AMS Submission to Board of Governors regarding the proposed tuition structure for the Masters of Physical Therapy/PhD in Rehabilitation Therapy

Dear UBC Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver in response to the request for feedback from the Vice-President Students’ Office sent to the AMS on March 18, 2014. This submission outlines the student response to and concerns with the proposed tuition and the consultation process.

Overall, the AMS extend its support to the outlined proposal. We agree that calculating the cost of the program based on the time each student will spend in each portion of the program is a reasonable way to calculate tuition costs, as this will accurately reflects the real costs of the program.

The AMS would like to express their gratitude to the University for working on previous recommendations with respect to the student consultation process and providing a longer consultation period. If there had been concerns with the proposed tuition, this would have allowed more time for the AMS to reach out to student groups, and we would reiterate our request for a minimum of 30 days consultation for all programs.

The AMS, on behalf of UBC students is grateful to the University for including student input through various points in the process. The AMS strongly encourages the University to continue to act on the above-mentioned recommendations in order to enhance and improve future consultation processes.

Sincerely,

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