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Sent: Friday, January 8, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Cavallin, Sandra L AVED:EX
Subject: FW: Proposed mandatory fee.
Attachments: fee proposal v3_1.docx

Thank you!!

From: Nielsen, Melanie AVED:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Raey-Scarcella, Vivian L AVED:EX
Subject: FW: Proposed mandatory fee.

Hi Vivian,

Can you please review the attached and provide me with a few bullets of your analysis? By end of day tomorrow would be great.

Thanks,
Melanie

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Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2016 3:58 PM
To: Nielsen, Melanie AVED:EX
Cc: Lemmer, Nicola I AVED:EX; Cameron, Tara D AVED:EX
Subject: FW: Proposed mandatory fee.

Hi Melanie: Need to review this proposed fee increase. Thx... Fazil

From: Brewster, Kevin AVED:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2016 3:54 PM
To: 'Gary Leier'
Cc: Mihlar, Fazil AVED:EX
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Thank you Gary – I will hand you over to Fazil Mihlar as his team will be handling proposed fees.

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New Student Services Fee Proposal

Background

Selkirk College needs to implement a new *Student Service Fee* to sustain current levels of support to students currently offered on temporary bases. These pilot projects respond to student needs in the areas of health, wellness and transition to employment.

Overview

Selkirk College is currently piloting new and enhanced services for students. These services are not currently funded through base budget operations.

In the past five years Selkirk College has seen an increase of 240% in reported student situations of mental health challenges. Pilot projects with Healthy Campus and through the Selkirk-Camosun-JIBC Disability applied research project have demonstrated positive outcomes in taking an enhanced approach in this area.

As well, post-secondary institutions are being called on to take a proactive approach in ensuring our campuses are free from sexual violence. A number of related initiatives are underway provincially and within sector organizations. It is important that Selkirk College is part of this movement and able to implement the identified best practices on our campus locations.

Enhancing the opportunities for Selkirk students to put their learning to work is a priority for the College and our students. Increased access to the Student Career Portal, where students and employers are connected for the purpose of work, is an important tool supporting this priority. Documentation of these experiences through the Co-curricular project will provide students with additional opportunity to demonstrate their education and skills.

A supplementary fee increase of 4.5% is required to provide the funding for these initiatives. Table 1 identifies current and proposed fees.

Table 1: Impact

2016/17 (Assuming 2% increase over previous year)	Proposed Domestic Student Fees
Tuition 1FTE	\$2,751.08
Current additional fees	\$343.70
Total Current tuition and supplementary fees	\$3,094.78
Proposed Fee increase	\$139.27**
Proposed fee as a percentage	4.5%
New Total, tuition and fees	\$3,234.05

**A fee increase would not change Selkirk College's fees relative to other post-secondary institutions as shown in the following Institution Rankings table.

Table 2: Institution Rankings based on 2015/16 tuition levels

2015/16 University Arts Programs: Tuition and Supplementary Fees		Tuition	Fees	Total
1	Royal Roads University	\$6,790.00	\$439.50	\$7,229.54
2	Simon Fraser University	\$5,321.70	\$231.98	\$5,553.72
3	BC Institute of Technology	\$5,350.00	\$188.74	\$5,538.78
4	University of Northern British Columbia	\$5,010.90	\$448.00	\$5,458.94
5	University of Victoria	\$5,262.00	\$164.20	\$5,426.24
6	University of British Columbia	\$4,988.10	\$209.06	\$5,197.20
7	Justice Institute of British Columbia	\$4,643.70	\$162.00	\$4,805.74
8	Thompson Rivers University	\$3,984.90	\$670.50	\$4,655.44
9	University of the Fraser Valley	\$4,100.40	\$410.10	\$4,510.54
10	Vancouver Island University	\$4,177.20	\$167.09	\$4,344.33
11	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	\$4,009.50	\$280.67	\$4,290.20
12	Emily Carr University of Art and Design	\$3,864.30	\$270.60	\$4,134.94
13	Capilano University	\$3,682.50	\$54.06	\$3,736.60
14	Okanagan College	\$3,332.22	\$348.62	\$3,680.88
15	Camosun College	\$3,218.40	\$66.48	\$3,284.92
16	Northern Lights College	\$3,060.00	\$166.01	\$3,226.05
17	College of the Rockies	\$2,591.10	\$606.90	\$3,198.04
	<i>Selkirk proposed</i>	<i>\$2,697.14</i>	<i>\$457.96</i>	<i>\$3,155.14***</i>
18	Selkirk College (current)	\$2,697.14	\$336.96	\$3,034.14
19	Douglas College	\$2,931.00	\$68.00	\$2,999.04
20	Langara College	\$2,755.50	\$167.15	\$2,922.69
21	North Island College	\$2,793.00	\$88.70	\$2,881.74
22	Northwest Community College	\$2,632.80	\$185.40	\$2,818.24
23	Vancouver Community College	\$2,526.30	\$194.05	\$2,720.39
24	College of New Caledonia	\$2,565.00	\$147.40	\$2,712.44
25	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	\$2,423.10	\$60.00	\$2,483.14

