SUBJECT  Tuition Approval – Bachelor of Science in Nursing, UBC Okanagan, International Students

SUBMITTED TO  Finance Committee

MEETING DATE  April 6, 2020

SESSION CLASSIFICATION  Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN

ACTION REQUESTED  Please indicate requested Board action: Decision requested: approval of proposed resolution

IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that the Finance Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, approve tuition for international students of the UBC Okanagan Bachelor of Science in Nursing aligned with tuition for international students of the UBC Vancouver Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which for 2020-2021 is $1,321.62 per credit.

SUBMISSION DATE  March 5, 2020

LEAD EXECUTIVE  Ananya Mukherjee Reed, Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Okanagan

PRIOR SUBMISSIONS

The subject matter of this submission has been considered previously by the Finance Committee on the following occasions:

1. November 26, 2019 (OPEN SESSION)
   Action/Follow up: Approval of tuition fees for all new incoming international students. Fees approved by the Board on December 5, 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The UBC Okanagan Campus School of Nursing offers an undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program, which is reviewed and recognized by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC). The UBC Okanagan campus B.S.N. program is also accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN).

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Currently, the program is open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada only. The School of Nursing, with support from the Faculty of Health and Social Development, is increasing the size of its program to support additional seats to a small cohort of international students. No domestic seats will be filled with international students.
International students registered in the B.S.N. program will:

a. Provide increased diversity of experiences and perspectives to fellow students, faculty and clinical instructors in the program and in practice;

b. Provide a pathway for B.C.-trained skilled workers who may have interest in becoming permanent residents and contribute to the in-demand nursing workforce; and

c. Strengthen community partnerships by serving local international organizations from a health perspective through community practice placements.

Proposed international tuition fees align with UBC Vancouver’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing international tuition at $1,321.62 per credit.

Consultation on tuition with students was done consisting of two in-person meetings, one with the Students Union and another one with the Nursing Course Union. Students responded positively to the proposal and their questions were answered satisfactorily.

Appendices

1. Tuition and Fee Assessment Details
2. Student Tuition Consultation Report
Appendix 1 – Tuition and Fee Assessment Details

Program Description: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Okanagan)

Anticipated Start Date: September 2020

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<td>Tuition fees per credit – Note 1</td>
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<td>Application Fees (Undergraduate) – Note 2</td>
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Note 1 – Proposed tuition will be subject to annual increases as established by the university and is meant to be aligned with the 2020/21 Bachelor of Science in Nursing tuition rate on the Vancouver campus.

Note 2 – This is the current fee for the 2020W application cycle and is subject to annual increases. The proposed fee for the 2021W and 2021S application cycles is $120.75 and will be applicable to this program if approved.

Note 3 – The non-refundable acceptance deposit will be applied towards the first tuition instalment.
Tuition Consultation

Bachelor of Science in Nursing International Admission

The University would like to gather your comments on the tuition proposal for international admission to the existing Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Within this proposal, you will find:

- instructions to provide feedback
- an overview of the program
- the proposed tuition
- the tuition rationale
- similar program tuition in other Canadian universities

Instructions

We are seeking comments from individual students and student organizations on campus. Please review and distribute the information below as you deem appropriate.

All comments should be sent to: michelle.lowton@ubc.ca before Feb 20, 2020.

If you have any questions about this consultation process, please, contact the AVP Students Office: michelle.lowton@ubc.ca

Confidentiality

Comments will be collected by the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Students), and only analysts within that office will know the identity of individual students submitting comments. At no time will anyone outside the Office of the Associate Vice-President (Students) know the identity of individual students who submit comments to this consultation. Your comments will only be used for the purposes of the tuition consultation. Comments from individual students will be stripped of any identifying information to ensure confidentiality, but otherwise will be provided to the responsible Faculty and the Board of Governors verbatim.

Comments received from student organizations will be reported as coming from those organizations, and provided to the responsible Faculty and to the Board of Governors as received.

There will also be a summary report of the consultation developed for the Faculty of Health and Social Development and the Board of Governors.
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For more information on the B.S.N at UBC Okanagan, see https://nursing.ok.ubc.ca/undergraduate-program-overview/

Tuition Fees

UBC Vancouver’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program’s international tuition is currently assessed at $1,270.79 per credit (2019/20) and is seeking approval for a 4% increase for new students in 2020/21 ($1,321.62 per credit) at December’s Board of Governors meeting. Alignment with these fees for the Okanagan B.S.N. is proposed. Please see Appendix 1 for additional fees.

Rationale

While the UBC Vancouver program is a 20-month program completed over two years, it also results in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Thus, we are proposing to align with the Vancouver tuition schedule for this program, which has already received approval by the Board of Governors. Maintaining parity with the Vancouver campus is important for maintaining the credibility of the educational experiences offered on the Okanagan campus.

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### International Tuition at Other Canadian Institutions

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<td>McGill University</td>
<td>BSc(N) (1+3 years)</td>
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STUDENT TUITION CONSULTATION REPORT

The Associate Vice-President Students Office, in partnership with the School of Nursing conducted a student consultation regarding the tuition proposal for the Bachelor of Nursing, international admission. We initiated the call for feedback on January 14, 2020 and requested that the consultation close on February 20, 2020.

Student Representative Bodies Invited to the Consultation

University of British Columbia Students’ Union Okanagan, the Nursing Course Union, and current international students were invited to the consultation that was held on January 24, 2020 and February 3rd, 2020.

Mode of Consultation

The consultation consisted of two face-to-face meetings, one with the Students’ Union Executive, and the other with the Nursing Course Union and international students. The Students Union was invited to the consultation through email, and asked to distribute the invitation to their constituents as they felt appropriate. We met with the Students Union on January 24th, 2020. At this meeting all of the required Program information was shared. The Nursing Course Union and an international student met with us on February 3rd, 2020.

Basis of Consultation: The consultation was based on a tuition proposal and rationale document created by the Faculty.

Summary of Student Feedback: Submissions were requested from the University of British Columbia Students’ Union Okanagan (UBCSUO). They were first contacted on January 14th, 2020 and requested to have this to Michelle Lowton, interim AVPS on or before February 20th, 2020. The Executive of the University of British Columbia Students Union Okanagan responded positively to the proposal and had no concerns about the proposal.

The Nursing Course Union and one international student attended a consultation on February 3rd, 2020. The Nursing students had questions about the number of clinical spots available as there was some concern about the availability of spots with the current program enrollment. The Faculty member, Manuela Reekie, was able to speak to the planning that is taking place to address the cohort size as well as ensuring they have spots for students by increasing to evenings and weekends. The students also had questions about space on campus, will students be required to have a certain level of language, will international students have access to scholarships, and questions about the overall cost of the degree and whether it was the same as Vancouver. The student’s questions were answered in the session, except for the question about overall tuition parity between Okanagan and Vancouver, and we followed up with the students by email a few days later. All students seemed satisfied with the answers provided throughout the consultation process, and seemed in support of the changes.