

The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Academic Planning Committee at its Wednesday, February 10, 2021 meeting:

Agenda Title: Proposed New Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees, Proposed Change to Existing Application Fee

CARRIED MOTION:

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, that the Board of Governors approve:

- the proposed New Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees (set forth in Attachment 1)
- the proposed Change to Existing Application Fee (set forth in Attachment 2)

as submitted on behalf of the relevant Faculties/Departments by the Registrar's Advisory Committee on Fees (RACF), to take effect as noted in each respective attachment.

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FINAL Item No. 4

Governance Executive Summary Action Item

Agenda Title	Proposed New Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees,
	Proposed Change to Existing Application Fee

Motion

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, that the Board of Governors approve: ☐ the proposed New Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees (set forth in Attachment 1) ☐ the proposed Change to Existing Application Fee (set forth in Attachment 2)
as submitted on behalf of the relevant Faculties/Departments by the Registrar's Advisory Committee on Fees (RACF), to take effect as noted in each respective attachment.

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Action Requested	☐ Approval ☒ Recommendation	
Proposed by	Vice-Provost and University Registrar and the Faculties and	
	Departments that have proposed new and changed fees.	
Presenter(s)	Melissa Padfield, Vice-Provost and University Registrar	

Details

Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)	
The Purpose of the Proposal is	To establish New Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees and	
(please be specific)	Change to Existing Application Fee.	
Executive Summary (outline the specific item – and	The impacts of the proposals are stated in the purpose and outline in each attached proposal.	
remember your audience)	Implementation dates for each proposal may vary; see attachments for details.	
	After final approval by the Board of Governors, the proposed fees would be implemented by the Office of the Registrar, Financial Services and the corresponding units proposing fee changes. The Office of the Registrar will communicate the approval of all fees to the proposers of the various fees contained in this proposal. All of these categories of fees are listed on the Office of the Registrar's website and the units initiating the proposal are responsible for communicating any fees to the impacted students.	
Supplementary Notes and		
context	Representatives of the proposing units will also be in attendance at the February 10, 2021 meeting of GFC APC to respond to questions.	

Engagement and Routing (Include meeting dates)

	Those who are actively participating:
Consultation and Stakeholder Participation	As outlined in various proposals







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(parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	Those who have been consulted:	
<for information="" on="" td="" the<=""><td>As outlined in various proposals</td></for>	As outlined in various proposals	
protocol see the Governance	Those who have been informed :	
Resources section Student Participation Protocol>	As outlined in various proposals	
Approval Route (Governance)	GFC Academic Planning Committee – February 10, 2021	
(including meeting dates)	Board Finance and Property Committee – February 25, 2021 Board of Governors – March 12, 2021	

Strategic Alignment

Alignment with For the Public	Institutional Strategic Plan – For the Public Good:	
Good	SUSTAIN: Sustain our people, our work, and the environment by	
	attracting and stewarding the resources we need to deliver excellence to the benefit of all.	
	Objective 21. Encourage continuous improvement in administrative, governance, planning and stewardship systems, procedures, and policies that enable students, faculty, staff, and the institution as a whole to achieve shared strategic goals.	
	Objective 22: Secure and steward financial resources to sustain, enhance, promote, and facilitate the university's core mission and strategic goals.	
	i. Strategy: Seek and secure resources	needed to achieve and support
	our strategic goals. ii. Strategy: Ensure a sustainable budg	et model to preserve and enhance
	our core mission and reputation for exc	
	research, and community engagement	
Alignment with Core Risk Area	Please note below the specific institution addressing.	onal risk(s) this proposal is
	☐ Enrolment Management	☐ Relationship with Stakeholders☐ Reputation
	☐ Faculty and Staff☒ Funding and Resource Management	☐ Research Enterprise
	☐ IT Services, Software and Hardware	☐ Safety
	☐ Leadership and Change	
	☐ Physical Infrastructure	
Legislative Compliance and	1. Post-Secondary Learning Act (PS	<i>LA</i>): Sections 61(1) and (2)(a)
jurisdiction	"Tuition fees	
	2. Post-Secondary Learning Act (PS	I A) Pogulations - Alberta
	Regulation 228/2018 – Section 2	LA) Negulations - Alberta
	3. Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)	
	4. Board of Governors General Terms of Reference, Section 1 (b)	
	5. Board Finance and Property (BFPC) Terms of Reference, Section 3(d)	



