

The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Academic Planning Committee at its Wednesday, November 12, 2014 meeting:

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Item

Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Advice <input type="checkbox"/> Information
Proposed by	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Presenters	Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Subject	Tuition for 2015-2016

Details

Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic).
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To set tuition fees for the 2015-2016 academic year.
The Impact of the Proposal is	See 'Purpose'.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	Tuition proposal set by the Board of Governors on December 13, 2013 for September, 2014.
Timeline/Implementation Date	September, 2015.
Estimated Cost	N/A
Sources of Funding	N/A
Notes	N/A

Alignment/Compliance

Alignment with Guiding Documents	University of Alberta Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP); <i>Dare to Discover, Dare to Deliver</i>
Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure	1. Ministerial Letter Regarding the New Tuition Fees Regulation: A letter to the President, University of Alberta, dated September 10,

<p>Relevant to the Proposal (please <u>quote</u> legislation and include identifying section numbers)</p>	<p>2014, from the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education states that: “In accordance with the Public Post-secondary Institutions’ Tuition Fee Regulation, the maximum allowable weighted average tuition fee increase across the entire institution for 2015/16 shall not exceed 2.2 per cent.”</p> <p>2. <i>Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)</i>, Sections 61(1) and 61(2)(a):</p> <p>“61(1) The board of a public post-secondary institution shall set the tuition fees to be paid by students of the public post-secondary institution.</p> <p>61(2) The tuition fees under subsection (1) for all public post-secondary institutions other than Banff Centre</p> <p>(a) must be set in accordance with the regulations[.] [...]”</p> <p>3. <i>PSLA Section 26(1)(o)</i> states:</p> <p>“Powers of general faculties council</p> <p>26(1) Subject to the authority of the board, a general faculties council is responsible for the academic affairs of the university and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, has the authority to</p> <p>(o) make recommendations to the board with respect to affiliation with other institutions, academic planning, campus planning, a building program, the budget, the regulation of residences and dining halls, procedures in respect of appointments, promotions, salaries, tenure and dismissals, and any other matters considered by the general faculties council to be of interest to the university [...]”</p> <p>On the line-by-line <u>budget</u>, including consideration of matters related to tuition, GFC has delegated this responsibility to its senior standing committee, the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), as noted in the following.</p> <p>4. <i>GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) Terms of Reference (Mandate - Section 3.4(b))</i>:</p> <p>“APC is responsible for making recommendations to GFC and/or to the Board of Governors concerning policy matters and action matters with respect to the following: [. . .]</p> <p>4. <i>Budget Matters</i></p> <p>To recommend to the Board of Governors on the annual budget, excluding budgets for ancillary units. [...]”</p> <p>5. <i>Board Finance and Property (BFPC) Terms of Reference (Section 3(d))</i>:</p> <p>“3. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall: [...]</p> <p>d) review and recommend to the Board tuition and other like fees[.]”</p>
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Routing (Include meeting dates)

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	President's Executive Committee (Operations) – October 30, 2014 (for endorsement)
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	GFC Academic Planning Committee – November 12, 2014 (for recommendation); Board Finance and Property Committee – November 25, 2014 (for recommendation); Board of Governors – December 10, 2014 (for final approval)
Final Approver	Board of Governors

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 (pages 1 – 4) - University of Alberta Tuition Proposal, 2015-2016
2. Attachment 2 (page 1) - Letter from the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education to the President, University of Alberta

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University of Alberta
Tuition Proposal, 2015-16

TUITION POLICY

Under the provincial *Public Post-Secondary Institutions' Tuition Fees Regulation*, annual tuition increases are tied to the Alberta Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on average monthly increases from July to June. For 2015-16, Alberta Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education calculated the maximum allowable tuition increase to be 2.2 percent. The regulation does not apply to international differential fees or surcharges assessed to individuals who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.

THE BUDGET CONTEXT

Tuition fee revenue is integral to the university's continued vitality and success. It is the second largest source of unrestricted operating funds and represents approximately 31 percent of total operating revenues.

Despite the governments' decision to begin reinvesting in postsecondary education, in late 2013-14, the University of Alberta continues to face significant budget challenges. In 2014-2015 the government did not increase the grant and it is uncertain whether the university can expect a base grant increase in 2015-16.

The university continues to face challenges in balancing limited growth in public funding in operating revenue against rising investment costs for teaching and research (faculty, staff and facilities). With shifting public funding models and the new financial realities the University of Alberta must continue seek and maximize multiple revenue sources in supporting its core mission.

