

MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE  
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Subject..... TUITION FEE PROPOSALS

From..... WILLIAM G. SAYWELL  
..... PRESIDENT  
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Date..... JANUARY 26, 1984

At the Board of Governors meeting held on January 24, 1984 the Board received as Notice of Motion for consideration at the February 28 Board meeting recommendations relating to tuition fees. The recommendations as finally presented in notice at the meeting of the Board are given below.

This information is provided for such discussion as may be appropriate at the forthcoming meeting of Senate.

(Notice of Motion for the January Board meeting, to be considered at the February 28th Board meeting)

Over the past 2 years, declining operating grant support from the Province coupled with the continuing effects of inflation, has imposed significant financial restraint on the University. A further reduction of the operating grant of some 6% is expected in 1984/85, with no expectation of a real increase in the operating grant in the longer term. Prior to the initiation of action in response to these events, the projected 1984/85 operating deficit would be in the order of \$5.5 million. Our response to these restraints will involve a combination of increased revenue, reduced expenditure, and reduction in programs and/or services.

In the revenue category, tuition fees currently represent approximately 11.5% of our operating expenditure base. As a partial response to our projected budget deficit and in recognition of the comparative tuition fees which apply elsewhere in Canada, it is proposed that basic tuition fees be progressively increased over the next three years to a level which will represent not less than 20% of operating expenditures. For 1984/85 these proposals will result in a tuition fee, which may be compared with those in Table 1, of \$1,170. Should this proposal be approved, financial aid provisions of the operating budget will be increased in relationship to the increase in the basic tuition fee.

It is also proposed that differential tuition fees for new undergraduate visa students be introduced and be raised over the next two years to a level 1.5 times the basic tuition fee. If these proposals are adopted the undergraduate visa student tuition fee will, by 1986/87, represent approximately 30% of the average operating expenditure per full time equivalent undergraduate student. For 1984/85 the recommendation will result in a tuition fee for a new visa student of \$1,740 for 30 credit hours. This figure may be compared with those shown in Table 1.

Currently, within British Columbia, there are differences in basic tuition fees for comparable programs among the three provincial universities. In discussion with the other two universities, it is generally agreed that tuition fees should be similar for comparable programs. It is anticipated that action similar to that set out below will be considered by the Boards of Governors at each of UBC and UVic for implementation in 1984.

- A. The following principles are intended to serve as guidelines for the establishment of tuition fees through 1986/87 and are recommended for approval by the Board of Governors:
1. By 1986/87, basic tuition fee revenue be not less than 20% of budgeted general purpose operating costs.
  2. Differential tuition fees for undergraduate Visa students be set equal to 1.5 times non-Visa student fees.
  3. Visa student differential tuition fees in each of 1984/85 and 1985/86 not be applied to Visa students enrolled by the Summer Semester, 1984.
  4. 25% of the increased revenue from undergraduate Visa student differential tuition fees be designated for scholarships and bursaries for Visa students.
- B. Consistent with the above guidelines the specific tuition fees recommended to be implemented effective September 1, 1984 are as follows:
1. The basic tuition fee be raised from \$32.00 per credit hour to \$39.00 per credit hour, or approximately 21.9%, effective September 1, 1984 and that all related undergraduate and graduate tuition fees be increased by the same percentage subject only to rounding.
  2. Tuition fees for new undergraduate Visa students be set at 1.5 times the undergraduate basic tuition fee, or \$58.00 per credit hour, effective September 1, 1984, with 25% of the undergraduate Visa student tuition revenue in excess of the equivalent basic tuition fee revenue to be designated for scholarships and bursaries for Visa students.
- C. To facilitate consideration of proposed tuition fee reciprocity agreements, it is further recommended that the following resolution be approved:

The President is authorized to consider, and where there is demonstrable likelihood that it will prove to be advantageous to British Columbia students, to approve tuition fee reciprocity with foreign jurisdictions where similar exemption to non-resident or foreign student tuition fees has been or is proposed to be extended to British Columbia students.



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MEMORANDUM

SENATE.

From..... H. M. EVANS,  
REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF SENATE.

Subject. REPLACEMENT ELECTIONS TO SENATE -  
SENATE STRUCTURE.

Date..... 6 FEBRUARY 1984.

1. Section 34 of the University Act sets forth the structure of Senate in rather precise terms, so precise that at times it is not possible to comply with all technical features but every effort is made to comply with the basic legislation.

The basic structure sets forth a condition that the number of faculty members be equal to twice the number of administrative or similar members, and that the number of students be equal to this latter number. (There is also provision for certain other members, not tied to the mathematical formula). The Act further provides that of the faculty members there be at least two members of each Faculty elected by the members of the Faculty. It further provides that the remainder of faculty members be elected by all the faculty members - in a manner determined in joint meeting. That determination at this institution at present provides that the remainder of the faculty members be elected by and from faculty jointly but in a manner that ensures that at least one member from each Faculty is elected.

2. With the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering Science taking place over recent months it was obvious that provision for seat at Senate should be made as early as possible for the Dean of Faculty but there were then no other faculty members and there were no students.

Somewhat more than a year ago a provision for two seats at Senate (Dean of Graduate Studies, Associate Vice-President Academic) led to one person sitting. A year ago this permitted the seating of the Dean of Engineering Science without disturbing the mathematical ratio required by statute for administrators/faculty members/students. This Faculty has now commenced operations, has faculty members (although minimal) and has students.

A call for new elections to Senate is now required with new terms of office from June 1, 1984 (other than for some by-elections for some students at this time). In view of the requirements of the statute that there be at least two faculty members from each Faculty it is intended that two seats currently held for faculty jointly will be discontinued effective June 1, 1984 and be used for Engineering Science.

Under current processes a third faculty members jointly seat normally would go to Engineering Science but the Faculty now does not have that many members and even if it did have that many the load on members likely would be excessive and unnecessary. It is therefore intended for the elections being held this year that this seat will remain an at-large faculty members jointly seat.

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These procedures as outlined are such as to not impact members during their current term of office, hence the June 1 date. A number of seats become vacant at that time.

The forthcoming replacement elections call for one member elected by and from the Faculty of Arts, one by and from the Faculty of Business Administration, one by and from the Faculty of Education, one by and from the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, one by and from the Faculty of Science, one at-large by and from faculty members jointly, and two by and from the Faculty of Engineering Science.

3. In so far as students are concerned the new call effective for June 1 will stipulate the requirement that at least one student member elected must be from the Faculty of Engineering Science. This same stipulation will apply for the current by-election of students.