



Board of Governors
FINANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Thursday, February 16, 2023
8:32 AM to 8:35 AM
VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL REQUESTED

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Finance Committee approves as circulated the Agenda for the February 16, 2023 open meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPENDIX: CONSENT AGENDA Subject to Governor request for discussion

FOR APPROVAL

2. **APPROVAL REQUESTED** November 2022 Minutes

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Finance Committee approves as circulated Minutes of the November 17, 2022 open meeting of the Finance Committee.

3. **APPROVAL REQUESTED** Tuition: Bachelor of Indigenous Languages, UBC Okanagan

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Finance Committee, in accordance with authority delegated by the Board of Governors, approves the tuition of \$194.78 per credit for domestic students and \$1,498.08 per credit for international students for the Bachelor of St'át'imc Language Fluency, in alignment with current tuition for the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency and Bachelor of Nt̓eʔkepmx Language Fluency, subject to increases as approved by the Board of Governors.



SUBJECT	Tuition - Bachelor of St'át'imc Language Fluency, UBC Okanagan
SUBMITTED TO	Finance Committee
MEETING DATE	February 16, 2023
SESSION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
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LEAD EXECUTIVE	Rehan Sadiq, Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Okanagan
SUPPORTED BY	Dale Mullings, Associate Vice-President Students, UBC Okanagan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Indigenous languages are under threat almost everywhere in the world. In Canada, over 50 languages are under threat. British Columbia has an extraordinarily rich linguistic heritage, being the ancestral home of more than half of the Indigenous languages of Canada; of the 10 genetically distinct language families in Canada, seven are found in BC. All of the 34 extant First Nations languages of BC are critically endangered, many facing the loss of their last generation of fluent speakers within the next decade.

Indigenous communities know very well how deeply intertwined language and culture are, and understand how language loss marks a crucial threshold in the compounding consequences of colonization. Communities and their institutions, along with collaborators in the wider education system, have been working to find innovative ways to sustain and revitalize language traditions, restore language competence, and protect the knowledge of their communities.

In direct alignment with [strategy 17 on Indigenous Engagement](#) from UBC's strategic plan, the Bachelor of St'át'imc Language Fluency (B. Stat.) approved by the Okanagan Senate on January 26, 2023, is intended to create new speakers in communities whose languages are critically threatened. Upon the successful completion of the 63 credit hours of coursework required for the foundation Diploma in St'át'imc Language Fluency from NVIT (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology), the B. Stat. at UBC Okanagan requires an additional 63 credit hours of coursework.

The proposed tuition for the B. Stat. program is in accordance with the current tuition for the other already existing Indigenous Languages programs at UBC Okanagan: the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency and the Bachelor of Nłeʔkepmx Language Fluency; which for 2023-2024 is \$194.78/credit for domestic students and \$1,498.08/credit for international students.

Consultation with students consisted of one face-to-face meeting with the Students' Union Executive, at which all program information was shared. The Executive responded positively to the proposal and no concerns.

Upon approval of UBC's Board of Governors, the program will be submitted for Ministry approval for implementation in 2023-2024.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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

Appendix 1 – Tuition and Fee Assessment Details

Program Description: Bachelor of St’át’imc Language Fluency Degree (B.Stat.)

Anticipated Start Date: Fall 2023

	Domestic	International
Tuition fees per credit – Note 1	\$194.78	\$1,498.08
Application Fees (Undergraduate) – Note 2	\$74.25	\$125.25
Non-Refundable Acceptance Deposit – Note 3	\$500.00	\$1,000.00

Note 1 – Proposed tuition is aligned with the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency and Bachelor of Nłeʔkepmx Language Fluency and will be subject to annual increases as established by the university.

Note 2 – This is the current fee for the 2023W application cycle and is subject to annual increases. The approved fees for the 2024W application cycle are currently \$75.50 and \$127.75 respectively.

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



Bachelor of St'át'imc Language Fluency Degree (B.Stat.)

Tuition Consultation Report

The University would like to gather your comments on the tuition for a proposed Bachelor of St'át'imc Language Fluency. Below you will find:

- instructions to provide feedback
- an overview of the program
- the proposed tuition

Instructions

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

All comments should be sent to avps.ok@ubc.ca by January 30, 2023.

If you have any questions about this consultation process, please contact the AVP Students Office avps.ok@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 of 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 Faculties 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 the Board of Governors as received.

Program Overview

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- 12 immersive language courses (3 credits each)
- 1 capstone course (6 credits)
- 4 language revitalization courses (3 credits each)
- 3 other required courses on Indigenous methodology, composition, and a summer course to support students’ transition to university (3 credits each)

Tuition

The tuition for the proposed B.Stat. program is in accordance with the current tuition for the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency and Bachelor of Nt̓eʔkepmx Language Fluency; which for 2023/24 is \$194.78/credit for domestic students and \$1,498.08/credit for international students. Tuition is reviewed annually by the Board of Governors. In recent years, tuition increases have been 2% for continuing domestic students and between 2% and 5% for continuing international students.

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Consultation Summary

An invitation for feedback regarding this new program and related tuition and fees was circulated to the UBC Student Union Okanagan, as well as to Indigenous Programs and Services and the Faculty members to disseminate. Interested parties were notified that they are able to submit their feedback in multiple ways, including written, in person, and a virtual meeting option. The option to attend an online consultation was sent out in early January and a session was scheduled for January 26th at 9am on Zoom. The virtual session was attended by Dr. Mike Evans, Adrienne Vedan, Dale Mullings, Michelle Lowton, Jakson Pashelka (Student Union), and Sarah Spiers (Student Union). A question was posed from the Student Union around the supports that are in place for this program. Adrienne Vedan offered an answer that Indigenous Programs and Services is working closely with Dr. Evans and Dr. Jeannette Armstrong, as well as the En'owkin Centre and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology to ensure that students are well supported with a course (Education 104) that supports students in their transition to university. As well, an Advisor that supports the students in language fluency degrees from the time of application to graduation with ongoing advising and liaising with the community and program.

There was a question from the Student Union about whether the degree is open to all students. The response from Dr. Evans is that entry into the program is through a block transfer of credits from the NVIT Certificate and Diploma programs in the language, and thus effectively limited to admissions decisions made jointly by the Communities and NVIT into those programs, There are not pre-determined criteria into the certificate and diploma, and language program directors and members of the community are in the best position to determine appropriate students.

There was discussion about the consideration that the Student Union Okanagan may need to offer opt out of U-Pass and other fees such as health and dental since students may have that offered in their own community, or if a student may not be living in the Kelowna area to access services.