

For the information of Senate, April 23, 2009

**Report to the Board of Trustees
May 1 - 2, 2009**

**Interim Tuition Fee Report
2009 - 2010 and 2010 - 2011**

Introduction

For the last three years it has been the practice to bring tuition fee increases for the subsequent academic years to the May Board of Trustees meeting for approval. This provided the University with the opportunity to communicate the Board's decisions to incoming and continuing students at the earliest possible date. During the last three years, tuition fee increases have been guided by the government's *Reaching Higher Plan* which features a tuition fee policy framework that restricts tuition fee increases to 4.5% for first-year students in most programs and up to 8% for first-year students in professional and graduate programs. In-program and subsequent upper year increases had been limited to 4% annually and overall, total fee increases across the institution could not exceed 5%.

The Ontario government has not released a new tuition fee policy framework but has indicated that an announcement is forthcoming. At this time, the University is tabling an interim tuition fee report for the following programs: a new Professional Master of Industrial Relations (PMIR) that may be offered in September 2009 and for programs offered by the Bader International Study Centre (BISC). Over the coming months, the University will continue to provide updates to the Board and will bring recommendations for 2010-11 tuition fee increases to the Board at the earliest opportunity. It should be noted that collectively Ontario's post-secondary institutions continue to encourage the provincial government to provide institutions with maximum flexibility to better manage during these difficult economic times.

Tuition Fee Recommendations

Tuition fee increases submitted for approval by the Board of Trustees, effective as of 1 May 2009, are set out in the shaded areas of Tables 1 and 2 attached, and are described below

Table 1 outlines the proposed tuition fee recommendation for the PMIR program which may be offered for the first time in September 2009, pending approval by Ontario Council of Graduate Studies (OCGS) and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU). Table 2 outlines fees for programs offered by the BISC including the actual tuition fees for the current year (2008-09), fees already approved for 2009-10, as well as proposed tuition fee recommendations for the 2010-11 academic year and the percentage change of the proposed increases.

Professional Graduate Programs

School of Graduate Studies and Research

School of Policy Studies

In September 2009, the School of Policy Studies (SPS) is planning to offer a Professional Master of Industrial Relations (PMIR) in addition to its currently offered Master of Public Administration (MPA), Professional Master of Public Administration (PMPA), and Master of Industrial Relations (MIR) programs. The program will be structured in a similar manner as the Professional Master of Public Administration (PMPA) and the School has proposed that the PMIR per course fee align with the existing PMPA per course fee.

The International Study Centre (BISC)

Fees for programs offered by the Bader International Study Centre (BISC) in Herstmonceux, England are not subject to the government's tuition fee framework and require approval at this time to ensure effective marketing and communications of programs to potential students. It is recommended that fees increase by 5% for programs offered at the BISC, including the Spring Law program. The recommended increases comprise a tuition element increase plus an inflationary increase on the residence, meals, field studies, and student services/activities.

Summary

The University seeks approval of these programs at this time to ensure adequate time is available for effective communication to potential students. The University will table a comprehensive tuition fee report to the Board as soon as possible in the coming academic year.

Motion:

That the Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approve the tuition fees set out in the attached Tables 1 and 2 for the year 2009-10 and for 2010 – 2011, effective 1 May 2009.

Table 1
Recommended Tuition Fee Levels 2009-10

Undergraduate and Professional Programs	Actual 2008-09	Proposed 2009-10	% Change	Proposed 2010-11	% Change
School of Policy Studies					
Part-time MIR (PMIR) per course	n/a	\$1,163	0.0%	tba	n/a
Part-time MPA (PMPA) per course	\$1,163	\$1,163	0.0%	tba	n/a

Table 2
Recommended Tuition Fee Levels 2010-11
Bader International Study Centre
(fees include tuition, residence with full meals, local transportation and field studies)

BISC Programs	Actual 2008-09	Approved 2009-10	% Change	Proposed 2010-11	% Change
Spring 2010	\$6,801	\$7,141	5.0%	\$7,498	5.0%
Summer 2010	\$4,543	\$4,770	5.0%	\$5,009	5.0%
Fall 2010	\$13,776	\$14,465	5.0%	\$15,188	5.0%
Winter 2011	\$13,776	\$14,465	5.0%	\$15,188	5.0%
Spring Law Program 2010	\$10,374	\$10,893	5.0%	\$11,438	5.0%

NOTE: fees highlighted in gray are the ones for which Board approval is being sought