



TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 3(c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly-Funded Programs for 2010-11.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Business Board recommends the schedule of tuition fees to Governing Council for approval.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Report on Student Financial Support has been reported to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs on March 2, 2010.

The Enrolment Report has been reported to the Planning and Budget Committee on March 3, 2010.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities announced a new Framework for tuition fees for Ontario universities on March 8, 2006. The Tuition Framework has expired and the Ontario Government has not yet released a new framework. In the absence of a new framework, the University will assume a continuation of the same parameters mandated in the expired framework.

According to this framework, university tuition may increase by up to 4.5% for the first year of first-entry programs, except for MTCU-designated professional programs, and by up to 4% for all in-program students. Tuition fees for professional programs, which often incur higher costs, may increase by up to 8%, provided that the overall average increase in tuition across the institution is no more than 5%.

The University of Toronto Tuition Fee Report for 2010-11, including a complete fee schedule, is attached. It has been designed in accordance with the University's policy on

tuition and our clear objective of maintaining excellence in all programs. The *University's Tuition Fee Policy* defines five elements: advocacy, fee revenue, fee differentiation, fee level commitment and monitoring. It is also important to note the University's commitment to accessibility as reflected in the *Policy on Student Financial Support*, which states that "...no student offered admission to a program at the University of Toronto should be unable to enter or complete the program due to a lack of financial means."

Domestic Tuition Fees

The increase in tuition fees in 2010-11 for most domestic programs will be 4.5% for entering students and 4% for continuing students. Tuition for all doctoral stream graduate programs will increase by 4%. Tuition for undergraduate Engineering (BASc), Law (JD), Dentistry (DDS), and Pharmacy (BScPharm, Pharm D) as well as several Master's programs will rise by 8%, because of the resource requirements of these programs. Full details on tuition in all programs are given in the report.

There are some programs, such as Commerce and Computer Science, in which students pay a higher fee in upper years of the program, starting in second year. For these programs, the Government's upper limit of 8% applies to second year tuition. Second year tuition in these programs for 2010-11 was recommended in last year's tuition report. In 2011-12 the second year tuition is proposed to increase by 8% above the second year tuition level in 2010-11 for Commerce, BBA and Management, Computer Science, Bioinformatics, and CCIT. The tuition schedules for these programs for both 2010-11 and 2011-12 are described clearly in the report and are given in a separate table. To ensure that students are properly informed at the time they enter the University in September 2010, the Business Board is being asked to approve the tuition schedule for Second Year of these programs for a two-year period.

The average tuition fee increase for all domestic students in the University is 4.31%. Although the Government's Tuition Framework has expired, the University has chosen to continue set tuition fees with the maximum of 5% previously allowed. About 94% of domestic students will experience fee increases of 4.5% or less. About 63% percent of domestic students will experience fee increases of \$250 or less.

International Tuition Fees

Tuition for continuing students in most programs will increase by 5% relative to 2009-10. Tuition fees for entering students will increase by 10% for the following programs: undergraduate Arts & Science, Engineering, OISE/UT and Nursing, as well as MEng, MHSc Clinical Biomedical Engineering, MN, MEnvSci and Architecture (MARC, MUD, MAL). Tuition fees for entering students will increase by 8% for the following programs: MScBMC, MMI, MBiotech, MMPA and DIFA. Tuition fees for entering students in Commerce/BBA/ will increase by 8% and for Management, Computer Science, Bioinformatics, and CCIT by 10%. Tuition fees for entering students in all other programs will increase by 5%. Across almost all programs, the University's 2010-11 international tuition fees for most programs remain below the average tuition fees of the AAU public universities

In order to provide potential applicants with information regarding tuition fee levels, the attached schedule also includes proposed tuition fees for international students in 2011-12. The international student aid fund established will continue to be used to support students who encounter financial difficulty during their program of study. Resources will be allocated in 2010-11 to enhance international student services.

Program Fees and Course Fees

Full-time undergraduate student fees are charged on one of two bases: program fees or course fees. Under a program fee structure, students pay a single fee for study classified as full-time for fee purposes. Under a course fee structure, students pay a fee for each course in which they are registered. Some University of Toronto programs collect fees under the program-fee model (for instance, Engineering, Music, Commerce and Physical Health and Education) and some collect tuition under the course fee model. Last year Governing Council approved the proposal to move to a program fee structure for all full-time students in the Faculty of Arts and Science at St. George, starting with the 2009 cohort. A grandparenting provision was applied to previous in-program students who will continue to be charged on a per-course fee basis until they graduate. Grandparenting for students who are currently in-program will end in 2013/14. The program fee will apply to affected students with a course load of 4.0, 5.0 or 6.0 full course equivalents (FCEs) for 2009-10 and 2010-11. Beginning in September 2011 all students who entered the University in September 2009 or later who are taking 3.0 to 6.0 FCEs will be charged on a program fee basis.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed tuition schedule will increase tuition revenue in 2010-11 by \$65.8M. This is the total increase due to the combined effect of the increase in tuition levels and changes in enrolment. Proposed tuition fee changes alone will provide \$28.4M of new revenue in 2010-11. An additional \$37.4M of revenue is projected due to increases in domestic and international enrolment, the implementation of program fees in Arts and Science at St. George, as well as to the flow through of previous tuition increases as students move to upper years of their programs. In contrast, the total projected increase in provincial grant revenue, primarily as a result of graduate expansion, is \$11.5M relative to 2009-10; there is essentially no per student increase in grant revenue and in fact undergraduate enrolment growth is projected to be funded at a discounted rate.

Without the \$65.8M of new revenue from the proposed tuition fee schedule, some of the planned improvements to student experience would need to be delayed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Business Board recommends to Governing Council

THAT the Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs in 2010-11 as described in the attached report and the tuition fees in 2010-11 and 2011-12 for the special programs identified in Tables B2 and C2 of Appendices B & C of the report be approved.