Cllr. Barnes has asked that the following be added to the resolution re Kwantlen University College:

"Along with the welcome news that Kwantlen University College would become Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) came the unwelcome news of a 2.6% cut to operating grants for Post Secondary institutions. This has resulted in $1.4 million less in operating grants (which I understand will result in less money than the previous budget year) with which to meet rising expectations due to the change in university status. This has resulted in the elimination of various trades programs and reductions in areas such as English as a Second Language, gerontology, horticulture, and student services.

As Kwantlen is a major post-secondary institution within Richmond I ask council's support in passing the following resolution:"

Mary Lou Phillips
Administrative Assistant to Council
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Mayor and Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, British Columbia
V6Y 2C1 Canada

To the Mayor and Council,

RE: Motion from Kwantlen Faculty Association

I am writing you on behalf of over 700 Instructors, Counsellors and Librarians we represent on all four Kwantlen campuses.

Attached to this letter is a motion the Faculty Association asks for your consideration at the next council meeting.

A representative of the Kwantlen Faculty Association can be available to speak to the motion. Please contact our office at 604-599-2200 if you have any questions or to arrange for a Kwantlen Faculty Association representative to attend a meeting.

We look forward to a positive outcome of our motion.

Thank you in advance,

[Signature]

Terri Van Steinburg
President

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RESOLUTION

Subject: Affordability and Access to Post-Secondary Education
Submitted by: Kwantlen Faculty Association—FPSE Local 5

Whereas at a March 12, 2008 meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, public post-secondary institutions were advised that there would be cuts to the operating grants from the provincial government, and

Whereas Kwantlen University College has been a positive and important contributor to the social and economic conditions within our community, and

Whereas the prospect of cuts to the operating grants will seriously undermine the capacity of Kwantlen University College to continue to play a vital role in our community, then

Therefore be it resolved that this council write the Minister of Advanced Education and express its concern over the proposed cuts to operating grants for post-secondary institutions and the impacts that those cuts will have on affordability and access for students from this community and on the ability of Kwantlen University College to continue serving our community.