Submission to the UBC Board of Governors Regarding the Proposed Tuition for the Master in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership

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 26th, 2015 on the tuition for the Master in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership.

Overall the domestic tuition proposal is problematic. The tuition proposal is $22,000 for domestic students, however in the first 3-5 years the program will be giving all students a $6,000 scholarship so that their tuition is only $16,000. At a meeting with the Faculty of Education and representatives from the program on October 8, 2015, it was explained that this would be done to curtail the 2% provincial domestic cap on tuition, to ensure that in 5 or so years when they wanted to increase revenue, they could stop giving the scholarship to all and switch to another financial aid model, then charging the original tuition of $22,000 plus inflation as set. The AMS proposes that in order to ensure that this program tuition truly falls in line with the needs of the program and contributes to the goal of, “ensuring coaches can afford to attend,” the domestic tuition be set at $16,000. New programs simply cannot set tuition now to aspirational rates 5 or 10 years from now, especially not as a work around of provincial 2% cap on domestic tuition.

In terms of international tuition, though the $37,000 tuition for international students proposed is in line with other comparative programs, there is no financial aid proposed for international students. The AMS and ISA propose that student financial aid for this program be considered for international students as well if it is being considered for domestic students. Besides financial aid, the tuition for international students is appropriate.

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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