*** 4.5 % does not change Selkirk College's relative rank

Use of Funding Generated from New Student Services Fee

The Student Services Fee will provide the required funding to:

Health and Wellness Services

- Provide needed mental health interventions, supports and educational programming. The number of Selkirk College students with mental health challenges has increased by 240% over the past five years. Disability Support and Counselling staff are currently challenged in keeping up with the student demand for their services. Instructors are looking for education and support in managing these students through their programs.
- Participate in provincial Violence Free BC initiatives to better prevent and respond to the issue of sexual violence and to implement the directions coming from this initiative

- Sustain Healthy Campus initiatives piloted with funding from external one-time grant applications. A number of these initiatives have been recognized by the provincial Healthy Campus initiative as innovative responses to mental health and/or changing cultures of substance use.
- Further our work toward outcomes from the 2015 International Healthy Campus conference in Kelowna and documented in the Okanagan Charter.
- Sustain initiatives developed through the Disability Pilot project and expand student access to these interventions and supports outside the Trades programs.
- Improve student retention rates through proactive healthy campus initiatives. Students currently identify health reasons as one of the factors leading to withdrawal.

Transition to Employment

- Students are looking for experiences that will enhance their employment opportunities.
- Selkirk recently implemented a student job portal to connect Co-op students with employers. The portal is used in conjunction with Going Global, and it brings a network of international job opportunities to students using the Portal. The portal has also been used to help international students on the Castlegar campus access employment opportunities. Successful employment efforts with international students over the last year have helped to recruit further international students to the College. We now need to expand the employment portal service to our Nelson campuses. This need is urgent for some of the Trades programs. Employers appreciate and utilize the portal because it provides them with direct access to future employees.
- Selkirk College has recently implemented a student Ambassador program to provide additional employment-related work experiences for students. Along with other leadership training, applied research projects, provision of community service, there is a real need to document these experiences as part of a well-designed co-curricular program for students. The co-curricular program will be aligned with our institutional outcomes and will provide students with learning, skills and documentation that will support their transition to employment.

Both initiatives will have an impact on space allocations at our main campus locations.

The New Student Fee

- Based on proposed 2016/17 tuition rates, the proposed new Student Services Fee would be approximately \$108 for 6 month programs, \$144 for two semester programs and \$207 for programs that extend into a third/spring semester based on a 4.5% increase.
- The new fee would apply to international and domestic students.
- The fee would not apply to Continuing education programs/courses or programs/courses that are not delivered on campus or placement site.
- The new fee does not change Selkirk College's relative position in terms of total fees.
- The above noted health, wellness and transition to employment initiatives are currently not funded. Both areas have increased in importance to students and the College in recent years.
- Student Union fees are set independently by the Selkirk College Student Union. The current fees are \$145. A Health and Dental Plan is also made available to students (mandatory for international students) at a cost of \$279 a year.
- A 2% general fee increase has been proposed to the College Board for approval for implementation on August 1/16 and has been included in the cost estimates provided above. The total fee increase would be approximately 6.6%.
- The new fee would be effective for programs starting after August 1/16.

- The fee may be “capped”. This decision will be made as part of the 2016/17 budget process

Key Messages:

- Selkirk College students deserve access to high quality services and supports that effectively respond to their needs.
- The new Student Services Fee will be allocated to sustain and enhance Health, Wellness and Transitions to Employment.
- All students paying the fee will benefit from the new/enhanced services.

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From: Gary Leier <GLEier@selkirk.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Lemmer, Nicola I AVED:EX
Subject: Re: FW: Proposed mandatory fee.

Good afternoon Nicola.

I thought I would give you an update since our conversation.

I have spoken with Dianne Teslak at COTR

She confirms the number I sent in. In there instance it represents a student tech fee and lab fees which they average out to \$140 per student per year.

Once again the proposed fee would have us remain behind COTR both in size of fee and total student generated revenue. (fee + tuition)

The Registrar is working on speaking with the student union.

In her last conversation with them they indicated that they are supportive of the expanded services. The Registrar thinks it may be difficult for them to offer support for a new fee but she may get them to not oppose one.

Is this helpful?

Thanks

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>>> "Lemmer, Nicola I AVED:EX" 1/15/2016 3:53 PM >>>

Hi Gary, I want to apologize for not getting back to you before today. Wires got crossed on this end. Would you be available on Monday for a quick chat about this proposed fee? I can be available anytime except 11:30-1:30.

Nicola

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Hello Fazil

Its a busy time of the year and I am sorry to bother you.

We are heading into a high level budget meeting with our senior leaders on Friday.

I was wondering if you could offer any advice as to if we should include revenues from the proposed new fee inn those discussions?

Thanks

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