GFC ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

For the Meeting of February 10, 2020

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6. University of Alberta Calendar 7. GFC Academic Planning Committee Terms of Reference

Attachments (each to be numbered 1 - <>)

- 1. Attachment 1: Proposals for New Mandatory Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees (page(s) 1 13)
- 2. Attachment 2: Proposals for Change to Existing Application Fee (page(s) 14-18)

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Attachment 1

Proposals for Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees

Course	Implementation	Fee	Page Number
HECOL 470/570	May 1, 2021	\$25	2
PL SC 210	September 1, 2021	\$500 - \$700	5
e3 Abroad	May 1, 2022	\$900 - \$1,100	8

Registrar's Advisory Committee on Fees (RACF)

For the meeting of: September 22, 2020

Item No. <04>

Request for Approval for: Hecol 470/570

Fee Type (see end of form for definitions)*:

Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fee

OUTLINE OF ISSUE: Dept. of Human Ecology request to implement centrally collected non-regulated fee to cover field trip transportation costs for senior level textile science course.

Put N/A in any boxes that do not apply

Proposer

Faculty/Department	Department of Human Ecology
Dean/Chair	Dean Stan Blade
Primary Contact (Name, phone	Deanna Williamson, Chair deanna@ualberta.ca
number, and e-mail)	780-492-3824
Secondary Contact (Name,	
phone number, and e-mail)	

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Purpose of Fee (what it is to be	Cover transportation costs for required field trips to industry/research
used for)	sites
Proposed Amount	\$0 - \$35.00
Previous Fee Amount (if this is	New fee
a new fee, please indicate that	
here)	
Requested Implementation	Spring 2021
Date	
The Impact of the Fee (number	Course enrolment of approx. 20 students per year (Winter term offering
of students affected, etc.)	only)
Collected Centrally or by	Centrally
Department	

Course Information (if fee is attached to a course)

Course Marsa(a)	Taries in Advanced Taritie and Apparel Crimes	
Course Name(s)	Topics in Advanced Textile and Apparel Science	
	Hecol 470/570 – offered as a "slash' course, senior undergraduates and	
	graduate students can both enroll	
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Required Course(s)	□ Yes	
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	⊠ No	
The course/program is on or off		
campus		
Campus	·	
	☐ Off-Campus	
New or Existing Course(s)	Existing	
New or Existing Program	N/A	
(include name)		
Course Description(s)	Advanced topics in functional textiles and protective clothing are	
Course Description(s)		
	addressed. Resistance of textiles to mechanical, thermal, chemical,	
biological, and electrical hazards as well as questions of durability a		
	comfort are discussed with an emphasis on current research. The co	
describes phenomena and mechanisms involved, presents appropri		
	materials and structures, and depicts the relevant test methods.	

Details

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Estimated Costs (Budget	Tours of the U of A PCERF (Protective Clothing and Equipment
information may be included	Research Facility) flammability laboratory and to a protective clothing
here or as an attachment)	manufacturer's facility are part of course content. Taxi transportation has
	been established as the most efficient option given class size (approx.
	20 students) and meets OHS guidelines for student transportation. For
	2019, course transportation costs totaled approx. \$500, resulting in the
	proposed \$25 fee.
Explanatory Notes	The department is unable to continue to cover these costs

Routing

Routing	
Consultative Route	Course Instructor, Dr. Patricia Dolez
(parties who have seen the	Chair, Dr. Deanna Williamson - approver
proposal prior to Registrar's	Dean, Dr. Stan Blade- approver
Advisory Committee on Fees	
and in what capacity)	
Student Group Consultative	Consulted with HESA (Human Ecology Students' Assoc.) on Feb.
Route	4/2020 and received their support for fee implementation. Pls.see
	attached memo from HESA.
Advisory Route (RACF) Include	September 22, 2020
dates	
Approval Route* (Governance)	GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)
*The approval process is	Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC)
initiated in January for the next	
academic year	
Final Approver	Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC)

Attachments

1. Student Consultation

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February 14, 2020

RE: Department consultation with Human Ecology Students' Association (HESA) regarding Mandatory Instructional Fees

This memo is to confirm and summarize the meeting requested by the Department of Human Ecology Chair, Dr. Deanna Williamson and Asst. Chair, Lori Moran with HESA. An invitation to attend the group's executive committee on Feb. 4, 2020 was extended by me, HESA copresident Margret Nendsa and co-president Ryan Corbould.

