

## Bulletin #3 – originally sent out Feb 13, 2014

Hello Faculty Members,

As you all know, there have been a number of faculty layoff notices issued. We now have more information to share, and we want to keep you informed about this serious matter.

We now know that the layoffs at Kwantlen have come as a result of cuts to 98 sections in ELST and ACP, well over 1 600 student classroom spaces. As a result of these cuts, ten regular faculty members in ELST, four NR2 faculty members in ELST and two regular faculty members in ACP have received layoff notices. Other non-regular faculty members will continue to receive notices and to have their contracts end without renewal. These layoffs have come as a result of a chain of decisions, and at the end of this chain, Kwantlen senior administrators have made the decision to enact cuts that severely reduce access to post-secondary education for Canadian citizens, permanent residents and refugees.

At the same time as these cuts to seats for domestic students, we are informed that spaces in ELST for international students will be maintained and increased. Furthermore, the revenue generated in ELST by international enrollments will not be retained within the department and Faculty to provide access for citizens of the region.

We believe these cuts are both wrong and wrong-headed. Please see the [special editorial](#) detailing some of the dimensions of the problems with these cuts.

Your KFA officers have been taking a number of actions around this, and some of the work to date has included

- Supporting the individual faculty members involved
- Meeting with the faculty members and departments
- Meeting with senior administrators
- Organizing informational meetings

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- Meeting with our regional MLAs and MPs
- Meeting with FPSE officers and exec members from other institutions
- Working together with the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators, BC Government and Service Union and the Canadian Federation of Students to organize a province-wide campaign for social and conventional media (radio ads will be airing next week, for example)
- Organizing and participating in Kwantlen student and faculty video interviews about the cuts and how the cuts will affect the people in the Kwantlen region (videos will be posted in various media soon, for example)
- Planning a local media and action campaign

Your participation is welcome! Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you would like to get involved.

There is currently a social media campaign starting up. You can sign on to the Facebook group, “Friends of ESL” at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofesl> The Facebook page has pictures of ESL students and comments posted. The page also has links to sample letters to download, edit and send, and the videos soon will be posted there as well. Please feel free to circulate this link widely.

In solidarity,

Your KFA Table Officers

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