



**University Budget Committee Meeting**  
**February 10, 2023**  
**Covell 117 and via Zoom**

## MINUTES

### Agenda

1. Review and comment on draft UBC Tuition and Fee recommendations to President Murthy (45 min)
  - a. Overview of key recommendations
  - b. Discussion on the student building debt/loan fee proposal
  - c. Questions, concerns, issues?
2. Cascades Student Health Fees – Terri Libert (5 min)
  - a. Cascades – Student Health Fee Memo – major drivers for the increase?
3. Additional detail for Provost Feser on the six-cohort proposal (15 min).
4. Plans for next meeting, issues, questions?

**Committee Members Present:** Shaun Bromagem, Zackery Allen, Jessica DuPont, Marc Norcross, Xander Robertson, Jon Boeckensedt, Joe Page, Nicole Von Germeten, Jeff Luck, Erica Stillwagon

**Committee Members Absent:** Mya Kuzmin, Staci Simonich, Lonni Ivey, Islam Elwefati, Lisa Gaines, John Gremmels

**University Staff Present:** Sherm Bloomer, Nicole Dolan, Kayla Campbell, Mealoha McFadden

1. Review and comment on draft UBC Tuition and Fee recommendations to President Murthy
  - a. Nicci presented overview of key recommendations.
    - i. Tuition for continuing undergraduate students (for Corvallis and Cascades, both resident and non-resident) increase at the estimated inflation rate of 3.9%.
    - ii. Tuition for students matriculating in the next academic year would increase at inflation plus 0.5%. UBC discussed a larger increase but felt economic circumstances argued for a small additional charge.
    - iii. Rates for Ecampus undergraduate programs are recommended to be adjusted across cohorts so that there is one base rate next year (\$350/SCH).

- iv. Differential tuition charges above base tuition are increased at the rate for continuing students (unless a unit asks for no change as Honors has) so that the charges are the same across all cohorts.
- v. Summer tuition is set at one rate corresponding to rates for incoming students.
- vi. Resident graduate tuition and Ecampus graduate tuition rates (except for the differential charges) are recommended for no increase as those rates are at the high side of peers.
- vii. Non-resident graduate tuition and professional tuition rates are recommended to increase at the 3.9% inflation estimate.
- viii. Limit cohorts to 6
- ix. UBC Workgroups: Charge by Campus, Differential & Course Fees and Contribution Margin Analysis

**Follow up:** Jeff wanted to make sure the Ecampus rate indicates that this increase meets market pricing. No other discussion.

- b. Discussion on the student building debt/loan fee proposal
  - i. Supports debt service used to build, repair, or renew student services buildings (such as the Memorial Union or Dixon Recreation Center).
  - ii. Increased \$2 last year with recommendation for increases over the four succeeding years to \$55 per quarter.
    - 1. Fee wasn't increased for at least 20 years and there is a significant need for repair and improvements of these facilities over the next ten years.
  - iii. \$2 increase (slightly less than 5%) to the fee this year
    - 1. \$49 per quarter
    - 2. Multi-year proposal is coming for review from Student Affairs to assess need for future increases.
  - iv. No group discussion by committee.
- c. Questions, concerns, issues?

Follow up: Please look at materials and let Sherm know what else needs to be included in the recommendations.

- 2. Rationale behind the six-cohort proposal for Corvallis and Cascades
  - a. Constrain number of cohorts
  - b. Simplify the explanation of pricing
  - c. Impact small number of students (less than 4% of original cohort)
  - d. Create small financial incentive to finish before the end of six years.
  - e. After 6 years, you'd be grouped with the oldest cohort
  - f. If you leave, you will be grouped with the newest cohort
  - g. **Next steps:** Present to Bursars, Financial Aid, General Counsel, Provost, Budgets Office, Registrar
- 3. Workplan update
  - a. February 24 – FY24 Initial Budgets & Commitments
  - b. March 10 – SRBM Revision Update
  - c. March 24 – Canceling this one Spring Break!!
  - d. April 14 – Workgroup updates: Charge by Campus, Differential Tuition & Course Fees

- e. April 28 – Contribution Margin Analysis Update
  - f. May 12 – Draft UBC Report to the Provost
  - g. June 2 – Wrap up meeting & Finalize report to the Provost
4. Cascades Student Health Fees – Terri Libert
- a. 109/term
    - i. \$10 increase per student per term (1300 students)
  - b. Following areas will be funded/enhanced through the increase:
    - i. MySSP annual license agreement for 24-hour mental health support
    - ii. Event programming funds with specific focus on mental and physical health and wellness
    - iii. Funding for the collegiate recovery group
    - iv. Additional student staff position to assist the health and wellness position
    - v. Supply budget for assessment tools and training modules for counselors.
5. Plans for next meeting, issues, questions?
- a. When will the Summer 2023 Tuition rates be available? Sherm responded that Tuition rates will be presented and voted upon by Board of Trustees in April.
  - b. Where are work group recommendations in the presentation to the president? Work group recommendations will come separately from these initial recommendations and presented with tuition.