The meeting was attended by 12 additional HESA members. Lori and Deanna provided a description of what constitutes "mandatory instructional fees" and said that a proposal was being considered to request the implementation of a \$25 /student fee to cover transportation costs to two off-campus sites for a senior level textile science course (HECOL 470). One of the sites is the Department's Protective Clothing and Equipment Research Facility, and the other is a local manufacturer of protective apparel. Lori explained that students who have already taken HECOL 470 found these trips to be very worthwhile. They found that real life application of course concepts as well as evidence of potential career path options were valuable. A student at the meeting who had taken the course agreed that the trips were memorable and very useful components of the course. In addition, she noted that \$25 for two taxi trips was good value for money; others in the meeting concurred. We were advised that while the department had previously covered the transportation costs for this course, going forward these expenditures would no longer be in its budget.

The HESA executive members unanimously agreed that the cost was reasonable for the service provided, and that the impact of the course would be less if the field trips were discontinued.

Sincerely,

Margret Nendsa

Co-President

Ryan Corbould

Co-President

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Registrar's Advisory Committee on Program Budgets and Fees (RACF)

For the meeting of: January 26, 2021

Item No. <02>

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Request for Approval for: PL SC 210 - Exploring Field Crop Agronomy

Fee Type (see end of form for definitions)*:

\boxtimes	Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees
	Non-Regulated Exclusion to Tuition Fees
	Other

OUTLINE OF ISSUE: Please provide a summary of proposal here.

Put N/A in any boxes that do not apply

Proposer

Faculty/Department	ALES/Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Science	
Dean/Chair	Stanford Blade/Spencer Proctor	
Primary Contact (Name, phone number, and e-mail)	Dr. Linda Gorim, 7804928814, gorim@ualberta.ca	
Secondary Contact (Name,	Jim Bohun, Assistant Dean (Academic and Student Programs), 780-492-	
phone number, and e-mail)	1313, jbohun@ualberta.ca	

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Purpose of Fee (what it is to be	The fees cover student costs for a 1 week field trip, including
used for)	transportation, accommodations, full meals and other associated costs
Proposed Amount	\$ 500-\$700
Previous Fee Amount (if this is	New Fee associated with a newly approved course (note that the fee
a new fee, please indicate that	was part of the course proposal that was recently approved by Faculty
here)	and University).
Requested Implementation	Fall 2021
Date	
The Impact of the Fee (number	15-20 students per year
of students affected, etc.)	
Collected Centrally or by	Centrally
Department	

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Course Information (if fee is attached to a course)

Course Name(s)	PLSC 210: Exploring Field Crop Agronomy	
Required Course(s)		
	□ No	
The course/program is on or off campus	⊠ On-Campus	
	☐ Off-Campus	
New or Existing Course(s)	New Course	
New or Existing Program (include name)	BSc in Agriculture, Crop Science Major	
Course Description(s)		

Details

Details	
Estimated Costs (Budget	Transportation - Bus rental (\$1015 x 4days) = ca. \$4060
information must be included	Accommodation shared (\$150 x 10 Rooms x 3nights) = ca. \$5000
here or as an attachment)	Meals \$60 per diem rate (\$60 x 20 Students x 4days) =ca. \$5000
	We are very sensitive to the financial implications for our students and will be careful to manage expenses judiciously. The lower range for funds we are requesting will be possible if we return home daily and the upper end will be if we add accommodation to the budget. We will actively pursue industry support to offset some or all of this fee in the future.
Explanatory Notes	A key feature of our field trip is to establish collaboration with different Agriculture industries, farmers and other third-party agencies that will assist with logistics and partner in the delivery of course content. Presentations, tours, projects and discussions with external experts will add value to our students' experience and support the development of future employment contact. This vital component of the course would be impossible to undertake without the requested fee.

