advocacy and Policy Committee, material changes have occurred between review dates, that the Committee may discuss these changes and make recommendations to Council.
- j. the Vice President, External shall compile a list of external conferences and events that fit the description of section 1.d of the Policy in advance of the next review date for this Policy.