

To be Submitted to the Board of Trustees for Approval on December 3, 2010
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Report to the Board of Trustees
December 3-4, 2010
International Students' Tuition Fees
2011-2012

Introduction

International students' tuition fees remain deregulated, falling outside the funding framework of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. As part of the University's commitment to clearly communicate well in advance of making offers of admission to new international students, and to keep continuing international students well informed, the following recommendation is being proposed for approval by the Board of Trustees at its December 3, 2010 meeting.

The recommended international students' tuition fees are shown in the shaded areas of Table 1. The Table also shows the actual tuition levels for 2010-11 and includes the percentage of change. The recommendation was discussed and supported by the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) and Deans at a meeting held on September 20, 2010. The Provost chaired an open information session for international students on October 25, 2010 to outline the proposed tuition recommendations which were generally supported by the students in attendance.

Recommendation

International Graduate Students – Research-based Masters and Doctoral

Upon consultation with the School of Graduate Studies, it is recommended that there be no increase to the graduate international student tuition fees for research-based Masters and Doctoral students in 2011 – 2012. Reasons for this recommendation include:

- an increase will decrease Queen's competitiveness with comparator institutions when attracting international students;
- an increase will limit the utility of the International Tuition Award program introduced in 2007 to assist in offsetting the international and domestic tuition fee differential;
- an increase, coupled with high UHIP fees for graduate students and their families, will also raise the risk that general bursary fund assistance will be required.

International Graduate Students – Professional Programs

Upon consultation with Queen's School of Business and the School of Graduate Studies, it is recommended that graduate international tuition fees be increased for the Master of Management program and for Masters students in the Schools of Policy Studies and Urban and Regional Planning. Queen's will remain at a competitive level with comparative institutions with these increases. In addition, the Schools enjoy application rates that have stayed relatively high despite the economic downturn. Clearly, these graduate programs remain competitive and highly sought after by potential students. It is further

recommended that tuition for Master of Science in Occupational Therapy and Master of Science in Physical Therapy be increased, although the program targets Canadian students. It is also recommended that there be no increase to the international tuition fees in the recently introduced Master of Public Health program in order to stay competitive with similar programs at other Ontario institutions.

International Undergraduate Students

The tuition fees proposed for undergraduate international students are intended to maximize revenues while having due regard for student accessibility, market considerations, and academic justification. If the recommendation is approved, a portion of the incremental revenue may be transferred to the financial aid budget to establish new international admission scholarships. This recommendation is premised on the understanding that:

- international undergraduate students and their families typically understand and support the investment required to study abroad;
- undergraduate students have indicated they are less concerned about the absolute level of tuition than they are about:
 - **Payment Options** – (International students have the opportunity to defer payment of 50% of their fees until January without a service charge)
 - **Knowing in advance** what they are expected to pay throughout their degree program – (the proposal recommends that the guarantee of maximum 5% annual increases continue)
- unlike their graduate counterparts, undergraduate international students do not typically demonstrate financial difficulty that requires significant support from the University's limited need-based financial assistance funds;
- Commencing 2011-2012, international students will be eligible for undergraduate admission scholarships (Excellence and Principal's), a pilot initiative that will be reviewed in three years. The opportunity for undergraduate international students to receive scholarships upon admission is a positive motivator that is expected to influence international students to accept offers of admission from Queen's.

Summary

After careful consideration of a number of factors, the following is being recommended:

1. no increase to the international graduate student tuition fees for 2011-2012 for research-based Masters and Doctoral students in the School of Graduate Studies;
2. increases as follows in international student tuition fees for 2011-12:
 - for Masters students in the School of Policy Studies, international student tuition fees for 2011-2012 increase by 4% in the first year of study, and 4% increase for continuing students in each subsequent year of study;
 - for Masters students in the School of Urban and Regional Planning and School of Rehabilitation Therapy, an increase of 8% in the first year of study, and a 4% increase for continuing students in each subsequent year of study;
 - an increase of 4.5% for international Master of Management students in the School of Business; and
3. for international undergraduate students, a 10% increase in the first year of study, and a 5% increase for continuing students in each subsequent year of study. The recommended increase for

the School of Medicine is 5% for incoming and continuing students to remain competitive with other high quality international medical schools attracting foreign students. The tuition for the one-year Bachelor of Education program is recommended to be 5%.