Routing

Consultative Route	Agriculture Program Review Task Force (included student
(parties who have seen the	representatives)
proposal prior to Registrar's	Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Science
Advisory Committee on Fees	Agriculture/Animal Health Program Committee (included student
and in what capacity)	representatives)

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Student Group Consultative Route – What consultation has occurred and provide outcome	Academic Coordinating Committee, Faculty of ALES (included student representatives) Faculty Council, ALES (included student representatives) Student Representatives were members of and active participants in the above committees. The Agriculture Program Review Committee, which proposed the addition of PL SC 210 as a required course for the Plant Science Major (including a course fee for the field component), included student representatives. These student representatives actively engaged students in the BSc Agriculture on the proposed changes.
Advisory Route (RACF) Include dates	January 26, 2021
Approval Route* (Governance)	GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)
*The approval process is	Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC)
initiated in January for the next	Board of Governors (BG)
academic year	
Final Approver	Board of Governors

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Registrar's Advisory Committee on Program Budgets and Fees (RACF)

For the meeting of: January 26, 2021

Item No. <05>

Request for Approval for: e3 Study Abroad

Fee Type (see end of form for definitions)*:

Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program FeesNon-Regulated Exclusion to Tuition FeesOther

OUTLINE OF ISSUE:

This proposal represents a reclassification of fees and standardization of tuition assessment appropriate to the student's tuition rate for their program. Due to Bill 19, we are working through the old cost recovery courses where there is a travel component and reclassifying the non-instructional costs associated with the travel to a non-regulated exclusion to program fee. By doing this a student would pay their regular tuition and the associated non-regulated fee should they opt to take courses abroad.

First introduced in the spring of 2013, e3 provides a unique experience for UAlberta students in three locations: Berlin (Germany), Grenoble (France) and Curitiba (Brazil). The students can choose to enroll in any one of the three different experiences over a 4 month period from May to August including intensive language studies, a 6-8 week internship placement, and content courses developed around a location-specific theme. e3 is also designed to complement existing University of Alberta summer programs in that students could take one or more components prior to, or following, participation in another summer or faculty-led program.

e3 was proposed as a full cost-recovery program (instructional and non-regulated fees) with the goal being to keep the cost to students as low as possible. Over the past seven years, all three locations have remained consistently popular. They have also supported faculty members offering a diverse array of courses ranging from art/design to biochemistry. However, as e3 has developed, the associated expenses have increased from what was presented in the original proposals. This RACF proposal addresses the budget shortfalls and also reflects the new budget model by proposing a non-regulated fee range of \$900-\$1100 to cover all non-instructional operating costs.

Put N/A in any boxes that do not apply

Proposer

Faculty/Department	University of Alberta International	
Dean/Chair	Dr. Cen Huang, Vice-Provost and AVP International	
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phone number, and e-mail)	Phone: 780 492 5396	
	Email: doug.weir@ualberta.ca	

Item

Purpose of Fee (what it is to be used for)	The non-regulated fee is proposed to cover all operating costs
	for e3 Berlin, Brazil and French Alps excluding tuition.

Proposed Amount	To account for fluctuations in exchange rates, we are proposing a non-regulated fee range of \$900-\$1100 per course
Previous Fee Amount (if this is a new fee, please indicate that here)	Previously, students were charged the cost recovery rate of:
,	e3 Berlin : \$1126.41 (approximately \$532.08* domestic tuition + \$594.33 non-regulated) per course.
	e3 Brazil: \$1249.18 (approximately \$532.08* domestic tuition +
	\$717.10 non-regulated) per course
	e3 French Alps: \$1551.50 (approximately \$532.08* domestic tuition
	+ \$1019.42 non-regulated) per course.
	* Approved rate for 2019-2020, e3 was last offered in Summer 2019.
Requested Implementation Date	May 2022
The Impact of the Fee (number of	Average e3 Berlin enrollments are 40 students, e3 Brazil are 15
students affected, etc.)	students and e3 French Alps are 35 students.
Collected Centrally or by Department	Collected centrally

