Submission to the UBC Board of Governors Regarding the Proposed Tuition for the Doctor of Education in Reading Education

On Behalf of
Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver
International Students’ Association
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Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and the International Students’ Association (ISA) of UBC Vancouver in response to the request for feedback from the Vice-President Students’ Office sent to these groups on September 20th, 2015 on the tuition for the Doctor of Education in Reading Education.

Overall the domestic tuition proposal is in line with other masters programs in the faculty, and falls in line with the cohort model of the program. With courses delivered specifically to this group, the need to have resources to provide specific support to the students in this program is understandable and the proposed $25,000 over four years answers to that claim. The AMS appreciates that the Faculty of Education took into account the situation of most professionals who would be accessing this program, ensuring that the program fees would be accessible to them at their level of income.

One issue flagged in a consultation meeting on October 8, 2015 with the Faculty of Education was that international tuition was not initially proposed. However, this has been resolved since then. The proposal of $53,500 for the international tuition over 4 years seems reasonable next to its counterparts, and would incentivize international teachers finding a position surrounding Vancouver to continue their studies at UBC. Though this program is not aimed at international students because of the blended nature, the AMS and ISA are very happy to see an international tuition fee being presented during this consultation, and thank the Faculty of Education and Provost’s Office for working quickly to determine the appropriate tuition.

The AMS and ISA are grateful to the University and Faculty of Education for including student input throughout the process, and especially in the tuition consultation. The AMS strongly encourages the University to act upon the recommendations aforementioned.

Sincerely,

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