Motion

That the Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approves the international tuition fees set out in the attached Table 1, effective May 1, 2011.

Table 1
Recommended Tuition Fees 2011-12*
(International Students)

Undergraduate and Professional Programs	Actual 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12	% Change
Engineering & Applied Science			
Year 1	\$23,115	\$25,427	10.0%
Year 2	\$22,064	\$24,271	5.0%
Year 3	\$21,247	\$23,167	5.0%
Year 4	\$21,247	\$22,309	5.0%
Arts and Science (including Con-Ed) (Arts, Science, Physical and Health Education, Music, Fine Art, Computing)			
Year 1	\$18,728	\$20,601	10.0%
Year 2	\$17,877	\$19,664	5.0%
Year 3	\$17,215	\$18,771	5.0%
Year 4	\$17,133	\$18,076	5.0%
Commerce			
Note: % change for year over year fee increase per course			
Year 1 - 5.5 courses	\$26,503	\$29,153	10.0%
Year 2 - 5.5 courses	\$25,298	\$27,828	5.0%
Year 3 - 5.0 courses	\$22,888	\$24,148	5.0%
Year 4 - 4.5 courses	\$19,832	\$21,629	5.0%
Education			
Consecutive	\$18,640	\$19,572	5.0%
Concurrent (education courses)	\$18,640	\$19,572	5.0%
Law			
Year 1	\$24,895	\$27,385	10.0%
Year 2	\$23,764	\$26,140	5.0%
Year 3	\$22,884	\$24,952	5.0%
Medicine			
Year 1	\$65,000	\$68,250	5.0%
Year 2	\$65,000	\$68,250	5.0%
Year 3	\$65,000	\$68,250	5.0%
Year 4	\$65,000	\$68,250	5.0%
Nursing			
Year 1	\$18,728	\$20,601	10.0%
Year 2	\$17,877	\$19,664	5.0%
Year 3	\$17,215	\$18,771	5.0%
Year 4 (Includes Advanced Standing Track)	\$17,133	\$18,076	5.0%
* Tuition is approved at the program level, based on normal full-time course load, and assessed at the course level			
Actual tuition fees assessed may vary slightly from approved fees due to rounding.			
NOTE: fees highlighted in gray are proposed for Board approval			

Table 1 - Continued
Recommended Tuition Fees 2011-12*
(International Students)

Graduate and Professional Graduate Programs	Actual 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12	% Change
Masters			
Year 1	\$12,366	\$12,366	0.0%
Year 2	\$12,366	\$12,366	0.0%
Doctoral			
Year 1	\$12,366	\$12,366	0.0%
Year 2	\$12,366	\$12,366	0.0%
Year 3	\$11,906	\$12,366	0.0%
Year 4	\$11,465	\$11,906	0.0%
Master in Public Administration (MPA)	\$17,280	\$17,971	4.0%
Professional MPA (PMPA) per course	\$2,430	\$2,527	4.0%
Master in Industrial Relations	\$17,280	\$17,971	4.0%
Professional PMIR per course	\$3,000	\$3,120	4.0%
Master in Urban and Regional Planning			
Year 1	\$13,353	\$14,421	8.0%
Year 2	\$12,858	\$13,887	4.0%
MSc (OT) and MSc (PT)			
Year 1	\$18,300	\$19,764	8.0%
Year 2	\$17,622	\$19,032	4.0%
Master of Public Health			
Year 1	\$17,280	\$17,280	0.0%
Year 2 (1 term)	\$17,280	\$17,280	0.0%
School of Business			
MBA	\$67,500	\$70,000	3.7%
Accelerated MBA	\$64,000	\$67,000	4.7%
National Executive MBA (to a maximum of)	\$84,000	\$88,000	4.8%
Cornell-Queen's MBA (to a maximum of)	\$98,000	\$102,000	4.1%
Master of Management - Global Management			
12 month single	\$36,036	\$37,653	4.5%
16 month double degree	\$47,502	\$49,634	4.5%
20 month double degree	\$55,692	\$58,191	4.5%
Master of Management - Finance	\$44,250	\$46,240	4.5%
Graduate Diploma in Accounting	\$7,500	\$8,100	8.0%

* Tuition is approved at the program level, based on normal full-time course load, and assessed at the course level.

Actual tuition fees assessed may vary slightly from approved fees due to rounding.

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