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Course Information (if fee is attached to a course)

Course Name(s)	N/A – will be applied to all courses/internships in each location. Can vary each year.				
Required Course(s)	□ Yes				
	⊠ No				
The course/program is on or off campus	□ On-Campus				
New or Existing Course(s)	Existing UAlberta courses custom-designed for delivery in each location. Course offerings can vary by year.				
New or Existing Program (include name)	e3 Berlin has been in existence since 2013, e3 Brazil since 2014 and e3 French Alps since 2017.				
Course Description(s)	N/A – see comment above re: course names				

Details

Estimated Costs (Budget	See attached. Please note that we have used a non-regulated fee of \$1050 to
information must be included	reflect costs based on current exchange rates.
here or as an attachment)	
Explanatory Notes	See Outline of Issue on Page 1

Routing

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Consultative Route	UAI: Doug Weir, Executive Director, Student Programs and Services
(parties who have seen the	
proposal prior to Registrar's	Office of the Registrar: Tom Hidson, Assistant Registrar, Records,
Advisory Committee on Fees	Registration and Fees
and in what capacity)	
Student Group Consultative	None
Route – What consultation has	
occurred and provide outcome	
Advisory Route (RACF) Include	RACF November 24 2020
dates	
Approval Route* (Governance)	GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)
*The approval process is	Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC)
initiated in January for the next	Board of Governors (BG)
academic year	
Final Approver	Board of Governors

Attachments

- 1. e3 Berlin
- 2. e3 Brazil
- 3. e3 French Alps

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e3 Berlin (PROJECTION F	OR FISC	\ 21/22\								
INCOME		_ _ \	Non-Reg Fee per *3	1050						
ITEM	BUDGETED		GERM	15	15,750.00					
Non-regulated fee revenue	73,500.00		Intern	10	-	Instructor/Course Specific Costs (1 Course)	1600	Flight		
Tem regulated rec revenue	-		Des	15	15,750.00	in Canadian Dollars		Ground Tr	ans	
TOTAL	73,500.00		PLLC	15	15,750.00		1650	Accom		
			WRITE	15	·		100	Vehicles fo	or Field Trip)S
					·		1200	Field Trips	/Honoraria	
EXPENSES			# Academic Courses	3			4775			
ITEM	BUDGETED									
Salaries										
Language Course	6,750.00	Note: 4500 Euros for local instruc	tor							
UoA Instructor Travel										
Return airfare	4,800.00									
Ground transportation	675.00	NOTE: 150 Euros per instructor								
UoA Instructor Accomodation	4,950.00	NOTE: 1100 Euros per instructor								
Local Coordinator Salary	38,400.00	NOTE:3200/month*12								
Berlin Program Assistant	650.00	NOTE: 40 hrs at Grade 1, Step 3								
Commission for e3 Internship Placements	4,500.00	NOTE: 300 Euros/placement								
Bank Charges	400.00									
Meals/Hosting for students welcome/farewell	750.00									I
Student Reg'n Fee with FUB	4,050.00	NOTE: 270 Euros/Intern								
Ground Transport (transit passes, trains, etc)	1,800.00									
Vehicle Rentals (field trips)	300.00									
		Mensa cards, field trips,								
Other program expenses	4,500.00	honoraria								[
TOTAL	72,525.00									
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TOTAL REVENUE (EXPENSE)	975.00									

e3 Brazil (PROJECTION FOR FI	SCAL 21/22)										
INCOME		/		Non-Reg fee per *3	1050							
ITEM	BUDGETED			PORT 111	2	2,100.00		Instructor/Course Specific Costs	1,200.00	Flight		
Non-regulated fee revenue	19,950.00							(1 Course) in Canadian Dollars	250	Ground Ti	ransportatio	n
	-			HGP/PLAN	15	15,750.00			528	Accommo	dation	
SUB TOTAL	19,950.00			Intern (Reg)	2	2,100.00			1,978.00			
TOTAL	19,950.00											
EXPENSES				# Academic Courses	1							
ITEM	BUDGETED											
UoA Instructor Travel												
Return airfare	1,200.00											
Ground transportation	250.00											
UoA Instructor Accomodation	528.00	N	IOTE: Max o	of 2200 Brazilian Reals	budgeted f	or this						
Coordinator Salary	15,000.00	N	IOTE: Coord	dinator has a PO that a	llows for a	maximum of \$15,000 C	AD (hourly r	ate of \$41.50)				
Program Support	2,750.00	N	IOTE: Field	trip costs, honoraria, e	etc.							
TOTAL	19,728.00											
TOTAL REVENUE (EXPENSE)	222.00											

