

Title & Number:

#E-3: Tuition & Post-Secondary Core Funding

Effective Date/Expiry Date (if applicable):

March 25, 2015

Approval Date:

March 25, 2015

Policy Type:

External Policy

Review Date:

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years.

Responsible Body:

AMS University and External Relations Committee

Authority:

AMS Code of Procedure Section II, article 11(1)

“Council may create external and internal policies as well as combined policies.”

Purpose and Goals:

This policy is designed to state the AMS's stance on:

- 1) The cost of tuition at UBC;
- 2) The provincial government's core funding for post-secondary education in British Columbia.

Applicability:

This policy is applicable to the AMS's stance towards the University, the AMS's stance towards the BC Provincial Government, the advocacy of the VP Academic and University Affairs to the University, the advocacy of the VP External to the provincial government, and the outreach and research of the University and Government Relations Advisor.

Exclusions:

There are no exclusions for this policy.

Definitions:

There are no definitions for this policy.

Policy:

Whereas in the 2014 AMS General Election 90.9% of voters voted “yes” on the following referendum question: “Should the AMS, guided by the principle that education is a right, advocate for reduced tuition for both national and international students?”;

Whereas UBC has been increasing tuition for both domestic and international students every year since 2002, with increases to international student tuition consistently exceeding increases to domestic tuition;

Whereas UBC has been facing serious financial challenges for several decades, due in large part to the relative decrease in funding for post-secondary education and research from the federal and provincial governments;

- 1) Be it resolved that the AMS adopts the stance that tuition at UBC should be reduced for both domestic and international students;
- 2) Be it further resolved that, until UBC lowers tuition for all students, the AMS oppose percentage annual increases of tuition for UBC students;
- 3) Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose UBC international tuition increases that exceed increases to domestic student tuition;
- 4) Be it further resolved that the office of the VP Academic and University Affairs advocate for the AMS’s stance as expressed in the preceding three clauses;
- 5) Be it further resolved that the office of the VP External advocate for increases to the provincial government’s core funding for post-secondary education in British Columbia, to mandate tuition reductions and a freeze on tuition increases;
- 6) Be it further resolved that the office of the University and Government Relations Advisor deepen its outreach and research on post-secondary tuition and public policy in and outside of British Columbia.

Consultations:

The following groups have been consulted during the development of this policy:

AMS University and Government Relations Advisor, AMS University and External Relations Committee, AMS VP External Office, AMS VP Academic & University Affairs Office.

History:

This is the eleventh draft of the third version of this policy.

Related Policies:

UBC's Policy 71, "Consultation with Students about Tuition and Mandatory Fees," lays out guidelines for how the University is to consult with students on changes to tuition and mandatory fees.¹

Appendix/Appendices:

A briefing note titled "Post-secondary tuition in British Columbia and at UBC" accompanies this policy.²

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¹ <http://universitycounsel.ubc.ca/files/2010/08/policy71.pdf>

² [Link to briefing note \(pending\)](#)