

Policy History
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Mission, Vision and Values Development and Amendment Policy

A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

1. Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) received its charter from the BC provincial government in 2008, and receives an annual mandate letter from the Government of British Columbia which provides specific expectations for that year.
2. Each public post-secondary institution periodically interprets its charter and mandate in the context of its mission, vision and values and through a process of stakeholder engagement so as to align with the changing needs of society (especially in the region it serves), and with the evolution of higher education, the nature of work, and emerging social, economic and cultural issues.
3. This policy clarifies the process by which these periodic reviews are undertaken. Normally this would occur about every five years in the context of strategic planning, but other pressures or opportunities may prompt such a review at any time.
4. The University Act, Section 47(1) states that the University mandate from the Government of British Columbia includes the following statutory provisions:

“A special purpose, teaching university must do all of the following:

- (a) ... provide adult basic education, career, technical, trade and academic programs leading to certificates, diplomas and baccalaureate and masters degrees, subject to and in accordance with regulations under section 71 (3) (c) (i);
- (b) ... provide applied and professional programs leading to baccalaureate and masters degrees, subject to and in accordance with regulations under section 71 (3) (c) (ii);
- (c) provide, in addition to post-secondary programs referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), post-secondary programs specified in regulations under section 71 (3) (c) (iii);
- (d) so far as and to the extent that its resources from time to time permit, undertake and maintain applied research and scholarly activities to support the programs of the special purpose, teaching university”.

5. Section 35.2(6) of the University Act states that “the senatemust advise the board, and board must seek advice from the senate, on the development of educational policy for the following matters:

(e) the mission statement and the educational goals, objectives, strategies and priorities of the special purpose, teaching university”.

6. The University Act, Section 62(2), also informs the accomplishment of the University’s mission and the achievement of its vision through the process of setting the annual budget.

B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

1. This policy applies to all members of the KPU community – including, but not limited to students, faculty, staff, administrators, Board of Governors’ representatives, and members of the communities the University serves who are asked to contribute to the discussion of KPU’s mission, vision and values and to the setting of annual priorities and the University’s budget.

C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. Kwantlen Polytechnic University will periodically undertake a review of its mission, vision and values statements in order to reflect its changing mandate from government and the current and future needs of students and communities in the region it serves.
2. Furthermore, within the terms of the mission, vision and values statements in effect, the annual process of setting priorities and establishing the university budget is guided by KPU’s PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE BICAMERAL GOVERNANCE AT KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY.
3. This Policy will be reviewed in conjunction with the University’s strategic plan.

D. DEFINITIONS

Refer to the related Procedures document for definitions which will enhance the reader’s interpretation of this Policy.

E. RELATED POLICIES & LEGISLATION

University Act
VISION 2023 Strategic Plan
Academic Plan 2023
Board Governance Manual
Senate Standing Committee on University Budget Mandate
Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning & Priorities Mandate
Principles To Guide Bi-cameral Governance at Kwantlen Polytechnic University

F. RELATED PROCEDURES

Please see the *GV10 Mission, Vision and Values Development and Amendment Procedure*.