e3 French Alps (PROJ	ECTION F	OR FIS	SCAL 21/22)					
INCOME			Non-Reg Fee per *3	1050				
ITEM	BUDGETED		FREN *3	40	42,000.00	Instructor/Course Specific Costs (1 Course)	1600	Flight
Non-regulated fee revenue	66,150.00		Intern	8	8,400.00	in Canadian Dollars	225	Ground Trans
							1500	Accom
			Course	15	15,750.00		3325	
TOTAL	66,150.00							
EXPENSES			# Academic Courses	1				
ITEM	BUDGETED							
UGA Instructional Costs								
French Courses	38,400.00	NOTE: UGA	A charges 640 euros/cou	se registra	ation			
UoA Instructor Travel								
Return airfare	1,600.00							
Ground transportation	225.00	NOTE: 150	euros					
UoA Instructor Accomodation	1,500.00	NOTE: 100	0 euros					
Local Coordinator Salary	21,000.00	NOTE: 140	00 euros					
Welcome/Departure Activities	1,000.00							
Course Support (under Services Gen)	1,500.00	NOTE: field	l trip costs, honoraria, et	c.				
TOTAL	65,225.00							
TOTAL REVENUE (EXPENSE)	925.00							

Attachment 2

Proposal for Change to Application Fee

Program	Implementation	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Page Number
Graduate	September 1, 2021	\$100	\$135	15
Application				

Attachment 2_Change 14

Registrar's Advisory Committee on Program Budgets and Fees (RACF)

For the meeting of: September 22, 2020

Item No. 03

Request for Approval for: Graduate Application Increase

Fee Type (see end of form for definitions)*:

- □ Non-Regulated Exclusion to Program Fees□ Non-Regulated Exclusion to Tuition Fees
- **X** Other Graduate Application Increase

OUTLINE OF ISSUE:

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research proposes raising our graduate application fee from \$100 to \$135 effective for the September 2021 application season.

The fee was last raised in 2004. Raising the fee will bring us in line with the U of A's undergraduate application fee as well as with many of our counterparts across the country.

Put N/A in any boxes that do not apply

Proposer

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Faculty/Department	Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Dean/Chair	Dr Brooke Milne
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number, and e-mail)	
Secondary Contact (Name,	Andrea Riewe – 780-492-2816; ariewe@ualberta.ca
phone number, and e-mail)	

Item

Purpose of Fee (what it is to be used for)	FGSR proposes raising our graduate application fee from \$100 to \$135 effective for the September 2021 application season. The fee was last raised in 2004. Raising the fee will bring us in line with the U of A's undergraduate application fee as well as with many of our counterparts across the country.
	Any additional revenue (if FGSR were to receive it), would be reinvested into developing and sustaining programming and services directed towards supporting graduate students. An example would be sustaining the award winning Professional Development programming that was previously supported by the Innovation Grant from the Government of Alberta.
	Note also, there are several countries for which <u>applicants receive an application fee waiver</u> , and these are countries on the United Nations least developed countries list (for example, Afghanistan). This process will remain in place.

Proposed Amount	\$135 CAD (non-refundable) for both domestic and international students.
	This fee is in keeping with other graduate application fees across the U15s and CARU institutions. (See: Table 1 and 2 below).
	While we discussed moving to a model where domestic and international pay different amounts, we would rather keep the fee consistent across student type, (as the undergrad model does), and ensure that it is equitable for all students.
Previous Fee Amount (if this is a new fee, please indicate that here)	The grad app fee has been \$100 since Sept. 2004. (This is lower than the current undergraduate application fee). Also of note is that the fee has remained steady at \$100 for more than 15 years.
Requested Implementation Date	As soon as possible, and at the very latest, implemented for all applications for the September 2021 admissions cycle and onwards.
The Impact of the Fee (number of students affected, etc.)	Last year, there were 15,830 graduate applications (of that 1,994 were waived).
	The change in the fee would result in an increase of \$484,260. (See Table 3 for more details).
Collected Centrally or by Department	The fee will be collected centrally by FGSR. FGSR has recently resumed the administration of this fee from the RO since it pertains only to graduate students.