TUITION PROPOSAL

It is recommended that all general, differential and market modifier tuition fees increase by 2.2 percent effective September 1, 2015. In addition, consistent with the University of Alberta's principle that international students pay the full cost of their education, it is recommended that international tuition (base plus differential) also increase by 2.2 percent. Details of the proposal are outlined below.

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- Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

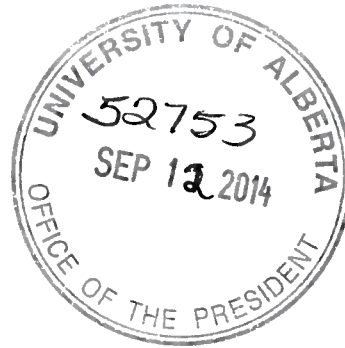
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September 10, 2014

Dr. Indira V. Samarasekera, O.C.
President and Vice-Chancellor
University of Alberta
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Dear Dr. Samarasekera:

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It is anticipated that the draft 2015/2016 Tuition Fee Compliance template will be sent out for processing in October, 2014. I am requesting that your institution complete these templates and submit your initial draft for review by December 2, 2014. Once the review is complete and all issues are addressed, your board's formal approval of the 2015/2016 tuition fees and your Vice-President's final sign off of the template is to be submitted by March 15, 2015.

If you have questions with regard to the above, please contact Mr. Sandy Henderson, Director, Accountability, Compliance and Data Collection by telephone at 780-427-9667 or by email at Sandy.Henderson@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Leclaire
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Advanced Learning and Community Partnerships

cc: Phyllis Clark, Vice-President, Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
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- (e) Graduate market modifier applies only to thesis students beginning their program of study in Fall 2011 or later, and is based on an annual fee assessment (including spring/summer).

Item

Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Advice <input type="checkbox"/> Information
Proposed by	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Presenters	Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Subject	Program Differential and Market Modifier Fees for 2015-2016

Details

Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic).
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To set differential/market modifier fees for the 2015-2016 academic year.
The Impact of the Proposal is	See 'Purpose'.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	Program differential fees set by the Board of Governors on December 13, 2013 for September, 2014.
Timeline/Implementation Date	September, 2015.
Estimated Cost	N/A
Sources of Funding	N/A
Notes	N/A

Alignment/Compliance

Alignment with Guiding Documents	University of Alberta Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP); <i>Dare to Discover, Dare to Deliver</i>
Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure Relevant to the Proposal (please <u>quote</u> legislation and include identifying section numbers)	<p>1. Ministerial Letter Regarding the New Tuition Fees Regulation: A letter to the President, University of Alberta, dated September 10, 2014, from the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education states that: "In accordance with the Public Post-secondary Institutions' Tuition Fee Regulation, the maximum allowable weighted average tuition fee increase across the entire institution for 2015/16 shall not exceed 2.2 per cent."</p> <p>2. Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA), Sections 61(1) and 61(2)(a): 61(1) The board of a public post-secondary institution shall set the tuition fees to be paid by students of the public post-secondary institution. 61(2) The tuition fees under subsection (1) for all public post-secondary institutions other than Banff Centre (a) must be set in accordance with the regulations[.] [...]"</p> <p>3. PSLA Section 26(1)(o) states: "Powers of general faculties council 26(1) Subject to the authority of the board, a general faculties council is responsible for the academic affairs of the university and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, has the authority to (o) make recommendations to the board with respect to affiliation with other institutions, academic planning, campus planning, a building program, the budget, the regulation of residences and dining halls, procedures in respect of appointments, promotions, salaries, tenure and dismissals, and any other matters considered by the general faculties council to be of interest to the university [...]"</p> <p>On the line-by-line <u>budget</u>, including consideration of matters related to tuition, GFC has delegated this responsibility to its senior standing committee, the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), as noted in the following.</p>

	<p>4. GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) Terms of Reference (Mandate - Section 3.4(b)):</p> <p>“APC is responsible for making recommendations to GFC and/or to the Board of Governors concerning policy matters and action matters with respect to the following: [. . .]</p> <p>4. Budget Matters To recommend to the Board of Governors on the annual budget, excluding budgets for ancillary units. [...].”</p> <p>5. Board Finance and Property (BFPC) Terms of Reference (Section 3(d)):</p> <p>“3. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall: [...]</p> <p>d) review and recommend to the Board tuition and other like fees[.]”</p>
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Routing (Include meeting dates)

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	President’s Executive Committee (Operations) – October 30, 2014 (for endorsement)
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) – November 12, 2014 (for recommendation); Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) – November 25, 2014 (for recommendation); Board of Governors – December 10, 2014 (for final approval)
Final Approver	Board of Governors

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OUTLINE OF ISSUE

 Agenda Title: **University of Alberta 2015-2016 International Tuition Fee Proposal**

Motion: THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, recommend to the Board Finance and Property Committee that the Board of Governors approve a proposal from the University Administration for an increase to international tuition fees of 2.2%, effective September 1, 2015 and as illustrated in the table below.

