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To: Okanagan Senate

From: Mr. James Ridge, Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services

Subject: Fees Associated with VGRS 599 (0): Visiting Graduate Research Students (information)

This memorandum responds to the May 2010 Senate inquiry into fees associated with the zero-credit graduate course VGRS 599: Visiting Graduate Research Students, and the parallel zero-credit undergraduate course VURS 499: Visiting Undergraduate Research Students.

Of note:

- tuition fees are approved by the UBC Board of Governors and usually considered annually in the Spring. Student fees are authorized by student referendum, the UBC Board of Governors, and other student societies and organizations; and
- zero-credit courses are assessed at 1 credit for fees (see the Okanagan Calendar: <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=14,339,1031,0>).

The following four scenarios provide estimates of the total cost to students registered a zero-credit course.

Scenario 1:

Visiting Domestic Undergraduate (for VURS 499 (0) assessed fees at 1 credit)

Tuition		\$150.60
Student Fees with <i>no</i> opt-out provisions	Includes Athletics and Recreation, Students' Union, Canadian Federation of Students, Media Fund (per year); U-pass (per term)	\$65.43
Student fees with <i>opt-out</i>	Opted <i>out</i> of Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$0

provisions	Opted <i>in</i> for Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$289.72
TOTAL:		\$216.03 or \$505.75

Scenario 2:**Visiting International Undergraduate (for VURS 499 (0) assessed fees at 1 credit)**

Tuition		\$703.93
Student Fees with <i>no</i> opt-out provisions	Includes Athletics and Recreation, Students' Union, Canadian Federation of Students, Media Fund (per year); U-pass (per term)	\$65.43
Student fees with opt-out provisions	Opted <i>out</i> of Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$0
	Opted <i>in</i> for Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$289.72
TOTAL:		\$769.36 or \$1,059.08

Scenario 3:**Visiting Domestic Graduate (for VGRS 599 (0) assessed fees at 1 credit)***

Tuition		\$354.75
Student Fees with <i>no</i> opt-out provisions	Includes Athletics and Recreation, Students' Union, Canadian Federation of Students, Media Fund (per year); U-pass (per term)	\$185.52
Student fees with opt-out provisions	Opted <i>out</i> of Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$0
	Opted <i>in</i> for Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$289.72
TOTAL:		\$540.27 or \$829.99

Scenario 4:**Visiting International Graduate (for VGRS 599 (0) assessed fees at 1 credit)***

Tuition		\$703.93
Student Fees with <i>no</i> opt-out provisions	Includes Athletics and Recreation, Students' Union, Canadian Federation of Students, Media Fund (per year); U-pass (per term)	\$185.52
Student fees with opt-out provisions	Opted <i>out</i> of Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$0
	Opted <i>in</i> for Dental Plan, Extended Health Plan, and iMED (per term)	\$289.72
TOTAL:		\$889.45 or \$1,179.17

*The Western Canadian Deans' Agreement (see www.grad.usask.ca/wcdgs/agreement.htm) provides an automatic tuition waiver for visiting graduate students. At UBC, student fees are also waived.