

3 October 2013

Ms Jane Shackell
Chair, Board of Governors
Capilano University
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Dear Ms Shackell,

We are a group of retired Capilano University faculty extremely distressed by recent events at the University. We are particularly concerned that the current President, Dr Kris Bulcroft, is failing to provide the quality of leadership Capilano University deserves.

We are deeply concerned that Dr Bulcroft has abandoned Capilano's tradition of providing the community with a full complement of programs. By cutting so many successful and vital programs, particularly in the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, the President's current agenda will deprive present and future generations of North Shore students of a full range of educational opportunities.

We are deeply concerned that the abandonment of these programs will lead many present and potential donors to place their gifts and support elsewhere. Some of us have already indicated to the Capilano University Foundation that the University will not merit our support so long as Dr Bulcroft's philosophical shift away from comprehensive education is in place.

We are also deeply concerned that Dr Bulcroft has failed to ensure meaningful faculty participation and consultation in determining a vision for the University's future, and has failed to ensure such participation and consultation in the budget process, as required by the Collective Agreement and the University Act.

As faculty who are proud to have built an outstanding institution that functioned with a high degree of democracy, we strongly recommend that the Board of Governors remove Dr Bulcroft from the position of President, and take the steps necessary to ensure that Capilano University appoints a leader who honours the culture and tradition of consultation, educational openness, and comprehensive curriculum offerings.

We understand the seriousness of such a step, but a university's success depends on the ability of all its members to work constructively together. Should you wish to meet, representatives of our group will be happy to discuss our concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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