General Tuition Fees:

Undergraduate (Arts and Science)^{a, b}	2014-15	2015-16	Change^c	
			\$	%
International, Base	\$5,320.80	\$5,437.20	\$116.40	2.2%
International, Differential	<u>\$14,324.40</u>	<u>\$14,638.80</u>	<u>\$314.40</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total, International	\$19,645.20	\$20,076.00	\$430.80	2.2%
Course Based Masters^a	2014-15	2015-16	Change^c	
			\$	%
International, Base Tuition	\$ 3,744.72	\$ 3,826.80	\$82.08	2.2%
International, Differential	<u>\$ 3,904.56</u>	<u>\$ 3,990.24</u>	<u>\$85.68</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total, International	\$ 7,649.28	\$ 7,817.04	\$167.76	2.2%
Thesis 919^{a, d}	2014-15	2015-16	Change^c	
			\$	%
International, Base Tuition	\$2,335.92	\$2,387.28	\$51.36	2.2%
International, Differential	<u>\$2,436.36</u>	<u>\$2,489.96</u>	<u>\$ 53.60</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total, International	\$4,772.28	\$4,877.24	\$104.96	2.2%
Thesis Based Masters/PhD^{a, b, e}	2014-15	2015-16	Change^c	
			\$	%
International, Base Tuition	\$2,805.72	\$2,867.40	\$61.68	2.2%
Graduate Thesis Market Modifier	\$856.68	\$875.52	\$18.84	2.2%
International, Differential	<u>\$2,935.80</u>	<u>\$3,000.36</u>	<u>\$64.56</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total, International	\$6,598.20	\$6,743.28	\$145.08	2.2%

- (a) Values are based on full-time per year.
- (b) Excludes applicable market modifier and/or program specific differential fees, except for the graduate thesis market modifier, which is included above.
- (c) Tuition increases are applied to the fee index. As such, the effective year over year percentage change on the overall full-time program may be below 2.2 percent.
- (d) Tuition applies to thesis students who were admitted to the program of study prior to Fall 2011 and are assessed the reduced thesis rate.
- (e) Tuition applies to thesis students who were admitted to the program of study beginning in Fall 2011 or later; this is based on an annual fee assessment (including spring/summer).

Program Differential and Market Modifier Fees:

Program Differential ^a	2014-15	2015-16	Change	
			\$	%
Juris Doctor (JD), base ^b	\$4,545.60	\$4,645.60	\$100.00	2.2%
Juris Doctor (JD), IDF on base ^b	\$5,108.84	\$5,221.20	\$112.36	2.2%
Total International JD Program Fee ^b	\$9,654.44	\$9,866.80	\$212.36	2.2%
Master of Business Administration, Base	\$597.84	\$610.92	\$13.08	2.2%
MBA, IDF on Base	\$671.88	\$686.64	\$14.76	2.2%
Total International MBA Program Fee	\$1,269.72	\$1,297.56	\$27.84	2.2%
Market Modifier ^a	2014-15	2015-16	Change	
			\$	%
Business, Base Market Modifier	\$209.78	\$214.38	\$4.60	2.2%
Business, IDF on Market Modifier	\$564.64	\$577.06	\$12.42	2.2%
Total, International	\$774.42	\$791.44	\$17.02	2.2%
Engineering, Base Market Modifier	\$177.36	\$181.24	\$3.88	2.2%
Engineering, IDF on Market Modifier	\$477.48	\$487.96	\$10.48	2.2%
Total, International	\$654.84	\$669.20	\$14.36	2.2%
Pharmacy, Base Market Modifier	\$404.16	\$413.04	\$8.88	2.2%
Pharmacy, IDF Market Modifier	\$1,087.92	\$1,111.80	\$23.88	2.2%
Total, International	\$1,492.08	\$1,524.84	\$32.76	2.2%

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(b) Program Fees - values are based on a full-time per term and full-time per year.

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Subject	International Differential for 2015-2016

Details

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The Impact of the Proposal is	See 'Purpose'.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	Tuition proposal set by the Board of Governors on December 13, 2013 for September, 2014.
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"Definition of tuition fees for Act purposes, etc.

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