



TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 3(c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly-Funded Programs for 2012-13.

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 February 28, 2012.

The Enrolment Report has been reported to the Planning and Budget Committee on February 29, 2012.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Tuition fees at the University of Toronto are determined in accordance with the University's Tuition Fee Policy, the Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students and the Provincial Government's Tuition Framework. The tuition fee policy speaks to five elements: advocacy, fee revenue, fee differentiation, fee level commitment and monitoring. In presenting this tuition schedule, the University reaffirms its commitment to student aid and to guaranteeing accessibility, which states:

"No student offered admission to a program at the University of Toronto should be unable to enter or complete the program due to lack of financial means."

The University's Tuition Fee Policy and Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students define the principles that should guide changes to tuition fees.

A provincial framework for tuition and student aid has been in place for the last six years (2006-07 through to 2011-12) and has now expired. Over this period, domestic tuition fees were regulated and increases were allowed only subject to accessibility guarantees. Under the Tuition Framework, tuition fees for entering students in Arts and Science and selected other undergraduate programs were permitted to increase by a maximum of 4.5%. Tuition fees for entering students in graduate and high-cost professional programs could be increased by a maximum of 8%. Increases in tuition fees for continuing students in any program could not exceed 4%. Overall, the average increase in tuition for all domestic students in any institution could not exceed 5%.

In the absence of a new framework the University will assume a continuation of the parameters mandated in the expired Framework.

Tuition revenues increase annually as a result of higher enrolments, increased domestic tuition fees, and increased international tuition fees. Each year the University draws down tuition revenues for bursary support for domestic students. New tuition revenues from international enrolments require significant investment in services to ensure a high-quality experience and the success of our international students. New tuition revenues from graduate students, both domestic and international, come at significant cost once graduate student funding packages and other supports are taken into consideration. That is, doctoral stream tuition increases are often a net zero, or even a loss, for students in their first five years, once graduate student funding packages and other supports are taken into consideration.

Domestic Tuition Fees

The increase in tuition fees in 2012-13 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 many professional undergraduate and graduate 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 in which students move from a first-year general program to a more resource-intensive upper-year specialized program (Commerce, Business Administration, Management, Computer Science, Bioinformatics, Communication, Culture and Information Technology (CCIT), and Visual Studies.)

Students pay the Arts and Science fee in first year and then a higher fee in the upper years of these programs. Second Year tuition in these programs for 2012-13 was listed and approved in last year's tuition report so as to provide advance notice to first-year students considering these second-year entry programs. The tuition schedules for these programs for both 2012-13 and 2013-14 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 2012, the Business Board is being asked to approve the tuition schedule for Second Year of these programs for a two-year period. For these programs, the schedules assume the Government's maximum limit of 8% applies to Second Year tuition.

The average tuition fee increase for all domestic students in the University is 4.30%. This is within the maximum of 5% allowed by the expired Tuition Framework. About 94% of domestic students will experience fee increases of 4.5% or less. About 61% 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 2011-12.

Tuition fees for entering students will increase by 10% for the following programs: undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering, tri-campus Arts and Science, Nursing, OISE, as well as some Professional Masters graduate programs

Tuition fees for Second Year Commerce/BBA will increase by 8% while Second Year Management and Second Year Bioinformatics, Computer Science, CCIT and Visual Studies will increase by 10%.

Tuition fees for entering students in UTM programs will increase by either 8% (DIFA, MBIotech, MMI, MScBMC, MMPA).

Tuition fees for entering students in all other programs will increase by 5%.

Across almost all programs, the University's 2011-12 international tuition fees 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 2013-14.

Comparison of tuition fees to other jurisdictions

Domestic and international tuition fees are monitored relative to peer institutions within Canada and internationally and results continue to indicate that we remain competitive. Student applications and yield rates are also monitored each year across all programs to ensure that that tuition fees are not adversely impacting the University's commitment to high academic standards. Applications from international students across all programs remain very strong, and in fact are increasing each year. The University also continues to attract high quality domestic students in ever greater numbers.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed tuition schedule will increase tuition revenue in 2012-13 by \$81.0M. This is the total increase due to the combined effect of the increase in tuition levels and increases in enrolment. In contrast, the total projected increase in provincial grant revenue is \$11M relative to 2011-12. There is no per student increase in grant revenue.

The additional \$81M in new revenue will be used to fund student aid, doctoral student support, services for international students, faculty complement and divisional priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Business Board recommends to Governing Council

THAT the Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly-Funded Programs in 2012-13 as described in the attached report and the tuition fees in 2012-13 and 2013-14 for the special programs identified in Tables B2 and C2 of Appendices B & C of the report be approved.