Details

Estimated Costs (Budget	N/A
information must be included	
here or as an attachment)	
Explanatory Notes	There are no associated costs; revenue is described in Table 3 below.

Routing

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal prior to Registrar's	Informal discussion with the Provost's Office at FGSR's annual Multi- Year Accountability meeting in early 2020.
Advisory Committee on Fees and in what capacity)	GEFAC - Associate Deans - Graduate from the Disciplinary Faculties (Sept 17th)
Student Group Consultative Route – What consultation has occurred and provide outcome	GSA Executive (over the next few weeks)
Advisory Route (RACF) Include dates	September 22, 2020
Approval Route* (Governance) *The approval process is initiated in January for the next academic year	GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) Board of Governors (BG)

Last updated November 20, 2019

Final Approver Board of Governors	Final Approver	Board of Governors
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Tables (below; each to be numbered 1 - <>)

- 1. Table 1: Comparator Application Fees U15
- 2. Table 2: Comparator Application Fees CARU Institutions (Alberta Universities with Graduate Programs)
- 3. Table 3: Comparison of current and proposed application fee revenue

Table 1: Comparator Application Fees - U15

Institution	Domestic	International
U o f A – Graduate (current)	\$100	\$100
U of A - Undergraduate	\$125	\$125
University of Calgary	\$125	\$145
University of British Columbia	\$106.00	\$168.25
University of Toronto	\$125	\$125
<u>McGill</u>	\$120.99	\$120.99
University of Ottawa	\$110	\$110
<u>Dalhousie</u>	\$115	\$115
Universite Laval	\$89.50	\$89.50
University of Manitoba	\$100*	\$100*
McMaster University	\$110 (\$150 for MBA)	\$110 (\$150 for MBA)
Queen's	\$110	\$110
University of Saskatchewan	\$90	\$90
Western	can't locate fee	can't locate fee
University of Waterloo	\$125	\$125

^{*}Additional fees of \$25 for Physician Assistant and \$50 for Preventative Dental Sciences

Table 2: Comparator Application Fees - CARU Institutions (Alberta Universities with Graduate Programs)

Institution	Domestic	International
U o f A - Graduate	\$100	\$100
U of A - Undergraduate	\$125	\$125
University of Calgary	\$125	\$145
Concordia University	\$50	\$100
University of Lethbridge	Graduate applicants who have attended educational institutions in Canada only: \$125 (CAD)	Applicants who have attended one or more educational institutions outside of Canada: \$140 (CAD)

Athabasca University	Program application fee (non-refundable) required each time a person applies:\$154 Non-program application fee (non-refundable) required only once: \$105 Program admission fee (payable upon acceptance into the program and non-refundable) - \$214

Table 3: Comparison of current and proposed application fee revenue

	# of Applications		
2019-20 Total Applications	15,830		
2019-20 Waived Applications	1,994		
2019-20 App Fees received by FGSR	13,836		
		Current	Proposed
Grad App Fees Charged		\$100	\$135
Total Grad App Fees Revenue			
2019-20 Total Applications		\$1,583,000	\$2,137,050
2019-20 App Fees received by FGSR		\$1,383,600	\$1,867,860
Revenue Variance compared to \$100 fees			
2019-20 Total Applications			\$554,050
2019-20 Waived Applications			\$0
2019-20 App Fees received by FGSR			\$484,260

The above amount is gross revenue, FGSR is required to pay 2% credit card transaction fees. In 2019-2020, the UofA paid \$30,780 transaction fees based on \$1,583,000 total app fees.

SUMMARY: If we increase the grad app fees from \$100 to \$135, FGSR revenue will increase approximately \$485,000 next year, assuming the number of applicants is similar and after waiving a similar amount of application fees as last year.