

## **Judge rules in Quest University's favour in second CCAA hearing; approves stay and interim financing**

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In a Vancouver court this afternoon, Judge Shelley Fitzpatrick granted two requests filed by Quest University, approving its plans for interim financing as well as a stay until May 29 as the university works toward a plan for long-term stability. The lender (Vanchoverve Foundation) had contested Quest's requests and presented its own plan. That plan involved using an interim lender of Vanchoverve's choosing and replacing four Quest Governors with individuals selected by the lender. Judge Fitzpatrick rejected the lender's proposals.

"This is the outcome we expected," said Jasmine Aimaq, Quest's Director of Communications. "Quest needs time to pursue solutions, and Judge Fitzpatrick agreed. We are thankful for her wisdom." Aimaq also noted that stays can be extended further by the court if necessary and appropriate.

The courtroom was packed, as Quest students and alumni attended the hearing to show support for their university. The President of the Quest University Student Association (QUSA), and several QUSA ministers, were among those in attendance.

### **About Quest University**

Quest is Canada's first secular, independent, not-for-profit liberal arts and sciences university. Devoted entirely to undergraduate education, Quest's program is unique. There are no conventional departments or majors. Instead, students create their own Question, which lets them take charge of their education and connect ideas from a wide range of disciplines. It fosters traits that employers are increasingly looking for, such as creativity and flexibility. The curriculum also emphasizes communication, organization, research, collaboration, and critical reasoning. Quest offers a single degree, the interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. The curriculum is taught on the Block Plan, where students take one class at a time for about a month. This allows for an immersive learning experience that's amplified by the school's live-on-campus requirement. Quest's education model is unique in Canada and rare around the world. Some 20% of students are from BC, but over 40 different countries are represented in the student body. Since opening 13 years ago, Quest has graduated over 800 students. About 45% of its graduates pursue further studies, from law and medical school to graduate programs in some of the finest institutions in the world. Others have built start-ups, pursued activism, or accepted positions at companies large and small, from grass-roots BC businesses to international outfits such as Facebook and the New York Times.

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